

Thanksgiving Edition



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Corky lies in bed in Centre County PAWS shelter on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

Where you can donate this holiday season

By Erin Hogge THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Want to make a positive impact in the community this Thanksgiving? Look no further — there are various ways to give back this holiday season.

State College Food Bank

Located at 1321 S. Atherton St., the State College Food Bank's donation efforts pick up speed around Thanksgiving.

From 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, donors may drop off food at the bank. According to the bank's website, it receives hundreds of pounds of donated food on a typical day.

The bank is currently in need of laundry detergent, jelly, soup, tomato products, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and Wegmans gift cards. It needs canned items as well, including yams, carrots, beets, pineapple, pears and pasta sauce.

Additionally, donors may give non-food items to the bank, including diapers, feminine products, toothpaste and household supplies. For a full list of items needed, visit the bank's website (EMBED: https:// scfoodbank.org/donate/current-needs-list).

Many items those might think can be donated, however, cannot. For instance, homemade or home-canned foods cannot be accepted because it is unknown how and when these products were processed a food safety issue.

Items packaged in containers that are "severely dented or damaged" cannot be used, including rusted cans. Other no-gos include baby food and formula, over-the-counter-medicines and expired items.

Centre County Safe

who have experienced abuse with basic necessities for living. It was formerly known as "Centre County Women's Resource Center.

Located at 140 W. Nittany Ave., the center offers 24/7 support for those dealing with dating and domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Donors may drop off items from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Some items currently needed include clock radios, space heaters, small scented trash bags, towels, can openers, hair brushes and plastic utensils.

Other items listed as "always helpful" include sponges, paper plates, bed pillows, toilet paper and juice.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County's ReStore

While one may volunteer to help construct a house through Habitat for Humanity, it's also possible to give in another fashion.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore collects donations including lightly used furniture, household appliances and storage cabinets. From 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, indi-

viduals may drop off items at 1155 Zion Road in Bellefonte. Donors may also request ReStore volunteers pick up their donations in Centre County by making an appointment online.

The ReStore is in need of furniture such as coffee tables, desks, antiques, dressers and chairs.

It also lists items volunteers cannot accept, such as plastic or cloth window blinds, unframed mirrors or glass, used ceiling tiles, used rugs or carpet, or less-than-full containers of paint. The full list can be found here online.

Centre County PAWS

To help furry friends, Centre County PAWS's mission is to save cats and dogs throughout the commonwealth. Those interested may volunteer to work at the center — located at 1401 Trout Road by contacting the organization.

For others, monetary donations are always accepted through the organization's website.

Centre County PAWS is a nonprofit organization, and donations are tax deductible.

Of course, Centre County PAWS is always looking for people to Centre County Safe helps provide local women, men and children adopt its cats and dogs. The PAWS Adoption and Education Center is open the following times and days:

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday

- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday
- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday

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MY VIEW | GRACE MILLER

Fun or dumb? **Students** reflect on **'Friends**giving'

By Kyle Hutchinson FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Most grow up celebrating Thanksgiving with a typical dinner surrounded by grandparents, cousins and their weird uncle.

However, as students get older, "Friendsgiving" — a meal shared with friends rather than family is becoming more popular.

Student Anna Stitt said she has Friendsgiving celebrations with her friends quite often, and has always had a positive experience during them.

"Friendsgiving is a good time to relax with you friends and eat some good food, but it has a different meaning compared to a normal hangout," Stitt (freshman-advertising and public relations) said. "It's a good time to reflect and express what you're thankful for."

As a now-freshman in college, Stitt said this Friendsgiving will be a little different for her and her friends.

"We're all coming back from college, so it will be a bit of a change of pace. We're not used to being so far from one another, and certainly haven't spent this much time apart, so it'll perhaps mean something more," Stitt said.

Regardless of time spent away, Stitt sees this "new" Friendsgiving experience as just as important as the ones in her past.

"You spend so much time with the same people growing up, and Friendsgiving has been a good way to solidify those friendships,' Stitt said, "and now it's a real test to see if those relationships can last and stay strong."

Peter Bast said he feels similar to Stitt in regards to the return home and seeing old friends once again.

"I like the idea of friends getting together to celebrate," Bast (freshman-mechanical engineering) said. "It's a good feeling."

