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How to start the semester off right

By Maddie Aiken THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

With another academic year upon Happy Valley, many students are excited to reunite with friends, go to new classes and root for Penn State football.

However, as promising as a new semester can seem, many students find themselves burnt out or overcome with bad habits by October.

You don't have to struggle during fall semester, though there are a few actions a Penn Stater can take at the beginning of this semester to ensure success and prevent stress and procrastination.

1. Make a list of goals for the semester

and start jotting down what you being swamped with too much hope to achieve between now and early December. Do you want all A's and B's? A new study buddy? The ability to wake up without the 'snooze' button?

Make your goals a bit more permanent by writing them down - and be sure not to forget about your goals by week three of the semester.

2. Budget your time

The great thing about college is that you control your time and what you want to do with it.

The bad thing about college is the same — you control your time and what you want to do with

It's easy to put off writing that essay, or spread yourself too thin with a ton of work and commit-Grab a piece of paper and a pen ments. Avoid procrastinating or

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work by making a schedule for the day and committing to that schedule.

3. Actually go to class

This one might be a no-brainer, but most Penn Staters will skip class at least once a semester, especially during the first week of the semester, known as "sylly week."

As tempting as it is to stay in bed an extra hour, the best way to stay on top of your classes is to actually go to class.

4. Be consistent with your sleep schedule

While some schedules may vary, you may end up with classes starting early on certain days and later on others. Instead of sleeping in some days and waking up early other days, try to wake up at a consistent time each morning.

The same goes for bedtime turn the lights out (including your phone) the same time every night. Allow your body to develop a sleep routine so you're not too tired.

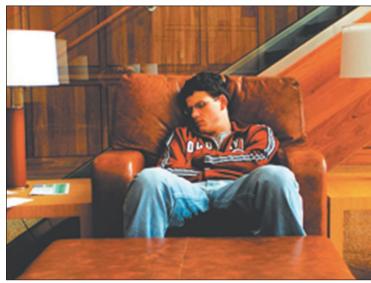
5. Try something new

Is there a club you've wanted to join? A book you've been meaning to read? A restaurant downtown you've heard is great but have never been to? Set this semester apart from the rest and avoid falling into routine by trying something new.

Three months into the semester, students can feel agitated and bored if they stick to the same schedule each week.

Make each day a day to remember by switching up your typical routine — you never know what good may come from it.

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Collegian file photo

A student takes a mid-day nap at the Forestry Building.

Advice on tackling the sophomore year slump

MY VIEW | GABRIELLE BARONE

I hate to break it to you, but the "sophomore slump" is definitely real—just not necessarily in the way you think.

I've found the aptly-named phenomenon is more of a rapid, unexpected and very painful decline in energy. For a majority of people \boldsymbol{I}

spoke to my sophomore year, sleeping in felt like an essential part of the day. There's also now a likelihood

you will be staring—zombified—at your computer screen by 10 p.m., unable to form words like "the" or "as." Now that you're no longer

thrilled to just be in college, sleep deprivation will actually hit you. Easy first-year classes fly out the window once you have to start getting serious about your degree and-dare I say—your intended major.

What you feel won't be the pure, sink-into-the-mattressasleep-in-five-minutes exhaustion that you felt freshman year,

after running around for 15 hours straight.

What you'll feel will be the mind-numbing, foot-dragging exhaustion of the sophomore who just needs a lot more sleep.

The good news about being technically an upperclassman? You will get sick a lot less, mostly be adjusted to dining hall food and be able to walk to the Willard Building in your sleep. You might even find that you're better at managing your time without the constant distraction of being new to the campus.

To combat this affliction, here are some tips to help the slump become hopefully more of a gentle slope. What I lack in any sort of medical degree or knowledge, I make up in two good semesters of sophomore year.

Allegedly, sleep is nice. Everyone says you need eight hours, but don't be afraid to—drumroll, please—go to bed early.

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Taking care: Penn State's mental health resources

By Bailey Jensen THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Medora McCarthy remembers a time in her college career when asking for help wasn't the easiest thing to do.

In her freshman year, McCarthy (senior-labor and employment treatment when relations, human resources and her employment relations) was an active fencer until she suffered two ankle injuries, which caused her to redshirt during her sophomore year. She said she felt isolated and overall depressed about her inability to move around freely and engage in activities she enjoyed.

