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# PENN STATE

## Nittany Lions



No.	Name	Position/Elig.
1	KJ Hamler	WR/So.
2	Keaton Ellis	CB/Fr.
2	Donovan Johnson	CB/So.
3	Ricky Slade	RB/So.
4	Journey Brown	RB/So.
4	Ricky Slade	RB/Fr.
5	Tariq Castro-Fields	CB/Jr.
5	Jahan Dotson	WR/Jr.
6	Cam Brown	LB/Sr.
6	Justin Shorter	WR/So.
7	Jaquan Brisker	S/Jr.
7	Will Levis	QB/Fr.
8	John Dunmore	WR/Fr.
8	Marquis Wilson	CB/Fr.
9	Joey Porter Jr	CB/Fr.
9	Ta'Quan Roberson	QB/Fr.
10	Lance Dixon	LB/Fr.
10	TJ Jones	WR/Fr.
11	Daniel George	WR/Fr.
11	Micah Parsons	LB/So.
12	Brandon Smith	LB/Fr.
12	Mac Hippenhammer	WR/Jr.
13	Ellis Brooks	LB/So.
13	Michael Johnson Jr.	QB/Fr.
14	Sean Clifford	QB/So.
14	Zech McPhearson	CB/So.
15	Michael Shuster	QB/Jr.
17	Grayson Kline	TE/Fr.
17	Garrett Taylor	S/Sr.
18	Johnathan Holland	TE/Jr.
18	Shaka Toney	DE/Jr.
19	Trent Gordon	CB/Fr.
19	Isaac Rumery	QB/Fr.
20	Adisa Isaac	DE/Fr.
21	Noah Cain	RB/Fr.
21	Tyler Rudolph	S/Fr.
23	Weston Carr	WR/Fr.
24	DJ Brown	CB/So.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
25	Daequan Hardy	CB/Fr.
26	Jonathan Sutherland	S/So.
27	Aeneas Hawkins	DT/Fr.
28	Devyn Ford	RB/Fr.
28	Jayson Oweh	DE/Fr.
29	Henry Fessler	WR/Fr.
29	John Reid	CB/Sr.
31	Denver Light	LB/Fr.
32	Dylan Forranto	S/Fr.
34	Shane Simmons	DE/Jr.
35	Justin Neff	S/So.
36	Jan Johnson	LB/Sr.
36	Makai Self	CB/Fr.
37	Drew Hartlaub	S/So.
38	Lamont Wade	CB/Jr.
39	Frank Di Leo	LB/Jr.
40	Nick Eury	RB/Jr.
40	Jesse Luketa	LB/So.
42	Austin Sullivan	SN/Fr.
43	Trevor Baker	TE/So.
44	Joseph Appiah Darkwa	DT/Fr.
44	Cameron Pica	WR/So.
45	Charlie Katshir	LB/Fr.
46	Nick Tarburton	DE/Fr.
47	Tommy Friberg	TE/Fr.
48	CJ Holmes	S/So.
49	Daniel Joseph	DE/Jr.
50	Max Chizmar	LB/So.
50	Will Knutsson	OL/Fr.
51	Hakeem Beamon	DE/Fr.
51	Dalton Daddona	OL/Fr.
52	Blake Zalar	OL/Fr.
53	Fred Hansard	DT/So.
53	Rasheed Walker	OL/Fr.
54	Robert Windsor	DT/Fr.
55	Antonio Shelton	DT/Jr.
58	Evan Presta	DT/So.
59	Kaleb Kongius	OL/Fr.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
62	Michal Menet	OL/Jr.
63	Collin De Boef	OL/Fr.
65	Hudson Morris	OL/Fr.
68	Hunter Kelly	OL/Jr.
69	CJ Thorpe	OL/So.
70	Juice Scruggs	OL/Fr.
71	Will Fries	OL/Jr.
72	Bryce Effner	OL/Fr.
73	Mike Miranda	OL/So.
74	Steven Gonzalez	OL/Sr.
75	Des Holmes	OL/So.
76	Justin Kopko	OL/Fr.
77	Judge Culpepper	DT/Fr.
77	Sal Wormley	OL/Fr.
80	Justin Weller	WR/So.
81	Cam Sullivan-Brown	WR/So.
82	Zack Kuntz	TE/Fr.
83	Nick Bowers	TE/Sr.
84	Benjamin Wilson	WR/Jr.
85	Isaac Lutz	WR/Jr.
86	Daniel George	WR/Jr.
87	Pat Freiermuth	TE/So.
88	Dan Chisena	WR/Sr.
89	Colton Maxwell	WR/Jr.
90	Damion Barber	DT/So.
90	Rafael Checa	K/So.
91	Chris Stoll	SN/So.
92	Jake Pinegar	K/So.
93	Blake Gillikin	P/K/Sr.
93	PJ Mustipher	DT/Fr.
94	Joe Calcagno	SN/So.
95	Vlad Hilling	K/Fr.
97	Carson Landis	K/P/So.
98	Bradley King	P/So.
98	Dan Vasey	DL/LS/So.
98	Jordan Stout	K/P/So.
99	Yetur Gross-Matos	DE/Jr.
99	Justin Tobin	K/Jr.