Bast has not gotten involved in Friendsgiving festivities in the past, but said he looks forward to

There's always something to be grateful for

Even when it might not seem like it, there's always something to be grateful for.

As Thanksgiving approaches, these little things — and sometimes big things become a more relevant topic of conversation.

In a week, my family will sit around a table, holding hands. Someone will say a prayer, and someone else will ask what everyone is thankful for. Family. Friends. Food. That's all fine — but I'm not sure it's honest

Despite its controversial origins, Thanksgiving is supposed to be a time of reflection, joy and connection. We all hug each other and laugh at the same jokes. We do our best to stay away from politics. We compli-ment whoever cooked the turkey. We smile (or at least, we're supposed to).

But I'm going to be honest with you.

Of course I'm thankful for my family and friends. But there are other things I'm thankful for that I can't bring up at the dinner table.

I'm thankful that when I was a child, I was scared of a few main things: the dark, insects and doing badly on school work.

I'm thankful that I had an opportunity to pull my socks over my knees and button up my blouse every morning before attending a small private school.

I'm thankful that I was provided lunches I often enjoyed (specifically the Salisbury steak)

I'm thankful I was able to build connections at only 10 years old with friends who are still some of the most important people in my life.

I'm thankful for the tornado drills and fire drills.

I'm fortunate that in elementary school, I never performed an active shooter drill.

I'm thankful that I never had to sit in the darkest corner of the classroom, fearfully holding my best friend's hand.

I'm thankful that I never had to cover my own mouth to keep myself from loudly sobbing and alerting an active shooter to my classmates' location.

I'm thankful that I never had to doubt if I would make it home from fifth grade.

I'm thankful that I was never put in a situation where I thought I was going to die – and not having a cellphone, couldn't tell my family I loved them.

I grew up reading novels like The Hunger Games and The Divergent series. I remember sitting through ninth grade English class, learning the characteristics of a dystopian society. I think back to when I was 12 years old and I walked into the living room to see my mother, a kindergarten teacher, crying with her head in the hands as she watched live coverage of the Sandy Hook shooting. I remember thinking that we might live in a dystopia. I'm thankful that I was fortunate enough

to

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be sheltered from violence throughout my life, and that I've had access to mental health and physical health resources. I'm thankful that growing up, I was able to come home every day to parents who loved me.

I'm thankful my parents never had to answer the phone to hear that their child had died while learning how to write in cursive. That they never had to set up a candle-lit memorial on a sidewalk, with a picture from my first communion in the center. I'm thankful that my parents never had to ask themselves: burial or cremation?

I feel thankful every time I see a child step off the school bus and run home to their parents. I feel thankful for the times when there was a loud sound in the cafeteria, and it was just someone popping their chip bag.

Most of all, I'm thankful to be alive. To be able to write this and publish it. I'm thankful that we live in a democracy where one day, someone will find a solution to these senseless murders of children.

I'm thankful to be alive, but more specifically, I'm thankful to be alive as I hold my three-year-old niece's hand at the Thanksgiving table and pray to God that she's always safe.

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going to one this year.

"I have not been to a Friendsgiving before, but I am participating in one this year when I go back home," Bast said. Although not having been to

one before, Bast said this year is different because of college.

"Spending time with old high school friends who I haven't seen since the summer because we went to different colleges will be nice," Bast said.

Anna Clark never attended a Friendsgiving back home, but isn't opposed to going to one.

"I haven't been to a Friendsgiving before, but I guess if my friends were to hold one I wouldn't be against it," Clark (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said.

Clark has built strong friendships with her dorm floor, and said she would be happy to have one with her new roommates.

"I don't see us getting super organized as a floor, but if that were to occur, then I think it would be a fun experience for us all," Clark said.

If she made a dish for Friendsgiving, Clark said she would make mac n' cheese.

"It's easy to make, and I do make a mean mac n' cheese," Clark said, "I feel like people would definitely eat it." Gregory Roszyk feels a bit dif-

ferent, though.

"I think it's dumb, I mean come on, there's already other Thanksgiving dinners, why pile them up on each other?" Roszyk (freshman-geography) said.

Roszyk doesn't dislike it without cause, though. He has actually attended one before, and had a decent experience, but was not happy with the aftermath.

