

EDITORIAL: ULTRINSIC.COM

Students should avoid website

If a new website that pays students for getting good grades sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Penn State students attempting to use **Ultrinsic.com** should practice extreme caution.

While the website claims it just provides further incentives to earn good grades, Penn State has denounced it as dangerous gambling.

The incentive of making money from grades could place more emphasis on the grade than the actual

learning involved with receiving it.

Students should also consider that if they were to do poorly in a class, they would have to pay money to **Ultrinsic.com**, on top of an already high tuition.

We commend Penn State for getting involved in this issue by threatening the website with legal action if it attempts to access students' personal information.

Students have the option of granting **Ultrinsic.com** access to their

accounts, opening up personal information to the insecure Internet. Once given access,

Ultrinsic.com can do anything a student does with their account include viewing financial information, sending e-mail and changing class schedules.

Given Penn State's recent incidents with hacking personal information online, students should avoid granting access to their accounts and think twice before signing up for such a waste of time.

LETTERS

Penn State going cage free should be an easy decision

I cannot believe that there is still a battle over the topic of Penn State going cage free or not. Clearly cage free is the way to be. There are plenty of studies that support the fact that eggs produced by hens locked up in battery cages are far less healthy than those that come from hens that have the freedom to move around. That being said, there are many other reasons to go cage free besides just the health concerns.

We all know what it's like to get on the bus and have to stand and be continuously told to move back in order to make more room for students. There comes a point when there literally is no more room yet they still try to cram more people on. Luckily for us we only endure that for a few minutes, but these hens are forced to live like that for years until their sick, calcium-deficient bodies pretty much give up and they are thrown into wood chippers to be disposed of. For me, personally, I could care less about the health issues because when I do use eggs I cook them thoroughly so that I run a very small risk of actually getting sick. For me it's the animal's welfare that made me switch to cage-free eggs only. I believe if more people knew the welfare side of things there would no longer be a debate.

Sonja Cooper
senior-biology

Catholic center shows donors should have say in money use

In response to Tuesday's article "PSU plans Catholic Student Faith Center," there were several online comments made about how the \$6.5 million donated by many individuals could be used for "better" purposes. Specifically, Derek Morr said, "That \$6.5 million could be so much better spent. How about donate it to relief efforts in Haiti or Pakistan, rather than build a monument to supernaturalism?"

I have to completely disagree with Mr. Morr: Private funds donated to Penn State should go towards areas of their discretion. It is, after all, their money that they are willingly giving to the university. Yes, some donors may see more value in unrestricted funds, or gifts that are made with no specifications and will be used where the need is greatest. However, the majority of donors wish to establish endowments in honor of loved ones, to enhance the program they were a part of as students, or to support a new program (or in this case, center) of their choice.

I post this question to Mr. Morr: If you gave \$6.5 million dollars would you want your intentions for distribution to be honored?

Donor generosity, passion and intention is the key to making Penn State one of the most prominent and successful fundraising universities in the country. Our alumni and donors appreciate how their wishes are respected and it would be unethical any other way.

Devon Herrick
Class of 2009

Religious activists on campus distract students from class

I believe that something really needs to be done about the religious fundamentalists who seem to be making a hobby out of standing in front of the HUB-Robeson Center screaming at the top of their lungs that all college students will burn in hell.

Don't get me wrong, I'm one of the most vehement supporters of free speech you'll find anywhere, but when students in the Osmond Building can't concentrate on class because of all the shouting going on outside, there's a serious problem. That's exactly the situation I found myself in twice this week. It's frustrating and shouldn't be allowed to happen on a college campus where people are trying to learn.

Nate Emmons
senior-economics and mathematics

blog lines

CAN YOU DIG IT?

More Carpenter info released

In Tuesday's Collegian, we had a feature on Kristin Carpenter — the 5 foot 6 inch Mechanicsville, Va., native who could emerge as Penn State's new starting setter. Here's a few things about the sophomore that didn't make the paper...

Emily Kaplan
Women's volleyball reporter

SNAP, CRACKLE, POP

New campus breakfast option

A professor once told me that the Spanish tend to have a slightly different breakfast philosophy than admittedly gluttonous Americans.

