

Survey: PSU No. 1 for jobs

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Penn State is the best college to attend in the nation for students hoping to be recruited for a career, a survey published by The Wall Street Journal said Monday. The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) received feedback from 479 professional recruiters on the nation's top 100 colleges. The WSJ.com survey stated that "the nation's largest public and private companies, nonprofit organiza-

tions and federal agencies across every region of the country and spanning nearly two dozen industries," were asked to assess the list of 100 colleges the website compiled. After six months of collecting data for the survey, the results placed Penn State at the top of the list of 100 colleges, said Jennifer Merritt, WSJ.com's careers editor, said. Merritt said many students deciding on a college feel the need to attend Ivy League

schools if they hope to get a job. "What we're trying to find out is if that's true," Merritt said. "Is that what you need to do to get a professional job?" The survey's results show a large public university is more likely to help students find a job after college. Penn State spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said she is not surprised by the ranking. "[The ranking] is because the education that students get here is the kind of education that

Top 5 schools

- 1: Penn State University
- 2: Texas A&M University
- 3: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 4: Purdue University
- 5: Arizona State University

employers are looking to hire," she said.

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Christine Reckner/Collegian

Student leaders attended a hearing about legislation that would raise the maximum fine for alcohol-related offenses.



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President Barack Obama shakes hands with student athletes after his speech during NCAA Champions Day on Monday night on the White House's South Lawn. NCAA Champions Day was held to honor about 30 teams who won national championships in 2009, including Penn State's women's volleyball team and both the men's and women's fencing teams.

Obama honors PSU athletes

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — An empty podium engraved with the Presidential Seal stood in front of six American flags waving in the breeze Monday on the White House's South Lawn.

With the Washington Monument standing prominently in the sky, about 650 student-athletes gathered in anticipation of the arrival of President Barack Obama. Once Obama took the stage, he had the athletes' complete attention as seemingly all of them moved toward the stage and raised cameras to capture the event.

During the ceremony, members of the 2009 Penn State women's volleyball team, along with about 30 other 2009-10 NCAA championship teams, were honored by Obama for their athletic accomplishments.

While the players, coaches and staff were there for their athletic achievements, Obama said he was proud of the passion they had

for their respective sports. "You woke up early, you put in countless hours of practice for the love of the game and for the pride of your school," Obama told the athletes. "You rode those buses and you carried those bags because you knew what it was going to take to be the best, because every one of you has a competitive streak that's about a mile wide."

Obama spoke about the importance of collegiate athletes not only competing, but also giving back to the community.

Kelsey Ream, a senior on last year's Penn State team, and current Nittany Lion sophomore setter Kristin Carpenter both said Obama's message was useful.

Carpenter, a Richmond, Va., native, said Monday was a whole new experience for her.

"I've been to x-amount of field trips here and seen it all," Carpenter said before pointing to the White House. "But it doesn't get any better than this."

Senior defensive specialist
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Men's and women's fencing recognized at White House

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — For Alex Ochocki, it was all about being with the best of the best.

When the junior captain of the Penn State fencing team walked onto the White House's South Lawn Monday evening, he was greeted by lush, well-manicured grass, picturesque picnic tables and a sturdy platform stage that featured a podium with the Presidential Seal.

Ochocki called the scenery "beautiful," but said he was actually more impressed by something else — an estimated 650 student athletes standing there with him.

"I was just trying to meet as many people as I could," Ochocki said.

"There's so many different athletes who have accomplished so



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President Barack Obama delivers a speech recognizing student athletes on Monday night

much. It [was] cool to be just here with them."

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Reps. talk plan

Fine hike supported by leaders

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State College Borough Council President Ron Filipelli said he doesn't leave his home after 10 p.m. and keeps his car inside to prevent damage from drunken passersby.

"It's like living in two different neighborhoods," said Filipelli, a longtime resident of the Highlands neighborhood. "One during the day, and a completely different one at night."