I felt fat, and my stomach didn't feel good because of all the food I ate," Roszyk said.

Although he had a Friendsgiving before, Roszyk isn't sold on going to another one.

"I can see my friends during other times - playing football, other things," Roszyk said. "I just don't see the purpose to do it over a secondary Thanksgiving dinner."



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Opinion Page Editor

What the Collegian's editorial board is thankful for this year

s we reach the impending holiday vacation, the Collegian Editorial Board took a moment to reflect on what has brought us the most joy this semester and what we are most thankful for.

"I feel so thankful every day for the people who love and support me 24/7. As a senior, I'm especially thankful for my education and the opportunities I've had thus far at this university, from serving as the Collegian's Editor-in-Chief to performing every week with my best friends in Penn State's all-female a cappella group. I'm healthy, safe, happy and loved — none of which are feelings I take for granted." - Elena Rose, Editor-in-Chief

"Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays because it has the only three things I need in life — food, family and football. I'm thankful for a lot every year, most importantly every single one of my family members. But this year, I'm particularly thankful for my friends and the good times I've had the last few months. It means the world to me." - Tyler King, **Managing Editor**

"I'm really thankful that I figured out how to

work the heat on the second floor of my home because it was starting to get really cold in that house. It's the most confusing thermostat I've ever seen. I'm thankful for all the other important stuff like family and friends and stuff, but recency bias has led me to emphasize warmth." - David Eckert, **Digital Managing Editor**

"I'm thankful for my supportive friends and family who keep me going even when I want to give up on everything. I'm also very thankful to still have another year left at Penn State, as I cannot imagine the thought of graduating and becoming a real human anytime soon, as many of my friends are." -Lindsey Toomer, Opinions & News Social Media Editor

"I'm thankful for the beach, and warm sweaters, and the feeling of the sun in the morning. I'm thankful for hot coffee and iced coffee and all of the mugs I don't need. I'm thankful for writing and journalism and the Collegian. I'm thankful for laughter with friends and FaceTime calls with family and the time I spend alone. I'm thankful for life and all the things that come with living — even though sometimes I forget

that." - Maddie Aiken, News Editor

"I am thankful for my dog not dying despite her many ailments. I am also thankful for the \$20 my dad gave me yesterday. But most importantly, I am thankful for all the wonderful reporters on my staff, and the hard work they put into every story." - Lauren Fox, Assistant News Editor

"This semester has been very draining, but I am most thankful for the people I met this semester. Whether it was my Lion & Cub crew, CAPS group or spending more time with the Collegian editors, having people to destress with was what got me through all of the hard times."

- Lilly Forsyth, Features & **Investigation Editor**

"I'm thankful that I'm successful in college and doing my best, and that life is so good. I'm also thankful that I have the best dogs and the best family. Speaking of family — my mom is coming up on five years cancer free, so I'm thankful every vear that she is alive and here." - Chelsea Kun, Arts & Lifestyle Editor

"Usually I would make a joke here, but truthfully I am very thankful to be surrounded by people who make me laugh constantly. My time at Penn State has been spent being an idiot and making memories, and I couldn't ask for anything more than that." - Matt Lingerman, Sports Editor

"I'm thankful to take classes I thoroughly enjoy, and the fact that I'm doing well in all of them is an added bonus. I'm also thankful for my friends, my time at the Collegian and the product we've been putting out here. But, above all else, I'm thankful to be healthy, happy and to have a great family life and great friends back home." - Jake Aferiat, Assistant Sports Editor

"Thanksgiving always reminds me of how grateful I am to have people who care about me. Being able to see my friends and family back home after not seeing them since summer is a great feeling, and then after spending time at home, I start to miss my I'm thankful for my parfriends here, so it makes me appreciate my days at Penn State too." - Shane Connelly, Assistant Sports Editor

"I'm thankful for the support of my family and friends, and this year, I am thankful for the opportunities that the Collegian has given me. I never thought I would be able to travel

the country and cover major college football, so this year has been really special." - Dylan Jacobs, **Football Editor**

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"Aside from my family, I'm also thankful for my college career thus far. As I near the end of my four years, I find myself in a great position to start my professional career and cannot wait to see where I'm at this time next year." - Jack Hirsh, Multimedia Editor