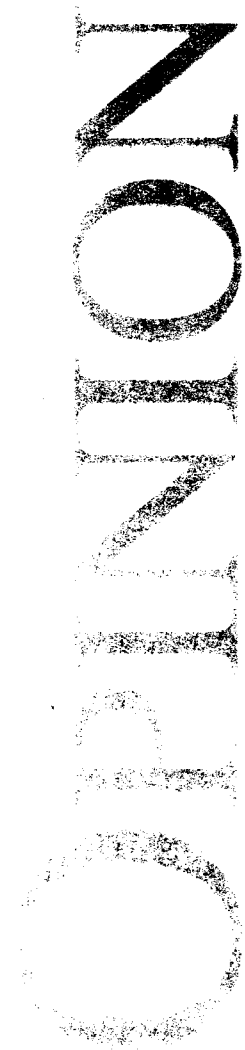
In the morning, Spaniards are content having a cup of coffee and something small, like cheese or bread — a quick and simple first meal.

I can relate to the Spanish on this one. For many, a stack of sticky, buttery pancakes and sizzling bacon is a mouth-watering way to start the day, but my stomach rebels at the mere thought of a single Cheerio.

Give me my coffee and I'll save the rest for lunch, thanks...

Julie Mastrine
Culinary reporter

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COLUMNIST

Lottery bypassed most dedicated fans

By Jessica Uzar

In general, I agree with the use of a lottery system for selling sporting event tickets.

It's how a large portion of tickets will be sold for the 2011 Nation Hockey League Winter Classic game that will be held in Pittsburgh on New Year's Day.

A lottery system helps to address which Penguins fans or which Capitals fans are the most deserving of tickets outside of regular season ticket holders. Many of the tickets go to season ticket holders for Steelers, Penguins or Pirates because they've shown their dedication to Pittsburgh by attending — or at least paying for — every home game for various sports. Remaining tickets are put into a lottery for everyone else, where there is a very small chance for success and a very high price.

But at least it's fair. Is there really any other way to fairly allocate tickets to a big game? Should they go to the people that dress the weirdest? They could just be the most outgoing ones. Should they go to the highest bidder? They could just be the ones who got last

minute tickets because they didn't plan ahead. Should they go to those who yell the loudest? They could be the ones who chugged the most beer before the game started.

What about those who stand in line for hours or days, waiting for the ticket office to open? Skipping homework. Forgoing sleep.

I think those people are probably the most deserving.

For the upcoming Alabama game, and all away games this season, the Penn State athletic department asks that students begin lining up outside of the ticket office only an hour before the tickets go on sale at 7 a.m.

But students, who didn't listen anyway because they were so excited to get tickets for the Alabama game, began lining up before 5 a.m. Monday morning.

And they didn't get tickets.

Why? Because the lottery system that was used picked a random number, in this case 16, and sent home everyone in front of the 16th person in line empty handed.

So the ticket office sent home 15 very dedicated fans without tickets. Not only that, but this also split up friends. Why would one friend want to go to the game if his other two friends aren't?

That's not much fun. Who is he going to high five when we get a touchdown? The ticket office wants to use

the lottery system to curb the problem of scalping. But those 15 dedicated students are now going to have to buy tickets somewhere other than the ticket office for a much higher price.

If I played football, I would want the loudest, rowdiest and craziest fans we have on the sidelines representing me, especially at an away game where Penn State will be highly outnumbered against the entity that is the Crimson Tide.

And those fans are the kind that stand in line waiting for tickets for hours or days.

So there is no reason to get rid of the camping out and the waiting in line forever. Isn't that what Paternoville, a long-standing tradition, is all about?

The most excited students want the best seats in the house, so they put up tents, skip classes and eat only pizza and pokey sticks for days. They deserve their front row seats. They are part of the reason we are the number one student section in the country.

So why not let students like these be our representatives to other stadiums? If I had to pick anyone to go, it would be them.

I think students should be rewarded for their dedication.

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MY OPINION