# An Idea for a Student-Run Penn State Blog



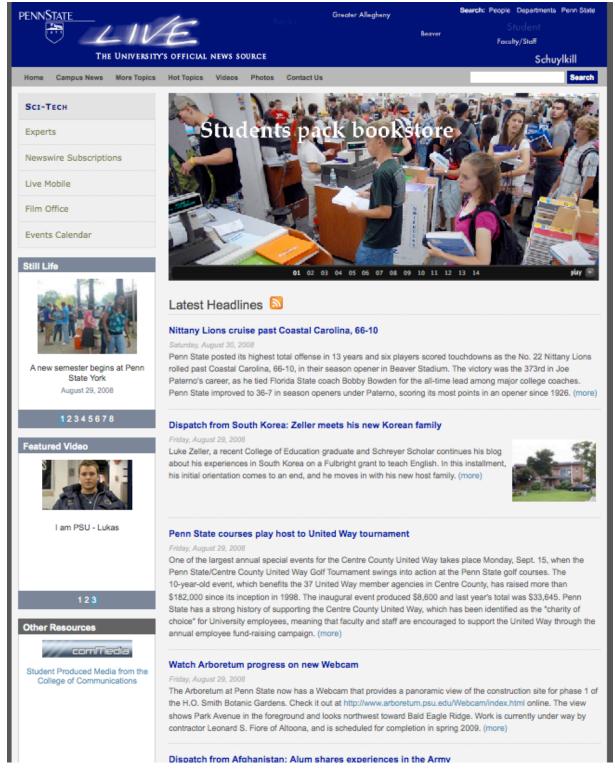
In this document, we will outline the existing Penn State blogosphere and describe the components we will have on our blog.

--Onward State

# Existing Penn State Blogosphere

# Penn State Live

The authoritative source for news concerning Penn State. The site has a strong multimedia element, an attractive design, and RSS feeds, but the content is limited to pressreleases.



URL: http://live.psu.edu/

# The Blogs at Penn State Platform

Provides a framework, based on Movable Type, for members of the Penn State community to create and manage blogs. The majority of the blogs listed in the Directory (http:// blogger.psu.edu/directory) deal with Penn State's ITS department.

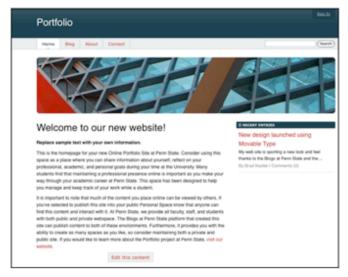
### the blogs at penn state

Providing Blogs to the Penn State Community

### Blogs At Penn State now powered by Movable Type 4.2

On the morning of Monday, August 25th, Blogs At Penn State was updated to Movable Type 4.2.

Current users of Blogs At Penn State will not have to take any action for the upgrade. Movable Type 4.2 features changes under the hood to improve stability and security. Movable Type 4.2 also features the ability to create blogs based on various templates such as the "Professional Website" template set. Click the image below to watch a screen cast detailing the features of this new template set.



Want to move your existing blog to the professional template set? Learn how.

### What is a Blog?

A blog is a simple to use tool that empowers you to publish online quickly and easily. Simply stated, it is a website that you can easily update and contribute to from anywhere you have an Internet connection. A blog is a place for personal reflection, a place to take notes, share pictures, publish your movies, and anything else that you can dream. It belongs to you and you have the power to make it whatever you choose.

Remember, for the time being, this is a pilot. To get started, simply log in and get publishing. If you need help getting started or want to learn more about the project take a look at the Community Hub.

### Create your Blog

Getting started is actually really easy. A few minutes after logging in you'll be ready to publish your blog. The Penn State Blog platform takes advantage of your Penn State Personal Webspace so all your files are stored where you can get to them.

After you log in, you'll see your personal Blog Dashboard where you'll be able to create and manage as many blogs as you choose. Want a blog for a course? One for sharing pictures? One for random thoughts? No problem. The Penn State Blog platform lets you decide what you want to share.

