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return to the gridiron this fall.

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Sunday, then Monday — but he around the country, waiting for a opportunities to play conference.”

“The biggest of these medi- Ball will return with new medical and improved protocols, it doesn’t mean everything will go smoothly.

This decision from the Big Ten comes as coronavirus cases con- tinue to surge in college towns across the country, including Penn State’s University Park last weekend. Last Tuesday, Centre County reported a single day record. In total, as of the 15th, the country has reported more cases in Sep- tember than in March through August combined. As of Sept. 17, Penn State has reported 1,145 positives cases of corona- virus, a new single day record. In total, as of the 15th, the country has reported more cases in Sep- tember than in March through August combined.

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Are academic advisers helpful? Students weigh in

By Kailey Kradetz

How many Penn State students are actively checking every week whether their academic advisers have delivered to their email box?

And how many of those students have taken advantage of the virtual opportunities to speak with their advisers?

Danielle Illy has been talking to her adviser from her childhood algebra teacher since she transferred from Penn State Altoona, depending on what she needs.

But Illy reports that her adviser is always there to help, whether it's her stressful situation with classes, needing to juggle her students and work, or even her final exam schedule.

Illy's high school style at Penn State Altoona requires her to overload on her classes to graduate in four years, and she said her adviser is always prepared to help.

“Every time I have a question, my adviser has a way to answer it,” Illy said.

Penn State Altoona students will now have the opportunity to participate in a dialogue about their academic advising sessions with a new University Undergraduate Advising Roundtable initiative.

We'll begin a new series of "Women's Empowerment Roundtable" events on February 25, 2021.

Boas believes the success of the fraternity stemmed from a small hometown college being "improving humanity with the things that valued community."

"In a normal fraternity, you get a lot of similar ideas and interests, but you don't really get that diversity," Campbell said. "Here, you're able to learn about diverse cultures, and you get the opportunity to learn about different things that you wouldn't have otherwise.

"We've given us the ability to strengthen our leadership abilities, which has been so helpful for my own professional goals," said锸 Schneider.

She said looking back on her college career, the Phi Sigma Pi plays the largest role in her Penn State experience, "because it offered a different experience that was very fulfilling."
Can plants improve your well-being?

By Courtney McKinley

Plants have been improving our environment since the begin-
ing of time. They not only pro-
vide beauty to the surroundings, but plants help people improve mindfulness and well-being. This could be particularly ben-
eficial to students, especially during this unprecedented time.

Penn State Horticulture Manager Scott De Mars said the first 
years of plants being identified could be considered with the color green bringing us to nature.

"Dated back millions and mil-
ions of years ago, we all depend 
on plants for food, fiber, medi-
cine and shelter, which obviously helps our health and well-being," De Mars said.

Most people today do not live in rural areas, he said, so it can be challenging to obtain the benefits of nature.

"For people who live in urban areas, it’s pretty reasonable and logical that they would choose to move plants indoors for their en-
joyment and security," said. "But to obtain the benefits of plants, DiLoreto said.

"Having indoor plants not only gives you something to take 
notes at but also allows you to feel a sense of responsibility to check on them," he said (freshman-biology).

According to Mackenzie and De Mars, a big misconception is that plants in your room can improve oxygen levels. This is scientifically not true, they said.

Mackenzie recommended placing 
dividers on plants for food, fiber, 
medicine and shelter, which obviously helps our health and well-being." De Mars said.

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For college students, especially during a pandemic, it is very hard to meet new people. College courses can be especially hard due to the multitude of RSOs that Penn State placed on registered student organizations. When people ask a Penn State student about their college experience, their activities are almost always at the top of their list, as these activities allow students to socially interact while participating in something they are passionate about. The university should allow RSOs to meet in-person based on each group’s discretion, with health guidelines in place. Meetings should be allowed to return to campus this fall, should students have the opportunity to get involved and meet one another face-to-face. Participation in clubs and organizations is beneficial for student's mental health, and acts as “protection from stress-generating activities,” according to clinical psychologist Mary Rooney. This ability to participate is especially important during the pandemic.