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## Vandals



No.	Name	Position/Elig.
1	Jed Byers	WR/Fr.
1	Christian Elliss	LB/Jr.
2	Davontae Ginwright	DB/Sr.
2	Kevin McGuire	WR/Fr.
2	Michael Noil	WR/Fr.
3	Marquese Albert	RB/Fr.
4	Robert Miller	LB/Jr.
5	Lloyd Hightower	DB/Sr.
5	Nick Romano	RB/Fr.
6	Nikhil Nayar	QB/Fr.
6	Wyror Noil	DB/So.
7	Charles Akanno	LB/Jr.
7	Cutrell Haywood	WR/So.
8	Mason Petrino	QB/Sr.
8	Tre Walker	LB/So.
10	Coleman Johnson	LB/Fr.
10	Sean McCormick	WR/Fr.
11	Jalan Jenkins	LB/Jr.
11	DJ Lee	WR/So.
12	Connor Whitney	TE/So.
13	Jante Boston	WR/Sr.
13	Jordan Doyle	DB/Fr.
14	Kyrin Beacham	WR/Fr.
14	Tanner Brooks	LB/Fr.
15	Zach Borisch	DB/Fr.
15	Cade Coffey	K/Jr.
15	Carter Friesz	QB/Fr.
16	Nate Cisco	QB/Fr.
16	Jaxon Woodward	DB/Fr.
18	Kaleb Covington	WR/Fr.
18	David Eppinger	DB/Fr.
19	Tevin Duke	DB/Jr.
19	Colton Richardson	QB/Jr.
21	Kiahn Martinez	RB/Fr.
21	Christian Nash	DB/Fr.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
21	Ryan Swanson	DB/So.
22	Aundre Carter	RB/Jr.
22	Theo Griffin	DL/Jr.
23	Khalid Forehand	RB/Fr.
23	Mujeeb Rufai	RB/Fr.
24	Roshaun Johnson	DB/So.
24	Sully Shannon	LB/Fr.
25	Jalen Hoover	DB/Fr.
26	Jagger Jacobi	DB/Fr.
27	Tyrese Dedmon	DB/Jr.
28	Satchel Escalante	DB/Jr.
28	Dylan Thignpen	RB/Jr.
29	Sedrick Thomas	DB/Sr.
30	Ross Chadderdon	LB/Fr.
31	Talon Davis	LB/So.
32	Logan Kendall	TE/So.
32	D'Andrei Pittman	DB/Fr.
33	Michael Workman	WR/Fr.
34	Jack Bamis	RB/Sr.
34	Leonick Tamba	LB/Jr.
35	Kyle Perry	LB/So.
36	Drew Rice	FB/Fr.
37	Trae Nichols	DB/Jr.
38	Hunter Derize	WR/Fr.
40	Edward Becker	LB/Fr.
41	Dylan Deeler	DL/Jr.
42	Cameron Lang	LS/So.
43	Carlos Collado III	DL/So.
44	Andrew Pedersen	DB/Fr.
45	Kayode Rufai	DL/Jr.
46	Hogan Hatten	LB/Fr.
47	Luke Hyde	TE/Sr.
48	Hunter Chodorowski	RB/Fr.
49	Luke Johnson	FB/Jr.
50	Noah Gunn	OL/Fr.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
52	Sean Tulette	OL/Sr.
54	Christian Blackburn	LB/So.
54	Logan Floyd	OL/So.
55	Rashaan Crawford	DL/Jr.
60	DJ Luby	OL/Jr.
61	Bruce Burns	OL/Jr.
65	Luke Nemec	DL/Fr.
66	Conner Vrba	OL/Jr.
67	Kevin Eldredge	OL/Fr.
68	Seth Carnahan	OL/Fr.
69	Nick Woods	OL/Fr.
70	Josh Guzik	OL/Fr.
71	Edwin Grande	OL/Sr.
73	Darius Archie	OL/So.
74	Noah Johnson	OL/Sr.
75	Matthew Faupusa	OL/So.
76	Riley Straly	OL/So.
77	Brian Robinson	OL/Sr.
80	Hayden Hatten	TE/Fr.
81	Jack Shuster	TE/Fr.
83	Booker Bush	WR/Fr.
84	Bryson Lee	WR/Fr.
85	Daseau Puffer	WR/Fr.
86	Dalton Cash	TE/So.
87	William Campbell	WR/Fr.
88	Jeff Cotton	WR/Sr.
89	Alex Moore	WR/Fr.
91	Logan Prescott	K/Fr.
92	Correy Quinn	DL/Fr.
93	Cameron Townsend	DL/Sr.
94	Nate Degraw	DL/So.
95	Tanner Shattuck	K/Fr.
97	Vei Tomasi	DL/Jr.
98	Jonah Kim	DL/Jr.
99	Noah Ellis	DL/So.