It took her well over eight months to fully heal after going through surgery.

"It was a tough time for me," McCarthy said. "And eventually I thought, 'Hey, maybe it's time to talk to someone about the fact that I'm not doing too well at the moment."

McCarthy said with the help of her athletic trainer, who advised her to talk to someone, she found help in Penn State's Active Minds chapter — a national nonprofit organization dedicated to raising mental health awareness among college students.

"I went to a couple meetings at first and found that it was a welcoming group of people," McCarthy said. "Everyone was sympathetic and because it's so small, it feels so intimate."

president of the chapter, found more than 600 campuses, students. out a lot about herself. In seeking conducted the study through a help, she discovered there were pool of more than 1,100 students includes psychologists, psychiatother issues affecting her mental at 12 colleges. health she hadn't even realized.

After her injury healed, she continued her in college life we anxiety depression forget to take care persisted. "I didn't tell of ourselves

my family at first because I didn't want to worry or upset them, McCarthy said. "But when I did, they were relieved to discover I was putting

my health first, which was fortu- mental health services. nate for me because their support has really made things easier."

mentally."

Alondra Abril Perez

President of Active Minds

Alondra Abril Perez, upcoming president of the chapter, has been able at Penn State for students involved with Active Minds since her sophomore year.

"It's important to continue the conversation," Perez (senior-psychology) said. "Sometimes we get so wrapped up in college life we forget to take care of ourselves mentally."

Perezsaidarecentstudydoneby Minds Active "confirms the organization has a significant impact" on student mental health and well-being.

website regard- ate trainees. "Sometimes we ing the study, highlights get so wrapped up

include increase those struggling with health and the creation of more supclimates that

distress will seek

Perez said in addition to Active Minds, there are a are a full-range of resources variety of resources availseeking help in the area of mental health. Many can be found on the university's college of medicine website.

Such facilities include a 24-hour Crisis Support hotline, the CE-DAR clinic – which is run by the Department of Educational Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education, and also the Psychological Clinic and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).

CAPS serves approximately s so small, it feels so intimate." The organization, now 15 4,500 students per year. It's a McCarthy, the upcoming vice years old and present on treatment center that provides

group individual counseling, crisis intervention, prevention, consultaand psytion. chological evaluations for undergraduate really listens." graduate

professional ric providers, professional coun-According to the organization's selors, social workers and gradu-

> Katharine Staley, assistant director of community educaan tion and outreach at CAPS, in believes the facility is a great student comfort in resource for students and makes reaching out to a big difference within the Penn State community.

> "It's best not to think of CAPS issues, as just a place where you can go when you're in the middle of a crisis, but rather a service you can portive campus use to prevent such a crisis from happening," Staley said.

> increase the likeli-hood students in think of CAPS, they may think mainly of individual therapy, and while the facility does offer individualized help, there available, including workshops on stress management, anxiety, insomnia, procrastination and other concerns.

"College pushes kids to mature and reflect on who they are and what they want to do in life," Staley said. "It's challenging, making it understandable so many seek help.'

Staley said a few pieces of advice include setting healthy sleep schedule, taking deep breaths, walking to clear one's head and joining a community that

vides comfort and support. She said it's also important not to skip class, as doing so without good reason would only exasperate issues.

"There is no doubt that seeking mental health professionals psy- is less stigmatized than it used and to be," Staley said. "Most people psychiatric realize how nice it is having someone to talk to, someone who

McCarthy said while she was



Students play with a certified therapy dog during a CAPS/ Therapy Dog Information Session in Atherton Hall on April 19.

focused on her own mental health, helping other people within the club was a great way for her to work through the healing process.

"I think we're in a time when people are becoming more aware of mental health issues, and more people are becoming brave enough to talk about them," McCarthy said. "Hopefully in the years to come [Active Minds] will develop and grow in members."

McCarthy said what resonates with her is the advice not to wait until a time of crisis to seek help.

"A lot of people are silent about what they are going through, so everyone seems okay on the McCarthy outside," "Freshmen year is a tion period. I wish I would have realized sooner that I wasn't alone and that it's normal to ask for help."

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Students play with a certified therapy dog in Atherton Hall on April 19.