Getting started is easy. When you are ready, just take a look at some of the getting started materials and you'll be creating your blog in no time at all.

### Two Login Options

With the upgrade of the Blogs at Penn State in Spring 2008, users who had created blogs in the older version can access both systems.

### Login to New Blog System

Use this link to access the new version of the blog platform. Any blogs created after December 2007 will be in this system

### Access Old Blogs from from December 2007 or before

Use this link to edit blogs created before December 2007 Note: This version of the system will be phased out by Summer 2008. Please the Migration Guide to learn how to transfer entries to the new platform.



The Blogs at Penn State is a pilot project exploring the use of blogs in higher education. Once you have established your blog, you are free to use it as you see fit. Blogs are published in your personal web space, so they belong to you.

#### CATEGORIES

BLOGS AT PSU SYSTEM

#### ARCHIVES



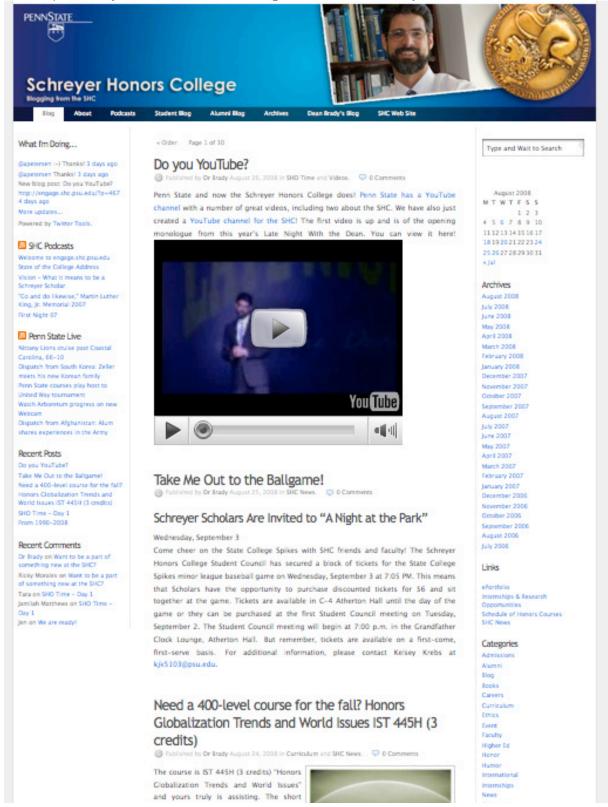
### LATEST HELP DOCUMENTS

- Using RSS Newsfeeds to Get the Latest Headlines
- · Screencasts: Start Your Blog (MT 3)
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- Screencasts (MT 3)
- Screencast: Change Your Theme with the Stylecatcher (MT 3)
- · Screencast: Create New Entry (MT 3)
- FAOs (MT 3)
- . Create A New Blog (MT 3)
- · Activate Your Personal

URL: http://blogs.psu.edu/

# Schreyer Honors College: Blogging from the SHC

The "online nexus" for the Schreyer Honors College. Hosts four separate spaces: the Dean's blog, the Student Blog, the Alumni Blog, and a podcast section. The content deals specifically with the Honors College and its community.



# Collegian Blogs

A set of eleven blogs run by members of The Collegian. The blogs deal with many facets of Penn State, from football to fashion to politics. However, the blogs are not regularly updated, nor are they aggregated in one location.

### **Editor in Chief**

August 24, 2008

#### A WELL-OILED MACHINE

The Daily Collegian news division is a 200-piece machine. We are editors, reporters, photographers and graphic artists.

Each piece is vital to the success of the paper. Without even one, the paper would not be a fraction as good as it is.

But each semester, we lose a good chunk of those pieces — to graduation, transfers and the like.

