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## PSU officials warn website

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Penn State officials warned the personnel of a website that lets students bet on grades that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if they access students' accounts.

Students who use the site, Ultrinsic.com, may submit their academic information manually or give Ultrinsic personnel access to their school accounts to view the information themselves.

But Penn State policy forbids students from sharing access to their accounts. Unauthorized access is also forbidden, and only Penn State can authorize use of the accounts.

Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said the university considers Ultrinsic a form of online gambling whose creators seek to take advantage of students.

"Obviously, we see it as a form of online gambling, despite claims that it's some form of motivational tool," Powers said.

### Playing the odds

Penn State officials sent a letter to Ultrinsic CEO Steven Wolf notifying him that the site is not permitted access to student account information without Penn State's approval.

The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) has recently become aware that Ultrinsic has made available to Penn State students a website which purports to allow students to place wagers on their future grades.

Any access by Ultrinsic personnel without written approval of Penn State will be deemed an unauthorized access of Penn State records and computing facilities and will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the applicable state and/or federal law.

Source: E-mail from Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers

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"They're trying to make money from you and from your mistakes."

Ultrinsic is a website that allows students to predict their end-of-semester grades and earn cash rewards for achieving those grades.

But Powers said cash shouldn't See WEBSITE, Page 2.



To read the letter Penn State sent Ultrinsic, visit our website: [psu.collegian.com](http://psu.collegian.com)

## Plans to see push

### Policy fights alcohol use

By Megan Rogers  
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University officials will implement new initiatives to combat alcohol-related issues — including adding tougher alcohol-violation sanctions and offering Anonymous on campus.



Penn State Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims

Sims said some policies will be implemented by the university, but others will be focused on working with students, he said.

Judicial Affairs is increasing the sometimes too "tepid" current sanctions for alcohol violations, Sims said.

Students who Judicial Affairs officials find responsible for public drunkenness or DUI will receive at least probation if not a tougher consequence, in addition with additional administrative sanctions, said Danny Shaha, director of Judicial Affairs.

Last semester, students may only have received a warning for either violation, he said. He said Judicial Affairs officials are discussing how they might raise minimum sanctions for other violations.

And Sims said repeat offenders will be given tougher consequences.

Students who violate alcohol policies or end up in the emergency room for alcohol issues will be referred to Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS) — a one-on-one alcohol counseling program.

New to Penn State this year, BASICS is already implemented in other colleges across the country, Shaha said.

While other group counseling programs will still be available, BASICS will be assigned to most cases, he said.

University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland said he is pleased the administration is looking into a variety of policies. But, he said, it's up to student leaders to promote these policies.

The university is looking into the possibility of alcohol. See ALCOHOL, Page 2.

### New policies

- On-campus Alcoholics Anonymous group
- Tougher consequences for repeat offenders
- Probation if found responsible for public drunkenness