# PSU optimistic about young offensive core

By Caleb Wilfinger  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Since the 2016 season, in which Penn State catapulted back into the national college football spotlight on the back of a storybook campaign, the Nittany Lions’ offense has been led by a group of veteran leaders who have provided a reliable and steady presence on the field.

For the last three years, Penn State has turned to its dependable playmakers in crucial situations. More often than not, these anchors on the offensive side of the ball have delivered when it mattered most.

However, heading into the 2019 season, James Franklin was forced to hit the reset button.

Gone are the days of Trace McSorley and Saquon Barkley sharing a backfield, and DaeSean Hamilton, Miles Sanders, Ryan Bates as well as other familiar faces on offense have now graduated or departed for the NFL.

In fact, the Nittany Lions might be relying on their defense more than their offense this season, which would be the opposite of what Penn State’s identity has been over the past couple of seasons.

While the vast majority of its offensive core has undergone sig-

nificant turnover, the head coach has his sights set on keeping Penn State relevant in the national picture after three consecutive seasons of consistent results from a team carried by upperclassmen.

“We probably have more question marks this year than we’ve had over the last couple years,” Franklin said.

“We are young, but we’re talented and this probably the fastest football team that I’ve been a part of. So we’re excited about having that speed and athleticism on the field.”

The elephant in the room throughout the spring and summer was who would land the starting quarterback job.

Redshirt sophomore Sean Clifford was given the nod last week, and he will need to produce immediately if he is to keep his place as the starter.

There could be some obstacles. Outside of the fact that Clifford has not started a game at the Division I level to this point, the redshirt sophomore has big shoes to fill.

Clifford is tasked with replacing one of the most decorated quarterbacks in program history, and he will have to do it with an offense that is largely unproven at the major skill positions.



Collegian file photo

**Ricky Slade (4)** runs the ball during warmups before the game against Rutgers at HighPoint.com Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018.

“Obviously as an offense we’re going to believe in Sean,” tight end Pat Freiermuth said.

“Sean is a great quarterback and we’re going to trust him to throw [the ball] wherever it needs to be.”

The Nittany Lions boast a talented stable of running backs, but they are an extremely young team in the backfield as well.

Ricky Slade is slated to be the first tailback on the field against

while Cain and Ford will take the field at Beaver Stadium for the first time during the regular season on Saturday.

Despite being just a true sophomore, Slade recognizes that he is the most experienced out of the bunch.

“Last year was definitely humbling because I had a lot to learn at this level,” Slade said. “Sitting behind Miles [Sanders] made me realize the importance of taking advantage of your opportunities when they are presented to you. I understand that feeling of getting acclimated [to the college game], but these guys are talented and I expect nothing but great things from them.”

The Nittany Lions do not exactly have a ton of experience anywhere else on offense.

In fact, the only players who have spent serious time at the remaining skill positions are KJ Hamler and Freiermuth, a true sophomore and a redshirt sophomore.

Outside of those two, Jahan Dotson, Justin Shorter, and the rest of the receiving core have little to no experience playing significant minutes at this level, all while being a clear target for the quarterback.

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# THE NEW QB1

*Sean Clifford will enter Beaver Stadium on Saturday for the first time as Penn State’s starting quarterback and a captain*

**By Dylan Jacobs**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

It may have seemed like an unlikely scenario at this time last year, but Penn State will head into its first game against Idaho with Sean Clifford as its starting quarterback.

Last Friday, Penn State announced that Clifford had won the starting quarterback battle over redshirt freshman Will Levis that had been going on all summer.