Thankfully, at a university that brings in thousands of fresh bodies each year, we don't have much of a problem filling the vacancies. Some personalities can't be replaced, but strong work ethic can be found everywhere.

That's where you come in.

If you're a hard-working individual with a knack for writing and an urge to ask questions, check out the paper for the next few days. You'll notice an advertisement with all the details about our tryout system. Lazy burns need not apply.

You don't need to have any experience, and there's no trick to getting through tryouts. Just show us how good you want to be.

Besides, this machine only needs a few pieces to improve even more.

Questions? Call the newsroom at 814-865-1828.

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Posted by Web Administrator on August 24, 2008 10:21 PM | Permalink | TrackBacks (0)

August 6, 2008

### NOT JUST THE 'DAILY' COLLEGIAN

You probably noticed something different about today's paper.

The skyboxes were still there, as was the flag. But it was one of those "did you cut your hair?" moments. A Daily Collegian Online Blog



THE EDITOR



Terry Casey is The Daily Collegian's editor in chief. He is a senior majoring in journalism and minoring in religious studies. He started at the Collegian in Summer 2005, and has since been a staff reporter, metro editor, campus editor and opinions page editor. He loves the feel of newspaper ink on his fingertips ... as he searches for an updated story online. His e-mail address is editorinchief@psucollegian.

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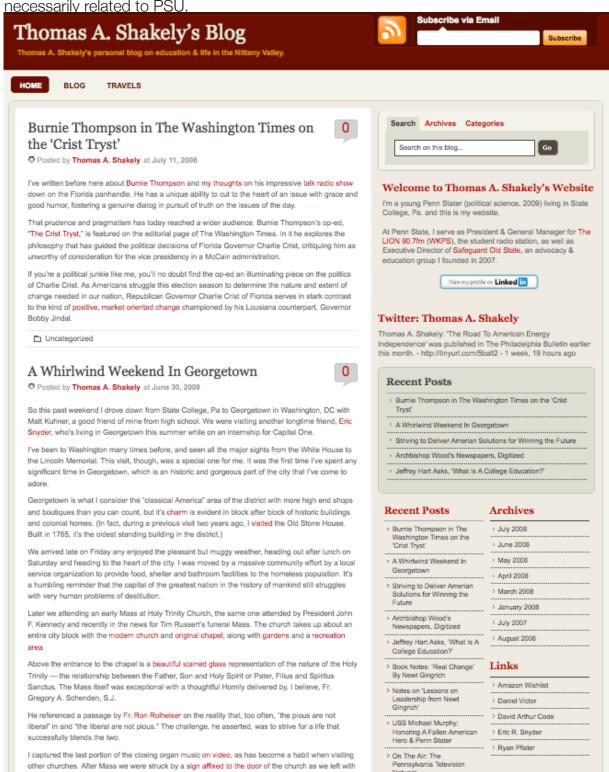
More to Penn State than party school rating