And in an effort to deter students from engaging in the excessive behavior that can result from alcohol abuse, Filipelli — along with state senators, borough officials and community members — met Monday afternoon to discuss legislation that would raise fines for alcohol-related offenses.

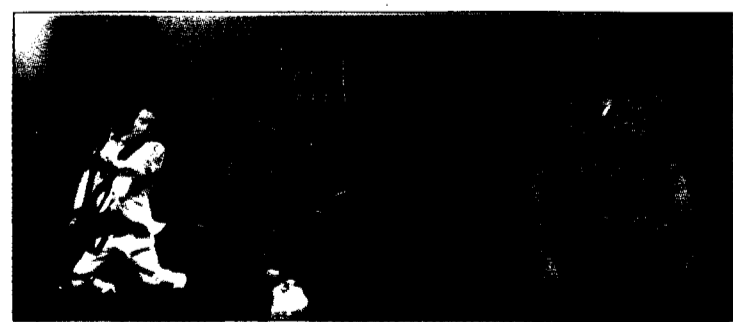
The legislation aims to raise the maximum fine for alcohol-related summary offenses to \$1,000.

The current maximum, \$300, has not been changed since the early 1970s, State Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre, said.

University Park Undergraduate Association President (UPUA) Christian Ragland and Interfraternity Council President Max Wendkos were both present at the hearing and offered their perspectives on the proposed legislation.

Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) said he agrees with the goals of Corman's plan, but doesn't think the increased fines will stop people from drinking.

He said the reasoning for the legislation should be based more on preventing the extreme behavior that sometimes results from excessive drinking, since
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Courtesy of myspace.com

Reel Big Fish will perform tonight at Medlar Field in State College. This will mark the second concert held at the baseball stadium.

Ska legends to play

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Tonight, Medlar Field at Lubrano Park won't be sparsely dotted by baseball players but packed with skanking ska fans when Reel Big Fish performs a concert sponsored by the Student Programming Association (SPA) in the outfield.

Doors for the show will open at

6:30 p.m. with the opening act, Lloyd Dobler Effect, performing at 7:15 p.m. Reel Big Fish is scheduled to play at 8:30 p.m.

In August 2008, rock band Augustana was the first to perform at the field, and Reel Big Fish will be the second, SPA event director Matt McKnight said.

"We wanted to do an outdoor
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Law school to host TV court

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Penn State University's Dickinson School of Law will be showcased on an international stage with the filming of the first episode of "World on Trial" featuring Cherie Booth Blair, wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The Penn State Public Broadcasting (PSPB) television show will stage trials examining controversial legal decisions regarding human rights, Ted Krichels, PSPB General Manager, said. Blair, a distinguished human rights barrister, will serve as presiding judge of the pilot episode, said Ellen Foreman, Dickinson School of Law director of communications.

Program co-director Joe Myers said the format of "World on Trial" is different for television.

"We haven't seen anything that puts human rights issues and the concerns about them together like this because there is no right answer," Myers said.

The show's pilot episode will analyze the French government's 2004 "headscarf law," which banned children from wearing conspicuous religious attire in public and secondary schools, Foreman said.

Harvard Law School professor Charles Ogletree will serve as lead prosecutor against the law. Rémy Schwartz of France will support the ban as lead defense, Foreman said.

Several experts will provide testimony as witnesses as well.

The program will be hosted by Randall Robinson of the Dickinson School of Law and School of International Affairs.

Krichels said the program will be aired on PBS stations across the United States and streamed online with the hope that Penn State creates international relationships with other universities.

Project associate Lindsey Faussette said the "World on Trial" website will serve as an interactive supplement to topics covered on the show.

Topics slated to be covered on future programs include issues like the use of unlicensed drones by the United States in warfare and India's response to child labor violations within certain castes, Foreman said.

Foreman said Penn State Law students performed the research for episodes of "World on Trial."

The show's first episode should premiere in January, Faussette said. Filming of "World on Trial" will occur in the Lewis Katz Building courtroom.

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