But even though being named Penn State’s starting quarterback is a tremendous honor, it wasn’t the most exciting thing to happen to him this week.

The Cincinnati native was named a captain for the 2019 season, a title that doesn’t come to most sophomores.

“That’s definitely the biggest accomplishment I’ve had at Penn State, maybe in my life,” Clifford said.

“It’s very humbling for me to be given that by my team. I respect every single person on this team.

“I’m very excited to be holding that role with the other seven captains,” Clifford continued. “We have a really good group and I’m excited for where we take it.”

The Daily Collegian spoke with Clifford’s high school coach, Steve Specht, back in April, and he knew that Clifford could be a leader.

“You can tell Sean was special from a leadership standpoint. He’s the only player I have ever coached that was a two-time captain...” Specht said.

“He’s just so charismatic. He has a unique ability to bring people together. The leadership aspect is probably what coach Franklin and his staff are seeing right now. When you lose a guy like McSorley, that’s tough. But Sean can pick up that slack that’s for sure.”

Last year he was a third-string quarterback, so he didn’t need to be a leader, but this past spring, he knew he had to step up.

“I felt it was my offense, or at



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**Sean Clifford (14)** runs the ball during the Blue-White game at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Blue team defeated the White team 21-10.

least I had a significant role in this offense ever since Tommy [Stevens] left if I’m being honest,” Clifford said.

“I felt that Tommy being the great leader that he was that I had to do something to step up and say something and I guess that was a big turning point for me.”

He may have stepped up as leader, he didn’t step into that starting role until last week, and a major factor in that decision by Franklin was the game-action that Clifford got last season.

Clifford played in four games last season, going 5-for-7 with 195 yards and two touchdowns.

“For us, very similar to when we named Trace [McSorley] the starting quarterback. The experience factored in,” Franklin said.

“You’ve got an older guy who

played in games, and really had competed like crazy and done everything that he needed to do from the time the season ended... But I think when it’s close like that, you’re always going to go with the older, more experienced player, and that’s really what Sean is and he has done a great job.”

Even though this is the only week that Clifford has come to practice as the starter, his mindset hasn’t changed throughout camp.

“It’s just another work week,” Clifford said. “People can say that I’m lying but it really is. It hasn’t changed since I got here.”

Clifford added: “It’s funny how you go through all these years, and I’ve always been saying ‘I’m preparing like a starter. I’m preparing like a starter.’ And then

when it finally happens it’s really cool.”

The redshirt sophomore has been inserted into the starting role probably earlier than he thought, but that doesn’t mean it surprised anyone.

Tight end Pat Friermuth knew that Clifford would be special right when they got to campus.

“Me and Sean obviously were at the threes to begin with, the fours, and just kind of throwing the ball with him,” Friermuth said.

“He had a perfect touch, and he threw it wherever it needed to be. And that’s probably when I realized, summer workouts when I first got here, he’s going to be a really good quarterback here and probably our next starter.”

Cornerback John Reid lines up against Clifford’s offense every

day at practice, so he has a strong understanding of what type of quarterback Clifford is.

It’s safe to say Reid has been impressed so far.

“Usually for a quarterback first stepping in, you’d expect him to make some kind of crazy throws or have some things like throwing late across the middle, some bad decisions, but he’s done a really good job of minimizing all those,” Reid said.

“You really haven’t seen them throughout camp. If a play is not there, sometimes he’s able to use his arm to get it in there, but if it’s not there, he’s making the right decision; he’s tucking or maybe he’s throwing the ball away or looking for a check-down.

“He’s really good at progression, and he’s also shown that he can move out of the pocket, also,” Reid continued. “He’s not just a stationary quarterback like people may think.”

An area of concern for him is his mobility, especially having to follow McSorley, where running was one of his strong suits.

But Specht knows that he has the potential to be just as good.

“He’s deceptively fast. He can make you miss...” Specht said. “He’s elusive and faster than you think. I saw too much of Sean creating with his legs for four years so I don’t buy that he couldn’t be a dual-threat guy.”

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**“He had a perfect touch and he threw it wherever it needed to be. That’s probably when I realized... he’s going to be really good.”**

**Pat Friermuth**  
Tight end

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**Quarterback Sean Clifford (14)** drops back to pass in the pocket during the Blue-White game at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

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# 2019 Big Ten Preview



## Ohio State

This season for the Buckeyes is out with the old and in with the new.