Turning the tables

Our crapplest -- and most popular -- story of the semester

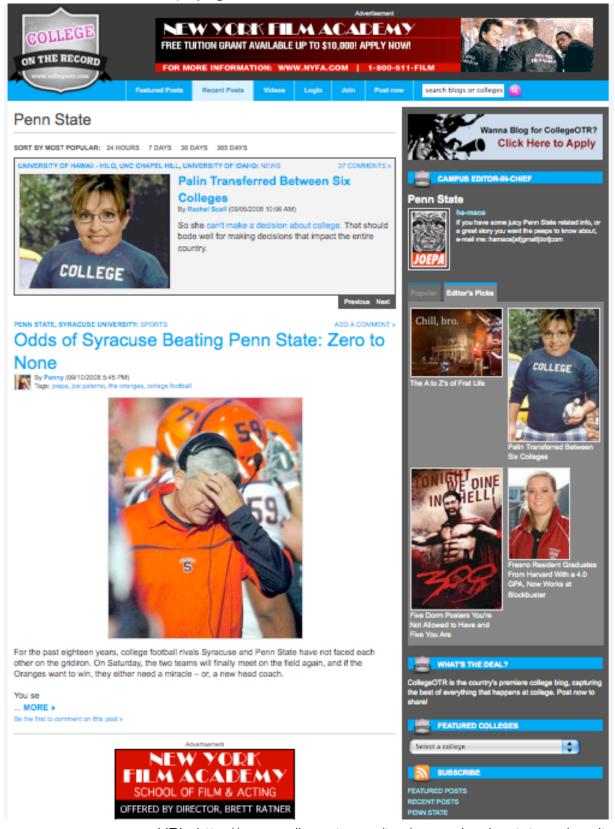
# Thomas A. Shakely's Blog

This is a personal blog maintained by Thomas A. Shakely, dealing with "education & life in the Nittany Valley." Shakely is a Penn State senior and is heavily involved in The LION 90.7fm. He is also the Executive Director of Safeguard Old State, an organization he founded in 2007. The blog deals primarily with Shakely's opinions on things that are not necessarily related to PSU.



# College OTR: PSU

The extent to which College OTR: PSU focuses on PSU is limited. Most of the content on the page is actually about other universities. The posts that are tagged as being about Penn State are either general 'Digg' or 'Reddit' quality stories, or posts about who the football team is playing this weekend.



# Left of Centre

In its own words, Left of Centre offers "commentary on Penn State and the Centre region from a progressive prospective." This blog has a negative attitude on much of what it posts. Moreover, the author is not a student at PSU.



# The Collegian RSS Feeds

The Collegian does offer its content through RSS feeds, but these should not be considered proper blogs. These feeds are only easily accessible through an RSS reader, something that the majority of college students are not familiar with.



#### The Daily Collegian Online - News

### Balanced rushing attack carries offense Sun, Aug 31, 2008 3:19 PM

Stephfon Green walked off the field Saturday afternoon, blood trickling down his arm and his white numbers marked with pinkish stains. Green carried the ball just 10 times, but it was enough to leave him with reminders of his Penn State debut.

#### Nittany Lions win season opener with ease

Joe Paterno moved into a tie with Bobby Bowden for the most career wins among major college coaches Saturday afternoon in what amounted to Penn State's first open scrimmage since April's Blue-White game.

### Minor fire prompts evacuation in Penn Towers Sun, Aug 31, 2008 1:11 AM

Police and fire fighters evacuated the Penn Towers apartment building in downtown State College on Saturday when a minor fire began after an air conditioning unit started sparking and spewing black smoke between 6 and 6:30 tonight in an eighth-floor apartment

### Local leaders react to McCain VP pick Fri, Aug 29, 2008 10:00 PM

Local political leaders agree that Republican presidential candidate John McCain's choice of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate is a good strategy to win over former supporters of Hillary Clinton.

McCain chooses Alaska governor as running mate

### McCain chooses Alaska governor as running mate Fri, Aug 29, 2008 1:04 PM

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin has been chosen to be John McCain's running mate, the campaign announced this morning, making her the first female to serve as a Republican vice

### Judge rejects Bell's plea agreement Fri, Aug 29, 2008 12:55 PM

Although prosecutors offered former Nittany Lion Chris Bell a probationary sentence in connection with his April altercation with a teammate, a Centre County judge wants to investigate if his use of a deadly weapon merits stricter punishment.

## Sweatshop protesters invited to meet with Sims Fri, Aug 29, 2008 12:54 PM

After sending Penn State President Graham Spanier an invitation to a "welcome back" party outside Old Main today, anti-sweatshop activists received an invitation of their own to meet newly appointed Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims next week

### Bar faces setbacks Fri, Aug 29, 2008 5:59 AM

Bar-hoppers looking to share a drink with former Nittany Lion great LaVar Arrington this weekend at the reopening of the Sports Café & Grille might be disappointed.

