



## ANGEL contract may not renew

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Future Penn State students may experience a dramatic change in how they access grades and class notes online if the university chooses not to renew its contract with the ANGEL course management system.

Penn State Information Technology Services (ITS) officials said the university is considering turning down its contract

renewal with ANGEL when the contract expires in 2014.

Until then, ITS spokesman Marcus Robinson said, Penn State will continue utilizing ANGEL for classes.

Robinson said Blackboard Inc. purchased ANGEL more than a year ago. Shortly afterward, Penn State Provost Rodney A. Erickson commissioned a committee to investigate strategic alternatives to ANGEL.

Robinson said Blackboard will

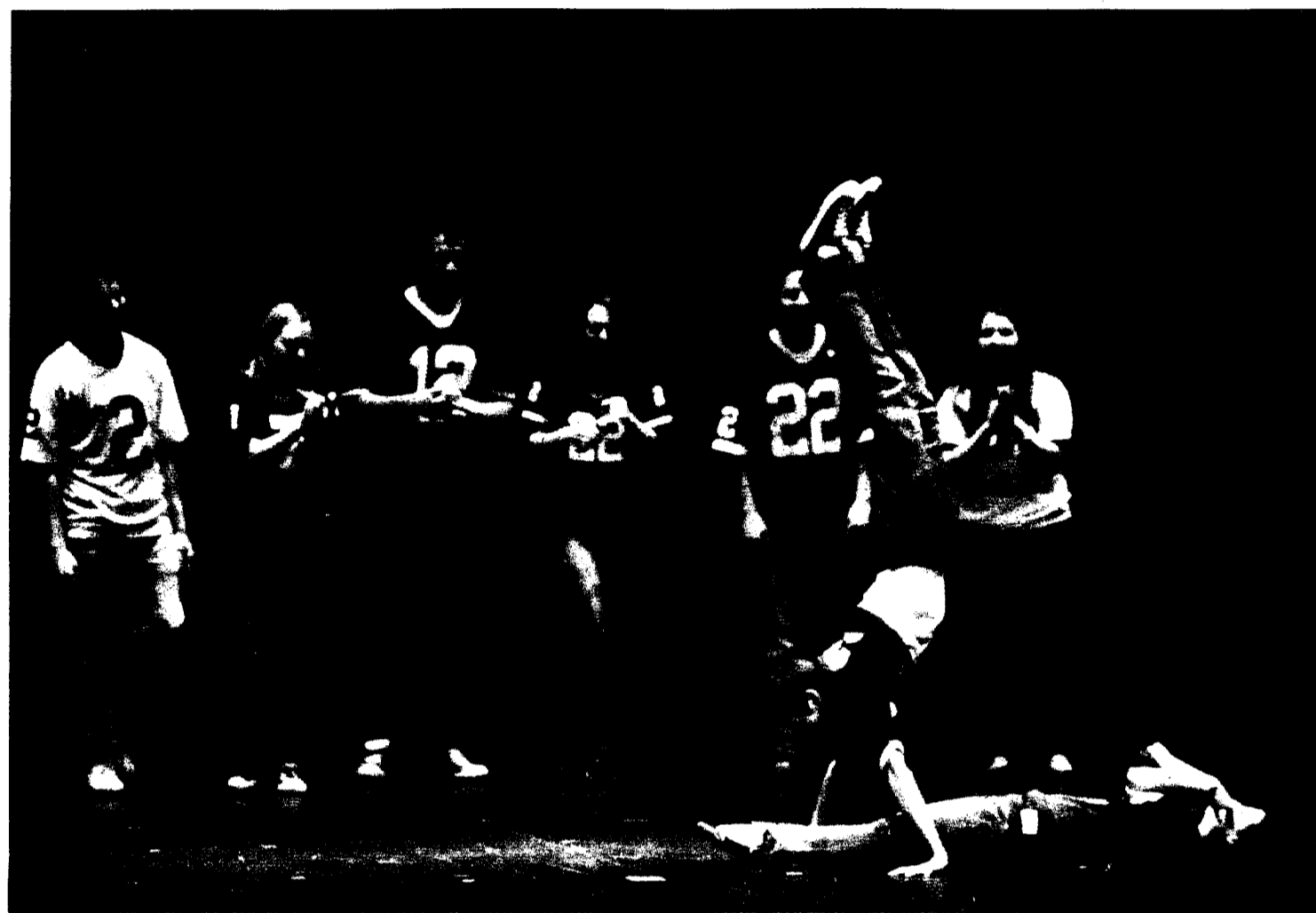
no longer offer the program to Penn State after the contract expires, though the university may have the chance to operate ANGEL privately.

ANGEL Program Manager Terry O'Heron said faculty surveys have been administered to assess which software platform will best serve the university as a course management program after the ANGEL contract expires. Focus groups will be conducted. See ANGEL, Page 2.

### Wannabe ANGELS

Here's a rundown of options the university is considering to replace ANGEL.

- Moodle:** Has customizable activity modules like forums, databases and wikis
  - Joomla with Zacky Tools:** Open source and enables blog site building
  - Desire2Learn:** Multimedia-focused design options and expanded analytics tools
  - Blackboard:** Podcasting and discussion board capabilities
- Source: www.moodle.org, www.joomla.org, www.desire2learn.com, www.blackboard.com  
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Jared McKnight walks over Marina Johnson on his hands during the Homecoming Court's performance at the Homecoming Talent Show. The Penn State Lion Ambassadors placed first in the event. Tapestry Dance Company and Sigma Tau Gamma placed second.

