

EDITORIAL: MOVIN' ON ALLOCATION

Money should lead to quality

The University Park Allocation Committee has granted **Movin' On** a status for which they could receive up to \$250,000 to spend on the spring music festival.

Given its increased funds, the free festival should now take steps to improve from years past. The acts should be diverse in order to appeal to as many students as possible.

The headline act should also be chosen in an attempt to attract a large majority of students to the

festival. While it's impossible to please all students with one musician, the novelty acts and one-hit wonders of the past should be abandoned.

To attract as many students as possible, the headline artist should be one with staying power.

Because the money will come from the student activities fee, it's a great idea that **Movin' On** leaders will take suggestions from students on how they want to improve the festival.

They should also try their best to adhere to requests.

Students must take advantage of this opportunity and make their opinions known. They should suggest improvements and potential acts.

Because **Movin' On** is free and open to the public, we believe it represents a good use of the student activities fee.

But festival leaders must also make sure that they plan the festival so that it will be worth the investment.

Ban won't prevent consumption

Today at a downtown store I stood in line for 15 minutes to buy Penn State shot glasses. Seriously, what has my college career come to? These shot glasses weren't for me, they were future gifts for family and friends who might appreciate a Penn State souvenir but will be unable to buy them in a few months time. God knows the student body doesn't need shot glasses with logos to consume 1.5 fl oz of liquor — plastic cups, drinking straight out of the bottle, or slurping it off the kitchen counter all work fine.

This ban does nothing to prevent student alcohol consumption or protect the university's public image. It only hurts downtown businesses. Maybe the university should address the real problem instead of trying to separate from it.

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Shot glasses not real problem

The decision by Penn State to discontinue its logo use on shot glasses baffled me. Does the university really think this will matter at all? If they do, they are mistaken. People care more about what is inside the shot glass, not the logo on the outside. The decision to drink or not to drink is an individual decision, and this logo ban will have no influence at all on people's decision making process. If people want to engage in high-risk drinking, they will regardless of what the shot glasses say. This is a feeble attempt to save face at best.

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Student section no longer best

On Oct. 8, 2005, after knocking off the 6th-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes, ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit famously stated that Penn State had "the best student section in the country." I guess he hasn't been to a game this year. Sure, the students are still engaged, loud and coordinated. That is, the ones that show up. This past weekend, at what we knew going in would be this season's biggest home game, what appeared to be two sections of student seats were empty at kickoff (and never filled).

Next season, the infamous STEP program takes effect. While I like the idea of shifting the student section to swallow the whole south end zone, creating an even more hostile situation for opposing teams, I don't understand the need to expand the section by 800 seats or so. Students don't use the ones currently allotted to them. As an alumnus and one affected by the seat relocation, I'm both angry and embarrassed by the student turnout. If Penn State really wants to increase revenue, they should contract the lower-priced student seats and sell them to real fans. Those students probably wouldn't show up to complain about it anyway.

Jim Moser
Class of 1992

Reasons for student tardiness

Like clockwork after a big televised game, rumbly about the late-filling student section are appearing in places like ESPN.com, Penn State message boards and The Daily Collegian opinion page. Once again, clarification is needed. Students can only enter through Gate A causing a frustrating flood of people and long waits well before game time. Most importantly, prior to the new ticket transfer system, a student who could not make it into the game had no trouble getting rid of their ticket prior to game day or outside of the game. Transferring a student ticket before game day is now costly and difficult, and on game day it is essentially impossible. Instead of complaining about the lazy students, why don't we all start voicing these concerns to the Penn State Athletic Department who may be able to help fix the problem?

David Prouty
Class of 2006

Students should support team

Where were you students? It was a night game! We were playing a big rival! The weather was fantastic! A Penn State game is supposed to be one of the most incredible sporting events to attend... and yet, the student section never filled up at all during the Michigan game. Support your team! Support your school! Keep up the tradition!