Posters littered the walls of Thomas Building Thursday night directing students to the convention-watching party held to commemorate the acceptance speech of Democratic nominee Sen. Barack Obama, D-III.

### Historic address appeals to blacks Fri, Aug 29, 2008 5:59 AM

Khadija Lewis raised her hands high in the air and clapped and cheered as Barack Obama took the stage at last night's Democratic National Convention.

### Rain doesn't wash away Paternoville residents Fri, Aug 29, 2008 5:59 AM

Despite the persistent rain, Colin Davis described living at Paternoville as "not bad" and reminisced about the weather in past years.

News in Brief Fri, Aug 29, 2008 5:58 AM

College Colors Day promotes spirit

URL: http://www.collegian.psu.edu/news.rss

# The LION 90.7fm's Blog on the CDT site

A blog run by the LION 90.7, hosted on the Centre Daily Times website. The blog postings remind me of the NPR blogs, in the sense that they augment the audio content. The content is mostly about the LION 90.7fm and its offerings.

Welcome to our community \*\*\*

CDT Blogs Centredaily.com

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### The LION 90.7fm's blog

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### The LION 90.7fm: Penn State Home Game Football Coverage

Submitted by The LION 90.7fm on Sat, 2008-08-23 22:57.

Tags: Joe Paterno • Penn State football • The Sports Blitz

By Thomas A. Shakely, President & General Manager of The LION 90.7fm.

Yet another academic year is upon us and that means football season is just around the corner. Despite the rumors of this perhaps being Coach Joe Paterno's final year (or perhaps because of them) this season looks promising.

As always, The LION 90.7fm will be bringing the game coverage right to you whether you're in town or across the globe.

The Sports Blitz, our local sports show airing weeknights from 6-7pm, will be broadcasting live from each of the home games in Beaver Stadium and possibly even a few away games this year.

John Hayes, our staff-head for The Sports Blitz this academic year, will be posting in-depth on the planned coverage later this month. The LION 90.7fm will be sweeping through the tailgates and getting to know each of you, our listeners, a little bit better.

We've got some exciting things planned for this year, and we're excited for you to join us on this journey at The Soundtrack to Penn State. Also, keep an eye on our website, www.theLION.fm, as it continues to be updated and upgraded to bring you the most compelling radio in Central Pennsylvania.

91 comment

# The LION 90.7fm: The Tale of the Senior Gift of the Class of 1951

Submitted by The LION 90.7fm on Wed, 2008-07-16 21:08.

By Thomas A. Shakely, President & General Manager of The LION 90.7fm.

I've been meaning for some time now to write up an entry here that explains more of the history of The LION 90.7fm at Penn State and our unique heritage. I've written before about our history, and student radio's founding in the 1950s thanks to the Senior Gift of the Class of 1951.

What makes the story of student radio at Penn State particularly interesting, though, is that no other class gift has been usurped or otherwise reclaimed, so to speak, in the history of our University.

I'll offer an abridged explanation, and can expand upon this in the future if there is interest. In the late 1970s through the 1980s, a contingent of faculty and administrators, tired on the lack of National Public Radio and PBS content in Central Pennsylvania, began exerting their influence more noticeably on the students of the campus station, by then called WPSU-FM. (The original call letters, WDFM, were ditched when "WPSU" became available for use at University Park.)

#### Who's online

There are currently 2 users and 10 guests online.

### Online users

- admin
- Paul Grabill

#### Who's new

- maryallebach
   kirskir
- KIESKIE
- · Rabbit Mountain
- · Don L. Leistikow
- · Annim Banerjee