"I'm lucky to have a lot that I'm thankful for in my life. I have a great family and friends that support me in all my crazy life decisions. I'm thankful and happy to be graduating in the spring and to look back at a great four years of college. I'm also thankful for the Collegian for giving me opportunities that the average student doesn't get to experience." - Caitlin Lee, Photo Editor

"This year and always, ents. I've finally realized everything they've given up to allow my brother and me a good life, and how they've really set us up for success. I don't think that I'd be who I am without them, and I hope I can be as good of a parent in the future as they are." - Aabha Vora, Assistant **Photo Editor**

MY VIEW | Cassandra Kidwell

What to do during the cold holiday season in State College

The brief period of a temperate fall bliss since my column on the beauties of fall has now



Kidwell

Penn State football games. Besides the annual Rutgers, post-Thanksgiving weekend game, tailgate season is coming to an end.

Every year, football season brings times of bonding, celebration and over 100,000 people to State College every game. Now that it is over, here are some things you can do during the State College cold.

Friendsgiving

Even though Thanksgiving is approaching fast, you can still have time for Friendsgiving. What makes Friendsgiving great is its unconventionality and flexibility — if you and friends don't have time to squeeze in a potluck dinner before Thanksgiving, you can host one in December. The most important parts of Friendsgiving are simply friends and food, so get your best cooks or hopefully snag some leftovers from home to feed the group.

Countdown until the Holidays

Many love the countdown until the Christmas and holiday seasons, whether that be for a longer break from school or work, the enjoyment of gift giving or simply the Holiday spirit that covers towns. The holiday season is fast approaching with only 15 school days until finals week and less than 40 full days left until Christmas. To increase the festivities in your State College home, you could pick up an advent calendar or make a paper chain countdown to the approaching holidays.

Pick up Penn State apparel for all of your family members

Since attending Penn State, my go-to gift is some type of Penn State merchandise. For most families, having a child that goes to school at Penn State either continues the tradition of bleeding blue and white for those with alumni parents, or introduces a new one to the family. I know my family always enjoys some fresh Penn State gear.

Watch Penn State play from home

With an away game against Ohio State on Nov. 23 and the Rutgers game soon after, Penn State football is still playing, just not with the same Happy Valley tailgate experience. Depending on where Penn State's season is taken in the future, there are still possibilities to look forward to in the end of the season.

Make a new email every Saturday so you can continue getting free Disney+

The winter season seems to double your time indoors, and conveniently, Disney just released their new streaming service Disney+ on Nov. 12. The movie and show offers are narrower in focus than other streaming services, exclusively offering Disney owned movies and shows. Personally, I plan on binging my favorite childhood movies and shows through the service over my Thanksgiving and holiday breaks.

Go to one of Penn State's lakes or Pegula Ice Arena

As below freezing temperatures arrive at Penn State, potential outside time is limited but one possible day-trip to do in State College is go to the

frozen lakes around town for makeshift ice-skating. Coyler Lake and Beaver Pond are two examples of day trips one can take to explore in the snow days. As these are only accessible by car, students can also take advantage of the Pegula Ice Arena. The Arena offers student tickets for \$6 and schedules can be found online at gopsusports. com.

Take a Walmart trip

This one may be an unconventional way to spend a weekend, but I know whenever I take a late night Walmart trip with friends it stems an experience like no other. The idea stems from my experience in living in an hour outside of Philly suburbia, but the surplus of Walmart offerings makes it a fun day to explore and find things you need. Whether you have a car, a friend with a car, or can take the HV bus from campus, Walmart trips for some groceries and exploring is always a fun way to get out of the house.

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How Penn State embraces Thanksgiving

SPORTS

By Evan Patrick THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Thanksgiving week is a little different for Penn State football. While the team still celebrates

family

brotherhood, as

and

FOOTBALL

many do during this time, there will be plenty of focus on business as it prepares for its final game of the season against Rutgers.

"It's still a game week so we're going to continue to practice and get better." sophomore kicker Jake Pinegar said.

While the focus remains on the football field, the week is a nice break for the student-athletes as they can focus on football with the break in classes.

"We have that week off of school so it's kind of like being a pro football player," senior tight end Nick Bowers said.

"We can just focus on football, it's not really a week off because we still have a game ahead of us but it's just a good time for us to lock in on football and not really anything else."