Mike Tome
Class of 1978

Protest relates to Penn State

In response to Monday's article, "Union workers protest contract," Penn State should care about the union's protest. Penn State is involved — the Millennium Science Complex is a building on campus. I'm not sure how President Spanier can say this doesn't relate to Penn State. It is no wonder that so little progress has happened with sweatshops producing Penn State apparel when Penn State isn't even concerned with workplace disputes that are happening on its own campus.

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Lion mascot should have 5 toes

I attended the homecoming game on Oct. 9. Walking around the campus brought back a lot of memories from 51 years ago. One upsetting thing I noticed were all the flags showing the Nittany Lion with four toes. How can that be? Everyone knows the Nittany Lion has five toes. Isn't anything sacred anymore? There is something very sad about a great tradition being cast away if we go to four toes like every other lion in the world. Give the Nittany Lion back his fifth toe. Five toes says we are Penn State better than any other symbol.

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Drunk male behavior can get scary

By Jessica Uzar
LEAVING the stadium Saturday night after the game, I was elated. I was excited about Evan Royster setting the school record, about Joe Paterno so close to that awesome 400 and just pleased with the night in general.



Then my walk home killed not only my vibe, but my belief in the elusive respectful male. A friend and I were walking when two boys behind us tried to get us to turn around and interact with them. They wanted our names, our numbers and wanted to know if we wanted to come home with them. We didn't acknowledge them. That could just be normal drunk forwardness, but then it turned for the worse. They began telling us gross sexual things they wanted to do with us — and this is all happening walking along Curtin Road, with other fans talking about us. It wasn't just the run-of-the-mill stuff, it was much worse than that. I feel that I am aware of a fair amount of indecent things (thanks, urbandictionary.com), but even I didn't know what a few of the things they were suggesting meant. My first guess is that it would certainly not be something that

a father would like to hear his son say to a girl. After we told them to go away, they told us they were just going to follow us home. That threat scared the crap out of me. Neither of the boys were very big but I immediately had to think of the most well-lit way home just in case they were serious. If they had been much bigger, I would have gone to a cop. Thankfully they veered from our course very shortly after they threatened to follow us. A pain in the butt, but at least the rest of the walk will be fine, right? Wrong. This time an older male, I'm guessing mid or late 20s, was high-fiving all the guys he passed, telling them to basically go get laid tonight in more suggestive terminology. Then he pointed at us and told us that maybe we'd be lucky enough to be their targets. Sex with a drunken alumnus who can't even walk straight? A girl just couldn't get any luckier than that. If we had been walking along the Vegas Strip, wearing heels and dresses that were much too short, I would not be surprised by such behavior. I would actually expect some cat calls and lewd suggestions. But we were walking through campus, after a football game, with heavy layers of clothing on. The only skin of mine that was showing was on my hands and face and I know I looked nowhere near thin in my bundles of warmth.

I was embarrassed and thoroughly appalled at this display of behavior in a short period of time. Being drunk is by no means an excuse for this conduct. When you're drunk, it's usually just a sillier, sloppier and more extreme version of your personality. A guy that's respectful to women when he's sober is probably not going to turn into someone who's sexually obscene and harassing girls when he's drinking. I don't know why guys would think that being disrespectful to girls is okay or that being obscene is the way to get in a girl's pants. After all, if your ultimate goal is to get a girl that night, you really shouldn't offend her. And I understand that boys are dirty. I don't want to ever hear locker room talk what boys talk about when girls aren't around. But the behavior I observed was in public, in front of strangers. I felt terrible enough listening to those words, I couldn't imagine repeating them to people I don't know. Our culture is obsessed with sex and females absolutely want to feel desirable. But when it's done in an obscene way, it leads girls to lose respect for the entire male population. Jessica Uzar is a junior majoring in journalism and political science and is The Daily Collegian's Wednesday columnist. Her e-mail is jlu125@psu.edu.