#### User login



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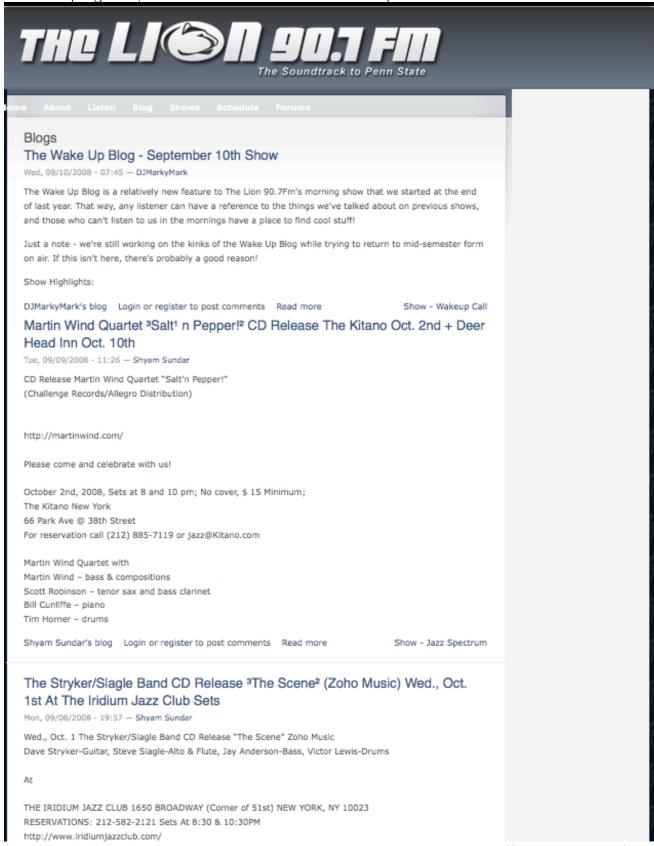
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#### Latest videos

- How to Stay Happily Married -----from Marriage and Parenting
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- "Come Back" A video from Nefesh B Nefesh

# The LION 90.7fm's Show Blogs

These blogs are written in conjunction with various shows on The LION 90.7. They provide information about what was aired on the shows. The blogs act as supplements to the radio programs, rather than as stand alone content providers.



URL: http://www.thelion.fm/blog

# What will the site look like?

The site will likely evolve to look like the Gawker Media blogs, as opposed to the minimalist stylings of Wesleying. This type of design will be necessary to provide categorization of content, Twitter feeds, a link roll, etc.



The Only 90 Seconds of Convention Coverage You Need to Watch



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PROJECT RUNWAY For Every Season, Saturn! Saturn! Saturn!



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BREAKING NEWS! Rafael Smith, 4, is believed by his mother and numerous Olan Mills employees to resemble the Democratic presidential candidate. No seriously that is a story. 53 comments



#### FREUDIAN SLIPS

### Chris Matthews's Groundbaking Speech

The appearance of a giant pot-leaf poster and an "IMPEACH BUSH" skull behind Chris Matthews must have flustered him, given what he said next... 6:09 PM on Thu Aug 28 2008 By Sheila 3,751 views, 55 comments



#### CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

### The Only 90 Seconds of Convention Coverage You Need to Watch

Missed the convention so far? Want to know what all the fuss is about? Truthfully it's a series of mediocre-

to-decent speeches and then hours and hours and HOURS of utter bullshit. The speeches are too long anyway, so our video department cut the whole thing down to 90 seconds. You got your Michelle Obama, your Ted Kennedy, your Clintons, and, of course, the next President of the United States, Dennis Kucinich. Enjoy! 6:02 PM on Thu Aug 28 2008 By Pareene 4,237 views, 29 comments

Latest by LBJeffries: I liked Michelle's speech, but she said "You see..' at the start of nearly 30 sentences. I felt like I MORE's

"I Didn't Do R" • Fleeting fame continues! Michael Phelps, the richly be-medaled Olympian and Ariel the mermaid's half brother, will be making a cameo on HBO's Entourage this season. He could teach Vincent Chase a few things about pulling chicks, I'm sure. You know, when in the confines of a little village in a foreign country.