Urban Meyer is gone after seven seasons, ending one of the most successful coaching tenures in Ohio State history.

Now, in comes Ryan Day, a first-time head coach, taking over a team with high expectations.

Day has been with the team since 2017, and he takes over a team with a brand new quarterback.

Justin Fields was named the starting quarterback last week, and Penn State

fans know him very well.

The former five-star recruit was once a Penn State commit before he decommitted and went to Georgia.

After a season in Georgia, he transferred to Ohio State and will be immediately eligible.

He doesn't have much game experience, but he has plenty of potential and could keep the Buckeyes amongst college football's elite.

- Dylan Jacobs

## Nebraska



Quarterback Adrian Martinez is a Heisman candidate and arguably the best at his position in the Big Ten.

He can beat defenses in the air or on the ground -- last year Martinez rushed for eight touchdowns and racked up 17 more with his arm.

Nebraska will have to replace running back Devine Ozigbo who rushed for over 1000 yards and 12 touchdowns last season.

The Huskers came in at No. 24 in the preseason AP poll, but had a disappointing 2018 season, finishing above only Illinois in the Big Ten West.

Nebraska struggled on the road in the Big Ten as it put up a record of 0-5 in those games.

- Evan Patrick



## Michigan

Jim Harbaugh enters his fifth season as the head coach of his alma mater still without a Big Ten championship game appearance.

Michigan's defense should be a force to be reckoned with yet again under Don Brown, even after losing four players on that side of the ball to the NFL.

Senior QB Shea Patterson returns to the newly modernized offense ran by offensive coordinator and former Penn State assistant Josh Gattis.

But don't be surprised if Patterson isn't the only QB to see the field.

At Big Ten media day and throughout

the rest of the summer Harbaugh has said that he sees both Patterson and junior QB Dylan McCaffrey taking snaps in most games.

Donovan Peoples-Jones enters his junior season as the No. 1 option in the receiving corps and has the speed to burn some of the best defensive backs in the conference.

- Evan Patrick

## Michigan State



It wasn't pretty for Michigan State last season.

The Spartans grinded their way to seven wins with one of the best defenses in the nation along with one of the nation's least efficient offenses.

And this season the offense will once again determine the fate of the team.

New offensive coordinator Brad Salem has put a new offense in place, but the question is if that will be the change will be enough.

Michigan State also struggled ma-

jorly with injuries last season hurting an already hampered offensive attack.

A healthy Michigan State team with an average offense is dangerous, but those two questions marks are still big weights on the Spartans' shoulders.

- Ben Ferree



## Wisconsin

Wisconsin won't have much time to settle in before things get difficult.

The Badgers will look to amend a frustrating 2018 campaign with quarterback Jack Coan claiming the starting job after three-year starter Alex Hornibrook transferred to Florida State in the offseason.

It certainly won't be easy.

After games against USF and Central Michigan to open the season, the Badgers will host Michigan and Northwestern on consecutive weeks, before following that up with a showdown against Michigan State just two weeks later.

For Wisconsin, almost the entirety of its offense last season came from running

back Jonathan Taylor.

Taylor ran all over opposing defenses last season, racking up 2,254 total yards and 16 touchdowns en route to achieving the Doak Walker Award, the award for the best running back in all of college football.

With a relatively unproven quarterback at the helm, all signs point to Taylor shouldering the load once again as he looks to put himself on the same level as Ron Dayne, Montee Ball, Melvin Gordon and the other all-time great college running backs that have already left their mark on Wisconsin football.

-Caleb Wilfonger

## Iowa



After another strong start to the season, Iowa stumbled a bit in Big Ten play, before rallying to win its last three games and close out the 2018 season on a high note.

The Hawkeyes bring that momentum into this year and should feel confident in their chances to capture the Big Ten West crown and play for a Big Ten championship.

Much like last season, the Hawkeyes will go as far as quarterback Nate Stanley takes them.

The 6-4, 200-pound pro-style quarterback is on the preseason watch list for the Maxwell Award, and for good

reason. Stanley threw 26 touchdown passes last season and his 52 touchdown passes in two seasons rank as the best in school history over a two-year period.

Buoyed by a stout offensive line and a solid defensive line — led by standout defensive end A.J. Epenesa — Iowa should be optimistic about its chances this season.

- Caleb Wilfonger



## Indiana

For Indiana, the ideal scenario for this season is simple: Redshirt freshman quarterback Michael Penix settles in quickly and exceeds expectations, leading the Hoosiers and coach Tom Allen to his first bowl game since joining the program in 2017.