Even though the team is still honed in on preparing for Saturday, Thanksgiving is still celebrated by the team with over but also there's a huge meal numerous big dinners and a family atmosphere.

has their own thing that we do, have a good meal, families come up and get to spend time with to be exciting." them, we all kind of do that on



Head coach James Franklin walks around the field before the game against Indiana at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Nov 16. No. 9 Penn State defeated the Hoosiers 34-27.

Thanksgiving so it's going to team is something that James my third year," junior cornerback be a pretty good time," Pinegar Franklin talks about often, said.

"Coaches will have players put on by the football team that everyone is allowed to go to so a "The football team kind of lot of families go to that one — the meal that the football team puts out is really good so that's going

wanting to build a brotherhood throughout his locker room.

These Thanksgiving dinners are a building block in creating that family feeling, and the importance of that is something that trickles down to the players.

"I think it's been really important because time flies Tariq Castro-Fields said.

"I've gotten to play with Christian [Campbell], Grant [Haley], Amani [Oruwariye] and a lot of good people so always having a brotherhood to lean on because there's always going to be tough times and great times."

Football and Thanksgiving go The family aspect of a football here, I look up and I'm already in together like peanut butter and

jelly, so it's no surprise that the holiday is a favorite for some of Penn State's players.

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"I love Thanksgiving," Bowers said.

"The whole entire family comes and we all hang out, I just like to eat and then pass out on the couch.'

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Spending Thanksgiving with their on-field family

By Ben Serfass FOR THE COLLEGIAN

ing holiday with their families,

in Happy Valley

after qualifying for the NCAA

the Nittany Li-WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tournament.

While it is no stranger to playing this deep into the year, Penn State will once again be playing during the start of the holiday season.

Family members of many of her talents to Penn State. the players will make the trek to Thanksgiving together.

nice too and we're very grateful itself on family," Jean said. for that and all of their support," "I think that's huge and First Team All-Big Ten defender it resembles a lot about what life Kaleigh Riehl said.

crucial aspects of the team and that sense of family does not go unnoticed by her players.

As students begin to head "It's always been one of our home to spend the Thanksgiv- pillars," Riehl said. "From day one she really drives the culture aspect and the family aspect. I ons will remain think she recruits players into that style as well. She recruits not only good soccer players but good people."

That sense of family has played a huge part in how Dambach and her staff recruits players to Penn State. This was something that redshirt senior Ellie Jean noticed when making her decision to take

'Ever since I stepped on this central Pennsylvania to celebrate campus, even when she was recruiting me, from the start, she "We have incredible family always talked about how much that travel with us which is super this team and this culture prides "I think that's huge and I think is and that there is more than just The truth is though that the soccer at some point. It's about Nittany Lions have been with creating relationships and getting to share experiences with the people you are creating some-"If your immediate family is not thing with out on the soccer field which I think is great."



their family since the start of training camp.

here they take everybody else in, but most importantly this is our

to be spending

Thanksgiving

every year."

family," coach Erica Dambach "We are said. used to spending the holidays together. That's our goal to be spending Thanksgiving together and it's what we work for every year."

Dambach has been the head of the program for the last 13 seasons at

Penn State and prides her-just

That family environment also

played a large part in Riehl's recruiting deci-"That's our goal sion. Riehl was apart of the same recruiting class as Jean. together and it's family what we work for sphere that's а reason why I Erica Dambach

atmo-

Coach here

said. "We don't say self on the atmosphere she everyday. I know all of my in Happy Valley for the duration like my second parents almost has created. That dynamic and teammates have my back and of the time they are in the NCAA chemistry is one of the most I have theirs. It shows on the Tournament.

field as well I think and the way we play. We are a really close group and I trust everyone of my teammates."

The sense of family that Dambach has thoroughly infused in her squad has them playing not only for a trophy or banner, but the chance to continue suiting up "It's such a for games alongside one another.

"It's a privilege to be with our and team for as long as we can in the big NCAA tournament," Jean said.

"Obviously when you lose chose to come you're done so we're always because thankful when we get to spend I felt that on as much time as we can together my visit," Riehl with our team in the postseason."

Its recent success has that, we live it required that Penn State remain

However, the Nittany Lions' current situation, which has resulted in their inability to spend the holidays with their family at home, does not have any of the and I would not have wanted it Nittany Lions wishing they were in a different situation.