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New York, 9:10 PM Thu Aug 28 52 posts in the last 24 hours RSS

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#### BODY ISSUE

### Retailer Pulls Catalogs With Death Camp-Thin Models—Can We Get Some Pictures?

The president of a venerable Montreal retailer is pulling some 450,000 of the the store's catalogs because he decided the models were too thin. Says Peter Simons of La Maison Simons, who claims he was on vacation 5:28 PM on Thu Aug 28 2008 By Moe 2,993 views, 27 comments

Latest by rosaluxembourgeoise: Pete, it's not like you asked [Claudine Ko, a journalist with Jane] the models to watch you masturbate like I MORE >

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# Components of this New Space

# News analysis and aggregation

We want to provide news analysis and aggregation for Penn State in the same way that Gawker does it for the nation. Increasingly online readers are using third parties to tell them what articles are worth reading (ex sites: The Morning News, The Lede Blog at the NYT, Digg, Reddit). The site we consider best at news analysis and aggregation is Gawker, the flagship site of Gawker Media. We want this new space to tell the PSU community every day what articles are of special note in the Centre Daily Times, the Collegian, and in the national/international press.



SOMETHING IS STIRRING: Obama's Elegant Dance



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For Every Season, Saturn! Saturn! Saturn!



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### Russian Opposition Blogger

Murdered by Police

The owner of a website opposing the Kremlin-backed leadership of Russia's troubled Ingushetia region —scene of a recently failed separatist uprising—was shot and killed by law enforcement officials there today. Magomed Yevloyev, who ran the site www.Ingushetiya.ru, had just touched down at the airport after a trip to Moscow when police took him into custody and drove away with him in a Volca. Inside the

car, Yevloyev was shot in the temple. The authorities don't even deny it, coming up with an excuse that will be quite familiar to film fans. MORE \*

5:32 PM on Sun Aug 31 2008 By Ian spiegelman 827 views, 10 comments

Latest by Triborough: Everything old is new again.



THE IMPOVERISHED RICH

### Annie Leibovitz: Artist or Deadbeat?

Annie Leibovitz, the 58-year-old photographer who cried "Art!" when she took those creepy, porn-y pictures of underage actress Miley Cyrus for Vanity Fair and that racist, King Kong-ish shot of Lebron James on the cover of Vogue, is also so ethereal that she doesn't even pay her bills. According to court documents, the

shock-happy shutterbug has racked up debts to the tune of \$715,000, even though she supposedly rakes in more than \$2 million a year for her headline-grabbing work at Conde Nast, MORE > 4:52 PM on Sun Aug 31 2008 By ian spiegelman 1,184 views, 18 comments

Latest by Baroness: Rumpelstilskin's tense does seem to imply surprise that he doesn't see Annie about with Susan's corpse. Considering Liebovitz's opportunism, she MORE >

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Beyonce's Sister Takes on Interviewer, Fails

Beyonce Knowles' sister, singer Solange Knowles, went on a local Fox affiliate the other day to promote her album—only after her publicist made it clear that the

young diva was NOT to be questioned about her brother-in-law Jay-Z or the failure of his 40/40 Club in Las Vegas. And since it was a harmless fluff piece to fill airtime, the interviewer agreed and didn't mention a thing about it. Sadly, Solange apparently heard some studio chatter while she was being introduced, mistakenly assumed that it was being broadcast, and proceeded to pick a fight. The embarrassing footage ensues.

4:12 PM on Sun Aug 31 2008 By Ian spiegelman 2,434 views, 20 comments

Latest by If j\_only\_had\_a\_heart: why is the fake blond anchor blatch at the end laughing like a seaguil? MORE >

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# Written coverage specific to the PSU commu-

While The Collegian and Penn State Live provide the authoritative coverage of PSU events, we believe that the community would appreciate coverage of a different sort. The inspiration for this section of the website comes from sites like the Wesleying blog at Wesleyan, The Bwog at Columbia, The Gadfly at Harvard, TrinTalk at Trinity, and SaxaSpeak at Georgetown. These sites provide features ranging from analysis of new cafeterias to life style tips, like the most useful computer applications for school work.