The problem is Indiana is facing an upward battle to get to that point.

The Hoosiers offense is largely young and inexperienced, and the defense is not much better.

In addition, the Big Ten East is a brutal division to win games that could make

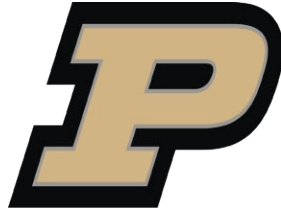
Indiana bowl eligible. The Hoosiers have road tests against Michigan State, Nebraska, Penn State and Purdue.

Indiana's home schedule is not much easier, as Ohio State comes to town in Week 3, before Northwestern and Michigan travel to Bloomington late in the season.

For the Hoosiers to get over that bowl game hump in Allen's third season, they will need a number of players at key positions to grow up fast.

- Caleb Wilfonger

## Purdue



Rondale Moore, Rondale Moore and Rondale Moore.

When bringing up Purdue it's hard to not mention the wide receiver.

Purdue's star receiver burst onto the college football scene as one of the most electric players in the country with his 114 receptions and 12 receiving touchdowns as a freshman last year.

Moore is back and is once again going to lead the Boilermakers offense, making them a threat to score on any play.

The big question for Purdue is going to be on the defensive side of the ball.

If its defense can take that next step, Purdue will improve on its back-to-back 6-6 campaigns and could be a program that could be taking the next step in the right direction.

The bad news for Purdue is that Ohio State doesn't visit this season.

- Ben Ferree



## Northwestern

After what many considered to be a surprising campaign in 2018, Northwestern will look to defend its Big Ten West crown and qualify for the Big Ten championship game for the second consecutive season in 2019.

The problem for the Wildcats is that they have a brutal schedule, with trips to Wisconsin and Nebraska leading their way into October, and home clashes with Michigan State and Ohio State that will prove to be difficult.

However, Northwestern does end the

season with games against Indiana, Purdue, Minnesota and Illinois, a schedule that could result in the Wildcats making a late run at a division championship, much like last season.

The path for Pat Fitzgerald's group isn't easy, but as last season proved, Northwestern will find a way to win football games.

- Caleb Wilfonger

## Minnesota



Tyler Johnson is the guy when talking about this Minnesota team.

Johnson finished second in the Big Ten in receiving yards only behind Purdue standout Rondale Moore. Johnson broke a number of single season school records after last year's campaign, and will look to lead the offense alongside running back Mohamed Ibrahim.

Despite having one of the conference's best receivers, the Gophers still ranked below nine other teams in

total passing yards last year. Ibrahim ranked fourth among running backs in rushing last season, so the offense has talent at key skill positions, but quarterback is where there are concerns.

Zack Annexstad is out indefinitely with a foot injury and redshirt sophomore Tanner Morgan will start after starting the last six games of the 2018 season when Annexstad began dealing with injuries.

- Evan Patrick

### BIG Championship Predictions

Dylan Jacobs - Ohio State over Nebraska  
 Caleb Wilfonger - Ohio State over Iowa  
 Benjamin Ferree - Ohio State over Iowa  
 Evan Patrick - Michigan over Iowa

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**Over/under:** 58.5

PLAYERS  
TO WATCH

Penn State:  
Sean Clifford

The Sean Clifford era starts now. The redshirt sophomore will make his first career start in a Penn State uniform against the Vandals on Saturday. All eyes will be on Clifford from the moment Penn State takes the field.

Penn State:  
Micah Parsons

Despite not starting, Micah Parsons led Penn State in tackles in 2018. The sophomore has already been tagged as the next great Penn State linebacker, and his role is set to expand in the upcoming season.

BY THE  
NUMBERS

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Penn State averaged 33.8 points per game last season, a campaign that saw the Nittany Lions finish 9-4.

5.7

New starting RB Ricky Slade enters this season averaging 5.7 yards per carry in his first season.

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This week's starting tight end will be Pat Freiermuth, who grabbed eight touchdowns last season.

39

Redshirt senior cornerback John Reid will be playing in his 39th career game at Penn State on Saturday.

Dylan Jacobs



**What to watch for:** I'm interested in seeing how Franklin handles his running backs. Ricky Slade will get the first crack, but will it be a comittee with the likes of Journey Brown and Noah Cain? Regardless, everyone will get playing time as Penn State should have no problem running away with this one.

Score: Penn State 45, Idaho 10



AP file photo

Idaho head coach Paul Petrino stands on the sideline with his players during the 2015 season.

What to expect from Idaho?