"As much as we love our family. what we really want is to be here competing and obviously win these tournament games." Riehl said.

The family dynamic that Dambach preaches does not only exist between the lines but off the field as well. The entire coaching staff ensures their players that they are always available and approachable.

"The coaches have been whenever I needed them. I've certainly had my hardships and

Noah Riffe/Collegiar

leaned on my teammates and coaches for help and support which has been great," Jean said.

"I'm so grateful for them another way."

During the Thanksgiving break the Nittany Lions will be able to take a step back and relax when it comes to their studies. During their week off from school they will no longer have to balance both their school work and their athletics. This will give them some much welcomed downtime.

"A lot of it's training because we're usually gearing up for the next game so we try to still take care of our bodies and we still usually have training every day which is great but it's also great for us to do team bonding things that we might not normally be able to do if we were supposed to be in school or something," Jean said. "That's nice, a little bit more time down, hanging out with each other, enjoying each other's company."

The family philosophy that plays such a big part in how the team plays and carries themselves starts at the head coaching position and has trickled down from the entire coaching staff to all of the players.

Penn State has found success with this approach. That sense of family has the Nittany Lions not only playing for one another. but also for the second NCAA championship in school history.

The Nittany Lions' long quest for success won't end here though. For the time being, however, Dambach and her staff will relish this Thanksgiving to be with their Big Ten champion squad.

'We've started to achieve our goals but it's kind of [about] giving thanks to everything that we have," Dambach said. "That's one of the things I love about this team, how appreciative they are."

Defender Ellie Jean (14) reacts after missing a shot during the match against Northwestern on Sunday, Oct. 20 at Jeffrey Field. The Nittany Lions won by a score of 3-1.



Lynn Holleran and athletic director Sandy Barbour (far left) at Jeffrey Field on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016.

Collegian file photo Coach Erica Dambach celebrates her 200th win as a head coach with Senior Associate AD, Administration,

THANKSGIVING

International students create new traditions

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For students who come from different backgrounds, Thanksgiving is somewhat of an unfamiliar holidav — vet many celebrate Turkey Day in their own variation.

Joseph Vandy Sengeh, who is from West Africa, is one of many international students who decided to stay in State College over the Thanksgiving break.

As the president of Penn State's Pan-African Professional Alliance, Sengeh (graduate-material science and engineering) serves to include and connect students of the African diaspora to Penn State culture.

Sengeh is originally from Sierra Leone, West Africa, but has lived in the Netherlands for two years and later moved to Minnesota, where he attended a four-year college for his undergraduate degree.

He said he has had experience with American Thanksgiving traditions because of his time in the United States

Sengeh also lived with host families for some time, and has experienced firsthand what an American Thanksgiving looks like

Although Sengeh is not going home for Thanksgiving, he still plans to celebrate the holiday.

"I don't have any plans yet, but maybe I'll join one of the Christian groups for dinner that night," Sengeh said.

"But one way or another, I will celebrate."

Next week, on Thursday, Nov. 21, the Pan-African Professional Alliance plans to hold a "Friendsgiving."

While they will not eat the traditional foods Americans eat on this holiday, the premise of the event is similar to that of Ameri-- to sit together and eat a cans meal.

"It's a great way to bring people together to eat a meal,' Sengeh said.

"I don't know what we will eat, but people will probably bring pizza or food from their countries to celebrate. We are trying to keep it simple, though."

Sengeh noted many of the international students who stay on campus try to get together over the break.

He said it's a good time for 'people to feel at home" and share a meal with one another.

Mai Antarasen, an international student from Thailand, also said Thanksgiving is a time to be with her community.

"I do like American Thanksgiving, this culture makes me feel warm," Antarasen (sophomoreastronomy) said.

'Since Thailand doesn't have a lot of long breaks, I think this tradition is awesome for the family to be with each other.'

On Nov. 20, Penn State Global Programs will offer a Thanksgiving dinner that Antarasen will attend.

Over this Thanksgiving break, Antarasen plans to go to Florida with her friends from Thailand, as she does most years.

Ilya Mikrashevskiy, an international student from Russia and the president of the Russian Student Association, also plans to go to Florida — Miami and Orlando with her friends over the break.