### REAL STUDENTS. REAL STUDENT LIFE AT WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

GOT A TIP OR EVENT? E-MAIL US: WESLEYING (AT) GMAIL.COM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

### Hip-Hop Student Forum

Student forums are open for the fall semester. Check this one out if you're into hip-hop and looking for another credit:



Love hip-hop? Need an extra credit? Take the **Hip-Hop student forum**...email epodborits@wes if interested

TAGS: MUSIC, STUDENT FORUMS

POSTED BY SHEEK AT 8/31/2008 03:48:00 PM 2 COMMENTS

### Grateful Dead on WESU Tonight



ONE MORE SUNDAY NIGHT!



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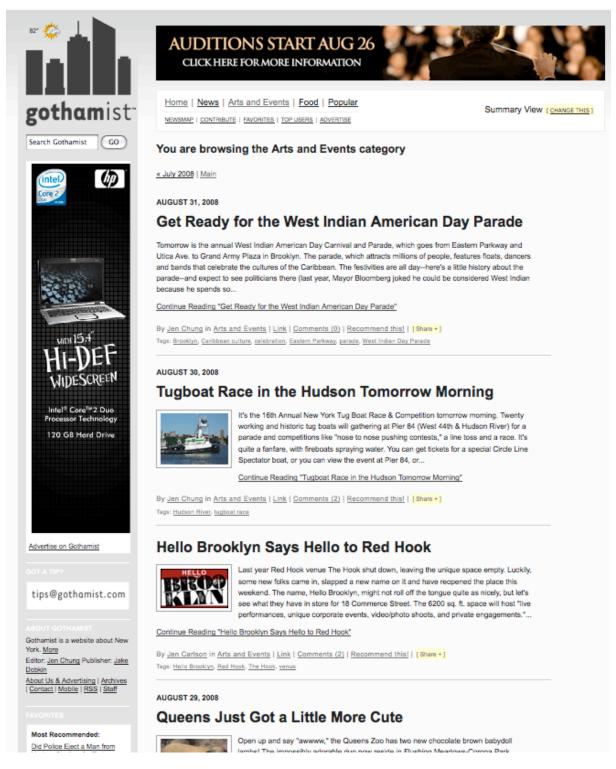
### SHOUTBOX



URL: http://wesleying.blogspot.com/

# Event postings for the PSU community

The existing PSU events calendar is, in our opinion, difficult to utilize. It takes a number of clicks to view today's events. Furthermore, galleries and exhibits take up a large portion of the space, making it difficult to find an event to attend that night. We think that this new space could post in advance about select lectures, sports matches, and other events happening on the University Park campus. Our model for this component is The Gothamist's Arts & Events section.



# Fashion photography specific to PSU

One of our favorite sites is The Sartorialist, run by fashion photographer Scott Schuman. The basic concept is guerrilla fashion coverage. He takes pictures of people he encounters in day to day life whose fashion inspires him. We think that feature like this focused on people in the PSU community would be successful.

### THE SARTORIALIST

Selected as one of Time Magazine's Top 100 Design Influencers

BIOGRAPHY PRESS SARTORIALIST VIDEO

On the Street....Left Bank, Paris



GUCCI

men's multi-tone lace up shoe in black/red/grey
shop gucci.com



Notice that both of todays female images are wearing jackets with pushed up sleeves.

I did a post recently about men wearing pushed-up sleeves and the reaction was mixed if not a little more negative.

I wonder if there is a perceived difference between women doing it and men pushing the sleeves?

POSTED BY THE SARTORIALIST AT 9:21 AM 83 COMMENTS



On the Street.....White on White, Paris



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# Pictorial coverage of society events

People for the most part are interested in themselves. For this reason, we think it would be advantageous to have a feature on our site similar to Last Night's Party. We would send a photographer out on Friday and Saturday night to capture candid shots at and between parties. We could also do this for football games.