By Benjamin Ferree  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

When Penn State returns to Beaver Stadium on Saturday to open its 2019 season, it will take the field against an FCS opponent for the first time since 2011.

This matchup against Idaho will be the first meeting ever between the two programs, but Idaho is no normal FCS team.

The Vandals come from a state that is more known for its potatoes than its football, but the Idaho program has had a roller-coaster ride the past few seasons making it one of the most interesting programs in college football.

In 2016, Idaho recorded its best season in the history of the program, reaching nine wins for the first time. Idaho started its football program in 1917.

But it did it fighting through adversity the whole time.

On March 1, 2016, the Sun Belt announced it was dropping its two newest members, Idaho and New Mexico State after the 2017 season.

With both programs struggling to be competitive in one of college football's weakest conferences, the FBS no longer had a spot for Idaho.

The Vandals were lost and everything that coach Paul Petrino, younger brother of Bobby Petrino, had built since taking over in 2013 was at risk of collapsing.

According to a Sports Illus-

trated article profiling the Idaho program in 2017, when Petrino took over the program in 2013, there were no linebackers on the roster, no running backs on scholarship and the offensive line held team meetings in racquetball courts.

That season Idaho lost by 24 points to Arkansas State and were beaten 80-14 by Jameis Winston and Florida State.

But Idaho put all of the history behind them and played its heart out in 2016. The Vandals recorded their program record ninth victory of the season with a thrilling 61-50 win over Colorado State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

A fitting storybook ending in its home state for a program that won a combined five games from 2011-14. But this wasn't the first time Idaho found themselves without a conference.

Idaho was a founding football member of the Sun Belt as the conference added the sport in 2001. The Vandals left the Sun Belt conference for a more appropriate geographical conference in 2005 as they went to the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).

And this is where Idaho found its home until the WAC stopped sponsoring football after the 2012 season. And once again Idaho was without a conference.

The 2013 season was one that saw Idaho play as an independent before eventually rejoining the Sun Belt in 2014. In 2017, the Vandals' last season in the FBS, they weren't so successful, only reaching the four-win mark and

were unable to make a statement before dropping to the FCS.

The decision to drop to the FCS level by Idaho was the first one since 1982 that didn't involve the NCAA forcing the move to happen.

The University of Idaho is located in Moscow, Idaho, a small town of around 24,000 people located in the northwest corner of the state was devastated.

But now a few years later, Idaho still has a home in the Big Sky conference, a conference that fits the school geographically and realistically gives the Vandals more of a chance to be competitive.

But last year, its first season in the FCS, Idaho wasn't very competitive.

The 2016 season was a long distant memory as the Vandals struggled to a 4-7 record including a season ending 63-10 loss on the road in the program's last action against an FBS team.

Now, Idaho is entering its second season in the FCS and starts its season with a trip to Beaver Stadium, an environment a little different than the Kibbie Dome, Idaho's home stadium that has a capacity of 16,000 people and more resembles Houlba Hall than Beaver Stadium.

But this doesn't mean Penn State and James Franklin are taking the Vandals lightly, especially after last season's opening game against Appalachian State.

"This is going to be, obviously, an important week of prep for us, and then go out and play well on

Saturday and build confidence," Franklin said.

According to Franklin, Idaho will run a very common spread offense, but the Vandals won't be afraid to pound the ball in short situations.

The stars on the offensive side of the ball for the Vandals are wide receiver duo Jeff Cotton and Cutrell Haywood who combined for 100 receptions and 13 touchdowns last season.

The pair should be able to test Penn State's relatively young secondary and give them some valuable college football experience.

"I would say the fact their quarterback is able to keep plays alive a lot. He's able to really move outside, and their receivers, they work. They work really hard," cornerback John Reid said. "They have really good concepts and run routes that allow them to get open. And they have guys with strong hands that are able to make plays."

On defense, Franklin pointed out defensive tackle Rahsaan Crawford as a player to watch. Crawford had 20 tackles from the interior last season. Overall, Idaho is meant to be a tune-up game for Penn State and one that was never meant to be challenging.

The Nittany Lions are overwhelming favorites heading into Saturday's matchup as they should be, but Idaho is a program that is just different than most around the country.

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The numbers behind PSU's season openers

By Benjamin Ferree  
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On Saturday, Penn State will run out of the tunnel of Beaver Stadium for the first time in 2019 with 100,000-plus fans screaming and yelling, but for them that might be the most exciting part of the day.

Or the tailgating before the game or just being back in State College for a weekend.