Mikrashevskiy (senior-psychology) said she hasn't seen her family in over a year and a half, as they live in China, even though she is from Russia.

She said she doesn't celebrate the holiday because it's not part of her culture, but believes it's a good opportunity for family and friends to be together.

"There are a lot of people in this world who don't have access to food, so a holiday that is set to remind those to give thanks for



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Maria Arreaga (sophomore-Spanish and global international studies) places a pin on the world map indicating her hometown during Penn State Lion Ambassadors' "Exhibition of Who We Are" on March 28, 2018.

the things we have is so important," Mikransheviskiy said.

Mikrasheviskiy said she loves the meaning of the holiday, and although she doesn't plan to celebrate in the traditional way, she wants to make a special dinner with her friends while they are in Florida to honor and be grateful for what they have.

As families from all across the globe are busy in their daily lives, Thanksgiving — or any form of the holiday — is such an important thing to celebrate, according to Sengeh.

"This is a time to be grateful and to reach out to those you love," Sengeh said.

"It's hard to see one another sometimes, but the meaning of this holiday to come together and share a meal is amazing."

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Different country flags stand in the Office of Global Programs in Boucke Building on Wednesday, Nov.14, 2018.



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www.jacquelinebigar.com ©2019 King Features Syndicate Inc. **SCORPIO** (10/23-11/21) ★★★★ Beam in more of what you want from others. You could get frustrated if you do not receive that which you desire. Do not give up hope. Open up to new possibilities even if you feel uncomfortable. Tonight: Initiate , an important discussion.

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SAGITTARIUS (11/22-12/21) ★★★★★ You smile and others relax. You might understand what is going on around you on a deeper, more complex level. You also know what needs to be done to change the direction you and others are heading in. Tonight: Where you want to be.

CAPRICORN (12/22-1/19) **** How you deal with someone close to you might be radically different from your normal You understand the ramifications of what is going on, but you might not want to discuss the implications with others. Tonight: Be a duo.

AQUARIUS (1/20-2/18) **** Defer to another party for now. Although you seem very different, your affection for people makes you comrades. A boss or higher-up could be confusing you. Tonight: As you like.

PISCES (2/19-3/20) ★★★★ You might choose to defer to others. What you hear could make you feel as if there is no purpose in explaining yourself. You feel misunderstood. Others do understand. Stay steady and trust yourself. Tonight: Complete errands first.

ARIES (3/21-4/19) ★★★★ Keep communicating what is on your mind. Your enthusiasm comes through no matter what The unexpected occurs when dealing with a family member or a real estate issue. Make sure a misunderstanding is not the problem. Tonight: Happiest at home

TAURUS (4/20-5/20) ★★★★ You could feel pressured by someone else's need to take charge. Ultimately, this person will not have the desired impact. Rather, it will cause you to distance from him or her. Your will is strong too. Tonight: Home ward bound.

GEMINI (5/21-6/20) ★★★★ You are forthright, independent and honest. Sometimes you become overloaded by events and cannot see your way free without some uproar or distance. Do what you need to. Tonight: Telling it like it is.

CANCER (6/21-7/22) ★★★ You tend to go overboard when handling personal matters. Sometimes, others do not understand your drive, and they see you as obsessive or self-centered even though you are neither. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

LEO (7/23-8/22) ★★★★ Your personality

mixed with an innate graciousness allows you to let bygones be bygones. Someone close to you adds an element of chaos and difficulty to your day. Hop over it and you will be a lot happier. Tonight: A small gesture goes a long way.

VIRGO (8/23-9/22) ★★★ You might not like what you hear. Join the crowd. You are in a position where you need to say little because others are megaphones with complaints. You might agree with them, but the less said, the better. Tonight: Return calls.

LIBRA (9/23-10/22) **** Zero in on an important alliance or friendship. The person in question does not always agree with you but adds to your sense of wellbe ing and nurturing. You might discover that a meeting is confusing. Tonight: As you like it.

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Planning your Friendsgiving

the holiday season, students are making plans to celebrate with friends.

Although students get to return home for Thanksgiving, "Friendsgiving" seems to have become a tradition for many.

Here are some ways to make your Friendsgiving memorable.