## Sales limit guest tickets

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In light of overwhelming demand, Penn State Athletic Department officials say guest tickets will not be available for the Oct. 30 home game against the University of Michigan.

Associate Athletic Director for Marketing Greg Myford said the decision to restrict guests from buying tickets came from last year's sales for the University of Iowa and Ohio State games.

"We had students waiting in line at the BJC for exorbitant amounts of time waiting for a guest ticket with little or no success," Myford said.

Myford said the athletic department keeps students in mind with every decision.

He said his goals are to maximize the number of students who want to go to the game and minimize the time students have to stand in line. Students will still be able to utilize the student ticket exchange.

"We always ask ourselves, 'Does it work from the student standpoint?' We have to make sure we'll serve the students," Myford said.

Some fans said they were upset with the decision.

Leah Blasso, Class of 2003, said she attended the last home game against Michigan as a member of the Blue Band.

She said it is discouraging to hear that guest tickets will not be distributed.

"That's a shame," Blasso said. One prominent fan said he agrees with the athletic department's decision.

Paternoville President Alex Cohen said fans should keep in mind that the Penn State Athletic Department has the best intentions in restricting ticket sales.

"The athletic department always has their reasons for what they do. Whenever they do something like this they're not trying to anger any fans," Cohen (senior-marketing) said.

Cohen said he is confident students will fill Beaver Stadium for Penn State's biggest home game — the unofficial "White House" game of the season when fans are asked to wear all white.

"There's no doubt in my mind," Cohen said.

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### Ticket exchange

Students can still buy, sell or forward their tickets to other Penn State students for the Michigan game through their accounts at

[www.gopsusports.com/tickets](http://www.gopsusports.com/tickets)

## Ambassadors dominate show

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"Penn State Presidents" may seem to be an unusual theme for an entry in a talent show, but it paid off for the Penn State Lion Ambassadors on Tuesday.

The Lion Ambassadors won the first ever For the Glory Homecoming talent show in a packed Eisenhower Auditorium. They won 50 points for their organization in the Homecoming

competition and will also get to perform their routine at the 2011 Interfraternity Council Pan Hellenic Dance Marathon.

Sigma Tau Gamma and Tapestry Dance Company came in second, gaining 40 points, with a "Space Jam" theme; Theta Chi and Sigma Alpha got third place, gaining 30 points, with their "Alice in Wonderland" theme; Beta Theta Pi and Phi Sigma Rho came in fourth place, gaining 20 points, with an "Aladdin" theme;

and Omega Phi Alpha and Alpha Chi Rho came in fifth, gaining 10 points, with a "Shrek" theme.

The Penn State 2010 Homecoming Court hosted the event and performed their own dance routine for the audience to "Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry and "Crazy in Love" by Beyonce.

A dominating theme of the evening was Disney movies, including "Up," "The Little Mermaid" and "The Incredibles."

University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland made an appearance in the UPUA and Council of Commonwealth Student Governments performance, playing drums for "I'm on a Boat," a parody of The Lonely Island and T-Pain's "I'm on a Boat."

Dana Santure thought the "Aladdin" theme should have gotten a higher ranking in the competition. See TALENT SHOW, Page 2.



Tom Ruane/Collegian

Students celebrate "Past to Present" at the HUB on Tuesday. The event showcased how Penn State traditions have changed through the years.

## PSU celebrates past and present

By Vera Greene  
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As students walked into the Pollock Road entrance of the HUB-Robeson Center on Tuesday, they were greeted with a sea of pink and black balloons, streamers and shirts — symbols of Penn State's past, when black and pink were the university's school colors.

But as students walked down the stairs, the pink and black decor changed into blue and white — just like, legend has it, the football uniforms did after sitting in the sun one day — as a transition to present-day Penn State.

From noon to 4 p.m., the Past to Present Celebration overtook the HUB as various student organizations celebrated. See HOMECOMING, Page 2.

## Web challenges local businesses

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Freeze Thaw Cycles employees say it's a daily occurrence. Skate Penn co-owner Steve "Shaggy" Pfeifer says it happens at his store, too, but there's nothing he can do about it.

They're not referring to shoplifting, but rather to the shoppers who try out a product at a local store, only to leave empty-handed and look for a lower price online.

"At least once a day someone makes it painfully obvious that that's what they're up to," Freeze Thaw co-owner Jordyn Drayton said. "Halfway through the conversation, I know what's going to happen."

And unless they start showing some customers preferential treatment, store owners say there's nothing they can do to prevent the practice of shopping online aside from offering better customer service in-store.

Unfortunately, having cus-

tomers use a store as a product testing ground is only one of the side effects a burgeoning online market is having on local stores offering recreational products.

Online retailers have taken over both extremes of the market — specialty goods used by a small number of patrons, like a high-quality road-racing bike, for example, as well as mass-produced goods used by a large portion of the population, like helmets.

The middle ground where physical stores have traditionally excelled is quickly disappearing.

Pfeifer said he's had to carefully reconsider what to stock in his skate, snow and longboard shop. Some skateboard parts are too varied to stock, he said. He used a little known part, called "bushings" to explain the problem.

The small rubber washer can impact how a skateboard turns, even more so than wheels. But See BUSINESS, Page 2.

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