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Considering going greek? What you need to know



By Patrick Newkumet THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

With the advent of a new semester, some Penn State students new and returning will consider joining one of the 57 fraternities or sororities on

This recruitment process, how-

ever, has come under heightened scrutiny following the death of Penn State sophomore Timothy Piazza. Piazza died on Feb. 4, 2017 after a fall down a flight of stairs at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house at a pledging event. At the end of 2017, Penn State

imposed several restrictions on greek life. Among those restrictions was the establishment of a credit requirement for prospective rush candidates. To be eligible for recruitment, a

student must possess at least 14 credits and maintain over a 2.50 cumulative GPA. This means incoming freshmen

will be unable to rush a fraternity

or sorority this fall semester.

The Penn State Interfraternity Council does not plan to add any of their own changes to recruitment, despite recent issues with violations of Penn State student

In the 2018 spring semester, four greek life organizations were suspended for violations related to either hazing or alcohol.

'There have been no major changes to the recruitment process for this semester." Daniel Lee, vice president of communications, said. "The IFC aims to continue to provide a safe, informative, and effective recruitment process for both chapters and

The council has yet to release the schedule for fall rush, but activities typically begin in early September.

Despite such sanctions toward Penn State greek life, the Interfraternity Council maintains its stance of the positive nature of these organizations.

unique student organizations they provide a home away from home, numerous avenues to get involved in philanthropy and community service, and a wide range of leadership opportunities," Lee (senior-finance and economics)

It is worth mentioning, however, that statistical analysis has found a higher incidence of campus sexual assaults occurs in greek life than in non-greek organizations, as previously reported by The Daily Collegian.

Despite this, the IFC sees the recruitment of new, upstanding students as the future of greek life on campus.

IFC "The remains committed to ensuring that our organizations continue to recruit high quality members that are committed to improving our community," Lee said.

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Don't bite this page: New food places coming to State College

By Natalie Schield FOR THE COLLEGIAN

restaurant around State College are great options, trying a new menu is a great choice.

spots around Penn State, here's a quick refresher of seven restaurants that are set to open their

What's Coming?

Doggie's Rathskeller and Garden: 108 S. Pugh St.

Playa Bowls: 482 E. Calder Way **Snap Custom Pizza:** 132 W.

College Ave.

Hello Bistro: 126 W. College

Crazy Boil: 1617 N. Atherton St.

Doggie's

Rathskeller and Garden

With no official opening date, Doggie's Rathskeller and Garden, located at 108 S. Pugh St., hopes to open sometime in the Replacing some popular food fall semester. Previously known as the All-American Rathskeller. this bar under new owners have kept the same booths, but added doors in either late summer or new decor featuring pictures of football and rugby, as previously reported by The Daily

Collegian. Doggie's had a two-day soft opening during Arts Fest and hopes to fully open once stusemester.

Playa Bowls

Legacy Apartments on 482 E. Calder Way, this trendy smoothie bowl cafe is expected to open sometime in August. Playa Bowls features acai, and soups.

pitaya, banana, chia pudding, oatmeal and coconut bowls. They also have fresh fruit juice and smoothie options.

Snap Custom Pizza

Replacing Herwig's Austrian Bistro, Snap Custom Pizza will be located at 132 W. College Ave. and expects to open in early fall.

This quick service location's expertise is in pizza. Signature pizzas are priced at \$7.99 and \$8.99 for custom pizzas. Customers will be able to choose sauce, cheese, proteins, vegetables and finishing touches such as feta cheese or baby spinach, accorddents return for the fall ing to the restaurant's website.

Hello Bistro

Hello Bistro will be remodel-Located below the ing Penn State's well known "The Diner," but has yet to announce its opening date.

> The restaurant specializes in burgers and custom salads, while also serving grilled sandwiches



A sign for Snap Custom Pizza hangs in the window of the former building of Herwig's Austrian Bistro on Aug. 2.

The restaurant is part of the Atherton Place Shopping Center same restaurant company as at 1617 N. Atherton St. Eat'n Park. Hello Bistro describes itself as Eat'n Park's "sassy cousin," according to its website.

Crazy Boil

Replacing Eat'n Park, Crazy Boil will be located in the North the full story.