The food

When planning a dinner with five or more people, the grocery list might seem overwhelming. To avoid this, assign each friend attending the dinner an item to make and bring. For example, task one person with making some variation of potatoes, another with stuffing, and from there green beans and cranberries.

As the host of the event, it's best to make the turkey because it's heavy and will be hot — don't make your friends carry it across town or campus to your place.

If no one wants to go for a traditional Thanksgiving meal, decide a few days before the event so everyone can plan accordingly.

For dessert, each person could bring a small dish to share, or one person could be in charge of baking a pumpkin pie — whatever makes the event easiest.

If one belle is late to the ball, your friends might become

ger. Be sure to have a cheese plate with crackers or some vegetables with dip ready to munch on.

All in all, it will be easier to have every attendee bring a dish instead of trying to cram too many cooks in a small apartment or house kitchen.

If you plan to have Friendsgiving in a dorm, good luck — it might be best to dine out.

Dinner time

Keep in mind how many people will be at your apartment or house. Have enough silverware, plates, cups and napkins for everyone.

To make the evening fancier, try folding the napkins in an interesting shape, like a leaf or a turkey.

For added flair, stop by the State College Farmers Market from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday or Friday — located at 100 Locust Lane — to buy a few mini pumpkins for table decor.

If there isn't a large table for everyone to dine at, try setting up buffet style. Wrap silverware in napkins and place them next to a stack of plates. Have this setup near the $\bar{d}ishes$ of food for easy scoop-and-go access.

One of the most important

ence is the background music. Find or create a cool playlist to set the mood.

Once dinner is over and dessert is passed around, take a few minutes and share what you're thankful for. It may seem cheesy, but your friends' answers might surprise you.

Entertainment

If staying in isn't your friend and fill it with the pumpkin candy

and throw a football around.

To avoid the likely cold weather. there's bound to be a movie everyone can agree to watch. If you're stuck, some Thanksgiving-themed classics include "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" and "What's Cooking?"

Who said piñatas are just for birthday parties? Buy one for your Friendsgiving celebration

When away from home during hangry — anger caused by hun- aspects of a Friendsgiving ambi- group's idea of fun, trek outside corn that lines shelves this time of year.

If you're feeling creative, set up a photo booth using some orange and white streamers. Tape them vertically to the wall and add in some bright colored leaves from outside. Make sure the room is well lit and have your phone ready for snapshots.

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Movies to help get in the Thanksgiving spirit

By Caitlyn Frolo THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

When one thinks of holiday movies, they may instantly think of Hocus Pocus or A Christmas Story, but no one ever remembers movies for the holiday in between Halloween and Christmas: Thanksgiving.

There are movies about Thanksgiving and there are movies with a classic Thanksgiving meal portrayed in scene.

Between both, I have ranked the top 10 Thanksgiving movies to watch with family.

"The Blind Side"

directly about Thanksgiving, but family members after a huge "Free Birds" it is about family at its core, and includes a traditional Thanksgiving dinner scene. It's also about football, and football on Thanksgiving is the best.

"Paul Blart Mall Cop"

A film for all ages, includes comedy, suspense and takes place during Black Friday, which instantly puts it in the Thanksgiving category. It also will just make your entire family laugh out loud.

"A Charlie Brown

Thanksgiving"

This movie may not be perfect to watch with younger movies.

meal.

"Miracle on 34th Street"

For those looking to get into the Christmas spirit, this film begins with a scene of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and is a great way to transition into films like "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", or "ELF."

"Rocky"

Who doesn't love watching boxing on Thanksgiving? Rocky fights on the holiday in this one, and this is the perfect film to An instant classic. This film is watch with those who like action

An animated movie where birds of all feathers want to change the first Thanksgiving, "Free Bird" is fun to watch with the whole family.

"The Oath"

Comedy movies are another way to bring families together. While this one is for the more mature family members, Tiffany Haddish and her jokes are sure to wake you after eating too much turkey.

"Tower Heist"

Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy in a comedy/action movie? What more could you want? You may even catch a glimpse of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade during it.

"Addams Family Values"

For those who are still missing Halloween and want to get spooky, this film features Wednesday Addams reenacting the first Thanksgiving, with an unconventionally dark twist.

"Garfield's Thanksgiving"

Another family-friendly film to watch with little siblings, cousins or nieces and nephews.

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