## SPEAK OF THE DEVLIN

### Ex-QB finds a home

By Audrey Snyder  
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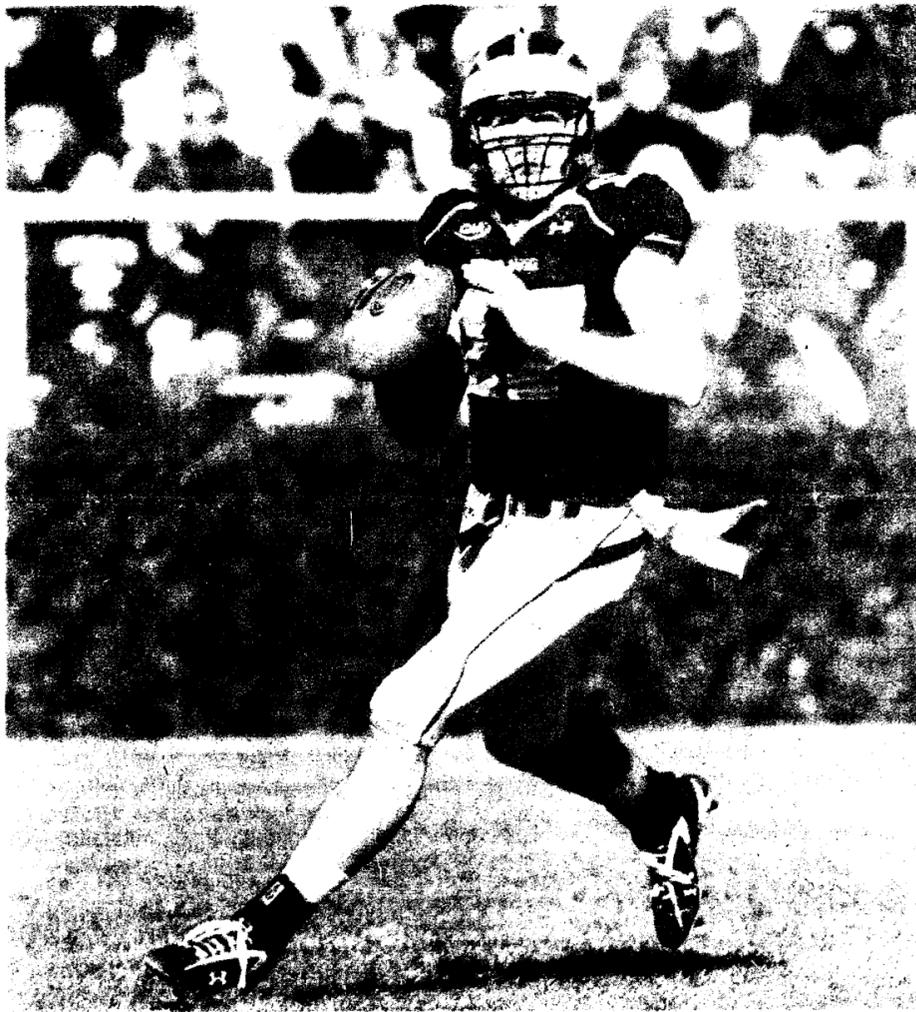
There was a time when Pat Devlin dreamed of running out in front of the Penn State faithful.

An autumn afternoon, with fans packed in and around Beaver Stadium watching his every move: That was how the former four-star recruit assumed his college football career would go.

Maybe he'd be the quarterback who would continue to keep Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions near the top of college football's rankings. Perhaps all eyes would be on him, as Pennsylvania's all-time high school passing yardage leader went toe-to-toe with the rest of the Big Ten's top quarterbacks.

But two years and a transfer to the University of Delaware later, Devlin is a testament to how dreams don't always go as planned. With the Lions still undecided on their starting quarterback — as they try to pick from three players who combined for

See DEVLIN, Page 2.



Courtesy of Mark Campbell

University of Delaware quarterback and former Penn Stater Pat Devlin runs a play during a game last year.

Coverage on Penn State's upcoming football season. | PIGSKIN PRE, Page 14.



Ben Sklar/Associated Press

Volunteers rescue a family from Katrina's flooding.

## Hurricane's toll still felt

By Eddie Lau  
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Penn State alumnus Kwame Floyd is willing to stay in New Orleans for at least five more years to make sure children affected by Hurricane Katrina have a decent place to learn.

Since his graduation in 2007, Floyd has assisted in founding Lagniappe Academy, a charter school in the city.

Floyd said that despite the differences that exist among people from New Orleans, Hurricane See HURRICANE, Page 2.

## Service to honor student

By Brendan McNally  
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Ali Martinson said she wants the Penn State community to have a chance to share memories of the person she said taught her what was really important in life.

That person — Penn State student Tom Richards — died after suffering from a seizure Aug. 16 while at a retreat for a Penn State class, Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said.

Martinson, who had been dating Richards for eight months when he died,

said she plans to hold a memorial service 11 a.m. Saturday at the Eisenhower Chapel to commemorate and memorialize Richards — who she said would bend over backwards for her or any other friend.

"Tom was a person who would drop everything he was doing to help out a friend who needed him," Martinson said.

Richards, a Schreyer Honors College See STUDENT, Page 2.



Richards



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Briana Mott (senior - animal science) pours a beer during Kildare's grand opening on Thursday evening.

## New pub opens doors

By Chris Zook  
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Some places open with a bang — Kildare's opened with bagpipes.

Kildare's Irish Pub, 583 E. College Ave., opened its doors to the public at 9 p.m. last night following a short invitation-only event.

The night opened with an announcement from Dave

Magrogan, founder and CEO of the original Kildare's, followed by songs played on the bagpipes by Luke Abercrombie (junior-wildlife and fisheries science).

A band playing traditional Celtic music provided entertainment, along with a trio of girls performing Irish dance.

The pub also began collecting money for charity, Coaches vs. Cancer, at the advance opening. See PUB, Page 2.



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