Crazy Boil features Cajun style seafood. Although an opening date has yet to be confirmed, construction and renovation is currently taking place at the location.

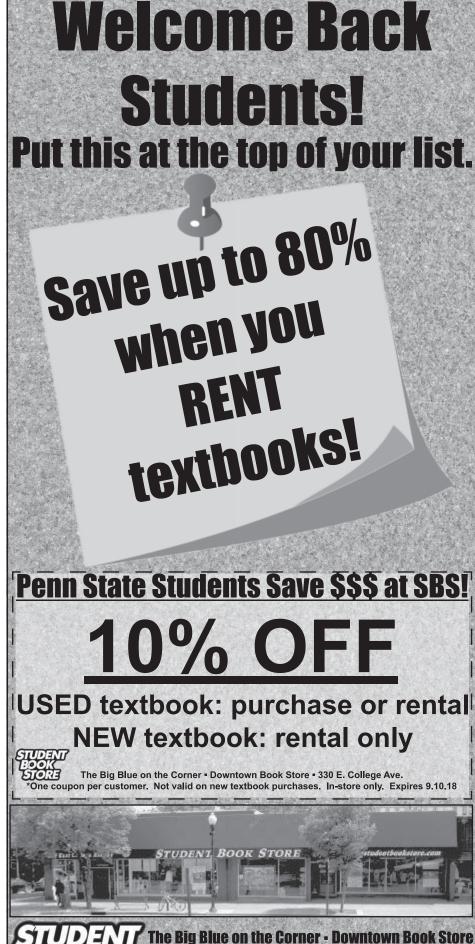
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BJC events to look forward to this fall

By Molly Sweigart FOR THE COLLEGIAN

The Bryce Jordan Center will feature a great selection of confrom country to rap to comedy, and many genres in between.

events and Penn State's THON, the Bryce Jordan and ticketmaster.com. Center also commonly features "top-name performers in the music entertainment industry." according to the center's website.

Perhaps the biggest name coming to Penn State this fall is Elton John, who scheduled his farewell tour, form "Farewell Yellow Brick Road,"

Upcoming shows

Elton John: Sept. 16 Thomas Rhett: Sept. 27

J. Cole: Sept. 28

Justin Timberlake: Oct. 15

Metallica: Oct. 20

Tickets for this mance are sold out, according to the center's website.

Other artists, such as country certs and events this fall, ranging singer Thomas Rhett, rapper J. Cole pop and singer-songwriter Justin Timberlake, still have Home to many Penn State tickets available through the Bryce Jordan Center's website

> Rhett will kick off exciting weekend as he performs on Thursday, Sept. 27, with J. Cole to follow on Friday, Sept. 28. Both concerts coincide with the Penn State-Ohio State football game, which is slated for Saturday, Sept.

Ravleen Ingle said she is excited J. Cole is going to perform at Penn State.

"I don't know how they got J. Cole," Ingle (freshmanpre-med) said. "Plus the Ohio State tailgate – that's like the perfect weekend."

Timberlake will perform later in the fall, with his "The Man of the Woods" tour coming to University Park on Monday, Oct. 15. Heavy metal band Metallica is set to perform on Saturday, Oct. 20 and country group Old Dominion will follow with their "Happy Endings" tour on Friday, Oct. 26.



Go Go Gadjet performs during the final hours of THON 2015 at the BJC on Feb. 22, 2015.

those who may have missed their being featured. sale dates this spring, according to the center's website.

Sarah Arnold (freshman-All three shows also still have biology) said she is pleased with tickets available for purchase for the diversity of musical acts Saturday, Sept. 22.

music, Kevin Hart will bring his comedic charm to town in his "Irresponsible Tour" show on

Tickets are also still available For those less interested in for this show, according to the center's website.

> To see what other shows and events are heading to Penn State this fall, visit bjc.psu.edu.

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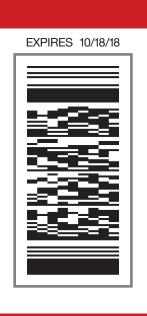
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Freezing down a third NCAA berth

By Ben Ferree THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Penn State men's hockey has seen unprecedented success in ing alongside Robinson. its transition from a club to a Division I program.