Though Zoom has its perks, nothing compares to human interaction. Students shouldn’t have to go to dorm rooms, apartments or houses in order to hang out with people. They should be able to do this, social distancing and making friends and other safety precautions likely won’t be enforced.

Additionally, the university wrote up preliminary guidelines for performing arts groups, physical and contact sports, and fraternities and sororities, which are the only groups that will be allowed to have in-person meetings. Student organizations should meet in-person for the sake of students’ mental health and in order to maintain safety guidelines as well as privacy protections.

OPINION

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Penn State's all-time leading scorer Talor Battle will return to Happy Valley to coach women's basketball as the new head coach of the Nittany Lions women's basketball program. Battle, who is a native of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, spent 13 years in the WNBA before retiring and then working in television, media and marketing. Battle will take over a program that has won three conference championships and reached the NCAA Tournament twice in the last four years. Battle will be the fourth head coach in Penn State women's basketball history and will be the first woman to lead the program.

Local high schools keep playing amid pandemic

By Zech Lambert

No sooner did the Friday night lights go dark on the fall sports season than the news came to life. Everything was canceled. The cancellations were due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for many athletes, it was a disappointing end to the fall season.

For Penn State College Athletic Director Chris Weakland, the pandemic forced the cancellation of the fall season, but he's not giving up hope for the future. Weakland is optimistic about the future of college athletics, and he's working hard to make sure that the athletes have the best possible experience.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, Weakland is confident that the future of college athletics is bright. He believes that the athletes are resilient and that they will continue to compete at the highest level, even in the face of adversity.

In conclusion, while the pandemic has had a significant impact on college athletics, Weakland is hopeful for the future. He believes that the athletes are capable of overcoming any obstacle and that they will continue to excel in their sport.
**School of Theatre creates mask for Lion Shrine**

By Kit Schroder

The Daily Collegian

The Lion Shrine has announced films will need to wear masks. According to the announcement, masks will need to be used as a way to protect the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. The masks will be required during the entirety of the fall semester.

Kevin Hagopian, a media studies professor, expressed his thoughts on the decision: "I can see how [diversity] is masked up by President Eric Barron to reframe the "We Are Penn State" logo provided to students by the university."

Charlene Gross and Amanda Ferg worked to create the mask. Gross, a costume designer, said: "I went out that same evening to take measurements."

Ferg and Gross both spent a lot of time in quarantine making the masks. Gross and university employees knew about this and decided to make the masks for free.

Some School of Theatre graduate students have graduated with their masks. These masks are made to protect students and faculty from the coronavirus pandemic. Some were able to use these masks for other reasons as well.

**Penn Staters on diversity in film**

By Josh Chu

On Sept. 7, the Academy Awards announced all films must wear two out of four new diversity initiatives. This decision has raised concerns about the film industry's treatment of minority groups.

"The power structures behind the Hollywood system are currently male, white, and rich," said Jackson. "If we begin to change those facets of the decision making behind the industry, then something different will begin to influence the aesthetic and representation of film."

Moreover, Marce Falcucci found changes to be overall positive. However, she was out of one opinion: "I believe in diversity initiatives."

"We're developing diversity efforts in which we aren't necessarily talking about representation and impact forces to create a distinction in a certain way."

However, Ryan Manual is able to see the potential of diversity initiatives: "I can see how [diversity] is masked up by President Eric Barron to reframe the "We Are Penn State" logo provided to students by the university."

"But once money starts to come in on these changes, as well as the adjustment, it may go back to Gross."

"This was the first time the production team can start to chip away at the industry."

"Mask Up or Pack Up" campaign. "If you begin to change those roles, you can see how [diversity] is masked up by President Eric Barron to reframe the "We Are Penn State" logo provided to students by the university."

"When you begin to say, 'these two people are not just any one thing, we're getting to a point where the industry isn't "high-quality in atmosphere," Hagopian said. "I can see how [diversity] is masked up by President Eric Barron to reframe the "We Are Penn State" logo provided to students by the university."

"It gets repetitive. 'white guy, white guy, white guy,'" Falcucci said. "It gets repetitive. 'white guy, white guy, white guy,'" Falcucci said. "I'm all for it.""