The Nittany Lions **HOCKEY** are looking to make the NCAA Tournament for an impres-

sive third year in a row. It is easy to forget that this up-

sixth season as a NCAA program I know for sure.' for Penn State.

Not a single player on the Nittany Lion's roster this season has been a part of a losing season in Happy Valley.

In order for Penn State to replicate this success again this season and return to the postseason, here are four things the Nittany Lions must do this season.

Find a new

leader

Penn State will head into this season looking for a ferent look on the defensive side new captain after the graduation of James Robinson.

Robinson, who coach Guy Gadowsky refers to as 'Jimmy Pucks,' will be playing hockey with Cergy-Pontoise in France this season and will leave an irreplaceable void on the ice in State College.

It is paramount for Penn State that someone steps up to take over the leadership role that Robinson expertly filled last season.

In his postseason press conference in April, Gadowsky nodded towards one potential player to fill the role: Chase Berger.

"I think [Berger] is as good a leader as I've been around, so I know he's going to fill a great leadership role," Gadowsky said at the press conference. "I know Jimmy Pucks, who I have great admiration for, speaks very highly of him as a leader and I think Chase, number one, is going to be most important to us in that

But Berger will also have to inson is no longer on the ros-

Gadowsky has full confidence Berger will remain a crucial part of the team and adjust to not play-

[Robinson and Berger] have had a great synergy from day one and that will be tested next year, so I can't really say what I expect because I don't know," Gadowsky said. "But I do expect that he's going to be a great leader and I know that he's going to do it on coming season will only be the both ends of the ice. That's what

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> > **Guy Gadowsky Head Coach**

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Strengthen the Blue Line

Last season, the blue line was an area of weakness for the Nittany Lions, especially early in the season where disorganization plagued the squad and often goaltender left Peyton Jones high and dry.

This year, the Nittany Lions will have a much dif-

of the ice after the graduation of Erik Autio and Trevor Hamilton. An obvious player who needs

to take the next step for the Nittany Lions is Cole Hults, a freshman last season who played in 38 games and according to Gadowsky, needed to make strides this summer. "He can't just come in with

the same explosiveness and the same level of conditioning and just think that those experiences are going to do it," Gadowsky said back in April. "He needs to be more explosive, he needs to be leaner and meaner. If that happens, I'll be extremely optimistic for him but that's going to be important for him."

Denis Smirnov

Last season Andrew Sturtz was the most explosive and dynamic offensive player for Penn State's offense, leading the team with 40

But the Nittany Lions will get used to the fact that Rob- be without his services this season, as Sturtz decided to



Denis Smirnov (25) attempts to move the puck around Michigan's Joseph Cecconi (33) on Oct. 28, 2017.

the Belleville Senators.

This leaves another hole on the ice for the Nittany Lions-but the squad is not short on offensive

Many players can step up into the role of Sturtz, notably Liam Folkes and Evan Barratt, who both had promising years. But if the Nittany Lions want to

this season, Smirnov will have to return to the player he was as a The Moscow, Russia, native was responsible for a team-lead-

ing 47 points his freshman year. However, last season Smirnov wasn't the same and couldn't find the same level of production. The forward was tied for fifth

on the team in points with 27 last season and the Nittany Lions were also a mere plus one with Smirnov on the ice.

This season, a higher level ter, as the two have been line forgo his senior season and of play from the Russian is

Tournament appearance.

Favorable nonconference schedule

Penn State will not leave the state of Pennsylvania until Nov. 23 with a two-game series against Ohio State, which will only be its second conference series return to the NCAA Tournament of the year. The Nittany Lions need to take

> advantage of this less challenging schedule and start the season strong—something Penn State failed to do last season. Penn State failed to win two

> son until Nov. 18 with a sweep of Arizona State. This run included a loss at

games in a weekend last sea-

home to American International. The team's struggles in the nonconference schedule last season hurt Penn State and put

want to make another NCAA Minnesota four times in a row to eventually clinch a postseason

> Success in the nonconference portion of their season is also crucial to Gadowsky's squad, as the Nittany Lions play in one of the toughest conferences in college hockey. The Big Ten sent three

> teams to last season's Frozen Four, which means Penn State needs to take advantage of the nonconference schedule before facing the grueling schedule of the Big Ten.

> Nonconference series against Clarkson and Princeton two teams that also made the NCAA Tournament last season-will also give the Nittany Lions a chance to pick up quality wins that could give the team a slight boost in the PairWise rankings.

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QB room depth one of Lions' many strengths

By Thomas Schlarp
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Much like Rome, the current version of Penn State football

wasn't built in a day. In fact, it took James Franklin

FOOTBALL four years to as-

semble this Nittany Lion team. But after four years of waiting, Penn State finally has a luxury it has not had in quite some time: depth in the

Be it the stable of running backs waiting to fill the mammoth-sized shoes left behind by Saquon Barkley, the bevy of starting offensive line combinations to choose from or the young up-and-coming talent poised to rise as the next generation of Linebacker U—Penn State's roster has finally recovered and returned to its pre-sanction depth that can compete with the most elite programs in the country.

While Trace McSorley is accomplished enough in his own right to merit attention as one of the nation's top quarterbacks, it's the entire unit of signal-callers at Penn State that could also prove to be the cream of the crop when compared to other quarterback rooms across college football this fall.

er of the best quarterback rooms backup quarterback off to seek in the country," Tommy Stevens said at Lift for Life. "It's hard for us to believe there's a better one in the country right now."

on the roster and 2019 four-star commit Ta'Quon Roberson on his way next season, the Nittany Lions appear to be well equipped at the most important position, even after McSorley eventually departs. Led by quarterbacks coach and newly appointed offensive coordinator, Ricky Rahne, a room that just four seasons ago consisted of only Christian Hackenberg, a converted Vanderbilt safety (McSorley), an Indiana All-State high school defensive back (Stevens) and preferred walk-on Billy Fessler, is now so deep that passers like redshirt sophomore Jake Zembiec, the top 2015 football recruit in the entire state of New York as rated by Rivals, are battling for the right to be the fourth-string quarterback.

The quarterback position now serves as an area of strength for the Lions and no longer relies on other areas of the team to cover up the weakness behind center.

Even Stevens' decision to stay at Penn State rather than transfer demonstrates a chemistry and competitive nature among the passers that an in-"The competitive nature that ferior quarterback room may we have, you see come out of oth- have not retained-a quality

greener pastures elsewhere.

"I'm a lot more comfortable in the room than I once was," Stevens said. "We've got a lot of With six quarterbacks listed characters. We all enjoy being around each other and spending time with each other. It's a very competitive group that shares a lot of similar interests.'

Recently rated as the third-best passing unit in the country by Barton Simmons of CBS Sports, Simmons lists the Nittany Lion passers behind only the groups at Washington, headed by Jake Browning, and Alabama, led by Tua Tagovailoa and Jalen Hurts.

Despite Hackenberg's lack of success in the NFL, Penn State has been fortunate to always have at least one of the nation's top quarterbacks to help steady the program and return it to prominence.

As Franklin has now turned a program in shambles back to a perennial national championship contender, so too has the quarterback position become a perennial position of prominence, now rich with talent and ready sling the Nittany Lions past their competition.

"There's a lot of good teams out there," Stevens said, "but [our quarterback room] is the best."

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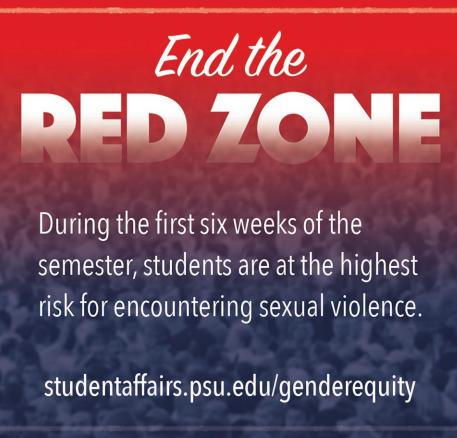
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Quarterback Trace McSorley (9) throws the ball during warmups prior to the game against Maryland at Capital One Field on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017.



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uss Rose's thorn: Nebraska

By Jake Aferiat THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Every rose has its thorn—and for coach Russ Rose, that thorn is Nebraska.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

It may seem trivial, but beating Penn State at women's volleyball — one of the

most storied programs in the history of the sport — is a Herculean task for most teams.

After all, Rose is the winningest coach in Penn State athletic history and his career 1,246-198 record stands atop the list of any women's volleyball coach whose tenure was exclusively with one Division I program. Penn State's seven national titles are also tied with Stanford for the most in NCAA history.

Unfortunately for Penn State, Nebraska isn't most teams and Cornhuskers are closing the national championship gap quickly.

the defending national champions, the Cornhuskers currently boast a 21-10 all-time record against the Nittany Lions. They're the only Big Ten team Penn State has a losing record against and they served

Penn State both of its losses last season.

Even before the first of two meetings between the Cornhuskers and Nittany Lions last year, Rose expected Nebraska would likely give his squad fits and wear them down.

"Nebraska's always been a really good serve and pass team... so we'll have our hands full with them," Rose said prior to the Sep. 22 match, which his team entered

As it turned out, Rose's assessment of Nebraska was well placed, as the Cornhuskers proved why they were the Big Ten leader in opponent hitting percentage.

The Cornhuskers won the first match in straight sets, the eighth time they've shutout the Nittany Lions and held Penn State, last year's Big Ten leader in hitting percentage at .339, to a meager .227 percent, resulting in Penn State's first loss of the season.

From there Penn State rattled off 23 straight wins - 19 in the regular season and four in the postseason — as the Nittany Lions looked like world beaters and an eighth national title seemed likely.

But this Penn State 'rose' had

two thorns, and once again for Rose, that thorn was Nebraska in the NCAA tournament.

The Nittany Lions dropped two sets through their first four matches of the NCAA Tournament leading up to their Final Four matchup with the Cornhuskers. Enter Nebraska, however, and everything changed.

Nebraska came out cruised to a 25-18 first set victory over Penn State only to have the Nittany Lions answer and win two straight sets, 25-23 and 26-24, respectively.

The fourth set was back-andforth and ultimately saw Nebraska prevail 28-26 to force a deciding fifth set, where Nebraska showed its dominance once more. The Cornhuskers then won the fifth set and punched their ticket to the NCAA Championship en route to their fifth national title.

"They don't make a lot of errors and they're an especially good serve-pass team," Rose said prior to that match.

The Nittany Lions will square off against the reigning national champion Cornhuskers twice in the upcoming regular season at home on Oct. 13 at Rec Hall and on Nov. 2 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The two regular-season match-

ups will undoubtedly be a challenge for the Nittany Lions, as they enter this season having graduated first-All-Ameriteam cans Simone Lee and Haleigh Washington, and Honorable Mention Heidi Thelen.

However the Nittany Lions have one of the nation's top recruiting classes, which features two first-team Under Armour All-Amer-

Also returning for Penn State is 2017 Second-Team All-American defensive specialist Kendall

Nebraska also graduated two of its All-Americans, Kelly Hunter and Annika Albrecht, both of whom combined for 40 kills, 91 assists and 51 digs in the pair of meetings with Penn State last

Penn State has the added intangible need to prove it's capable of beating Nebraska, whether

icans in Gabby Head coach Russ Rose discusses strategy during Blossom and Jonni the game against Illinois on Friday, Sept 29, 2017.

it's in the regular season or in big spots in the postseason, if it wants to take home an eighth na-

tional championship this season. But before Penn State can set its sights on that elusive eighth title, the Nittany Lions will need to beat Nebraska one way or another, something they haven't accomplished in nearly four years.

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Bigar's Stars By JACQUELINE BIGAR

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You might believe that someone speaking gibberish. Although this isn't true, this person doesn't seem to connect the dots as you would. Don't worry; keep smiling, and your interactions with this person will work out. Financial gain is possible here. Tonight: Happiest as a duo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** ★★★ Defer to others, and be optimistic

about an offer. Others will seek you out, as they enjoy your company. If you are in a committed relationship, make sure to dote on your significant other. You don't want to upset this person. Tonight: Out and about, strutting your stuff.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ When the cat's away, the mouse will play. You have acted like a mouse with an absent cat nearly all week. Now you are faced with an enormous amount to catch up on. Dive right in rather than quarrel. You might be surprised by how much you accomplish. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$ Use today to finish last-minute details for a project. You could be surprised by a loved one; the caring and attention he or she gives you mean a lot. You begin to see the makings of several caring days. Go along with a demand from a loved one. Tonight:

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your instinct might be to stay close to home. If so, you are right to listen to your intuition. Others will find you should they need you. On the other hand, you might opt to squeeze in some R and R. As a result, you are likely to feel more vibrant. Tonight: At a favorite restaurant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You might not communicate as well as you'd like to. You feel as if you are speaking a foreign language and that people don't seem to "get it." Take charge of a changeable set of plans. Listen to what others want. Somehow you will make it all work. Tonight: Speak your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Before you say "yes" to someone, make sure you really want to. Honor a change of heart. Remain secure in what you need to do. Be clear about your desires. Remain open in conversations. Make sure

your budget is as tight as you'd like. Tonight: Treat a friend to TGIF. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. You have the charisma and energy to hit a home run. Do not allow someone to change plans or cause a problem. Think positively and you will see better results.

 $\star\star\star$ Listen to the drumbeats. Someone is

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

trying to tell you something, whether you want to hear it or not. Slow down and follow your intuition. You might be hoping for a certain resolution, which could color your perspective as well. Ask for feedback. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) r★★★ You know what you want, but at times you do not use the correct words. Refuse to allow a misunderstanding to even begin. Verify that you are on the same page as someone else, or at least that he or she understands what you're saying. Tonight:

Get together with the gang

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Take a stand, if you feel it's necessary. You cannot minimize what is happening around you. Know that more responsibility will be dropped on you. Consider that you might not want to play a significant role. Be honest with what is going on within you.

Tonight: Be willing to say "no. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Put vourself in someone else's

shoes. You might not have the control you desire in a tense situation. By identifying with the others involved, you can find the right action or decision. Others appreciate your sensitivity and support. Tonight: Be adventuresome and spontaneous.

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Christen the weekend.

Actor Sean Penn (1960), actor Robert De Niro (1943), actress Mae West (1893)

change his or her mind at the last minute.

YOUR BIRTHDAY MESSAGE:

This year you tend to use tension as a motivator. However, you can get locked into a point of view and have difficulty gaining a broader perspective. Let others know about some of your dreams that you would like to bring to fruition.

If you are single, you radiate a unique intensity, and others cannot stay away from you. You have quite a choice of suitors. If you are attached, the two of you often trigger each other. You have the key to handling the issue.

Tonight: Keep smiling.

SCORPIO sees you as transparent.

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70 Part of some

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36 Like some points 37 Sushi staple 40 Ancient Scots

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21 Picnic pest

27 Heating fuel

16 Poetic time of day

23 River embankment

29 Actress Lombard

30 "I'll second that"

31 Muslim leader

33 Some whiskeys

32 Life of Riley

34 Astringent substance 54 Inspiration 35 Thumb one's nose

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52 Lose resilience 53 Comic superhero

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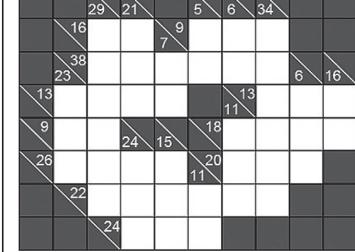
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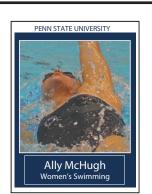
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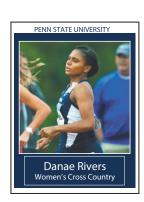










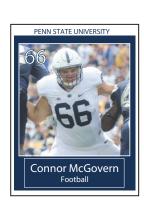


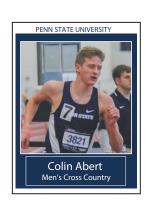
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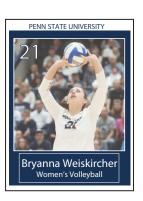


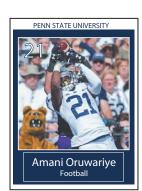














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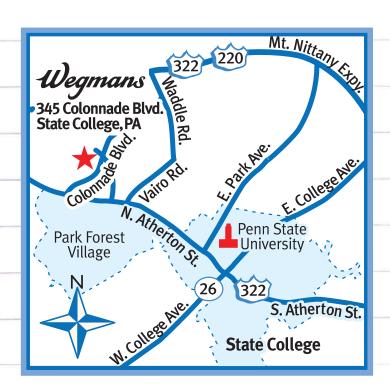
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