It's safe to say the opening game for Penn State each season isn't really remembered for the game itself.

The Nittany Lions start their home campaign against FCS opponent Idaho on Saturday and it appears another dull season opener is in the works for Penn State.

Penn State is 16-4 in the past 20 years in its opening game and have won 14 of its last 15 season opening games played in Beaver Stadium.

With the 2018 season opener against Appalachian State as a

big outlier, most of the Nittany Lions' season opening games in the past 20 haven't been that thrilling.

Penn State averages a margin of victory of 25.4 points in its season openers in the past 20 seasons. The Nittany Lions average 32.6 points per game while its opponents average only 16.2.

So, who exactly has Penn State been playing in these 20 years to dominate opponents like this?

Well they've played Akron, a lot. The Zips have been Penn State's season opening opponent four times in the past 20 seasons, good for 20 percent of the games.

Penn State has handled Akron with relative ease each time, winning all four games by an average of 33 points. Penn State has only played two other teams twice in that span, Temple and UCF.

Thirteen of Penn State's past 20 season openers have been played against Group of Five teams.

The Nittany Lions are 11-2 in these games. The losses were to Temple in 2015 and Ohio in 2012, which is Penn State's only season

opening loss at Beaver Stadium since 2001 when the Nittany Lions were dominated by then No. 2 Miami. The Nittany Lions have only opened the season with three FCS opponents in the past 20 years. Penn State has dominated in these games outscoring opponents 151-31.

In the past 20 years, Penn State has only opened the season with four teams in a Power Five conference and since 2002, Syracuse has been the only Power Five team the Nittany Lions have opened their season with.

For three straight years, from 1999-2001, Penn State opened the season with Arizona, USC and Miami.

In the past 20 years, 18 of Penn State's opening games have been played in the friendly confines of Beaver Stadium. The exception was the 2014 and 2015 season.

In 2014, Penn State was victorious over UCF on a last second field goal in Dublin.

The 2015 season opener was not as much of a pleasant mem-

ory for Penn State as the Nittany Lions were dominated at Lincoln Financial Field against Temple for the Owl's first win over Penn State in 74 years.

This is the last time Penn State lost a season opening game. Penn State's run of three straight season opening victories is a lowly one compared to its streaks in the past.

The longest recent streak was from 2002-11 where the Nittany Lions won 10 straight opening games, all of which were played at Beaver Stadium.

To find Penn State's longest unbeaten streak to open the season, you have to back a while. The Nittany Lions were unbeaten in season opening games from 1909-1930. They tied the opener in 1918 and broke the streak in 1931 with a 7-0 loss against Waynesburg.

This season Penn State will welcome another FCS opponent to open its season and it is a rare matchup.

Visit [collegian.psu.edu](http://collegian.psu.edu) to read the full story.

Caleb Wilfinger



**What to watch for:** Sean Clifford will kick off his career as a starting quarterback with a bang. Idaho is not nearly athletic enough to pose any serious problems for a strong Nittany Lions' defense, and it's hard to see the Vandals keeping up with Clifford and the rest of Penn State's talented offense.

Score: Penn State 48, Idaho 10

Ben Ferree



**What to watch for:** If Penn State's defense has a weak link, it would be its secondary. Idaho returns a pair of proven recievers in Jeff Cotton and Cutrell Haywood that have potential to test the secondary and give valuable experience to some of the newer faces at the cornerback position.

Score: Penn State 51, Idaho 10

Evan Patrick



**What to watch for:** KJ Hamler is the lone proven receiver in Penn State's offense. Sean Clifford will need more dependable targets in order to succeed as a first-year starting quarterback. I expect Jahan Dotson and Justin Shorter to be targeted early and often.

Score: Penn State 55, Idaho 6

Guest Picker:  
Shane Connelly



**What to watch for:** The defensive front will be a major strength for the Nittany Lions all season long and I am expecting the front seven to start the campaign with an emphatic performance at Beaver Stadium. Look for at least one defensive touchdown on Saturday.

Score: Penn State 56, Idaho 3





Courtesy of Pierre Lidar

# ‘Through an African American Lens’

*New series hosted by the Center for the Performing Arts will feature various African American experiences through music, theater, and dance*

By **Becky Marcinko**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

After curating a season of events, The Center for the Performing Arts realized the commonalities between the artists and used the opportunity to utilize these performances to highlight the sometimes lesser-told stories of African Americans. “The American Experience: Through an African American Lens” will run throughout the 2019-20 school year.

“We have always placed an emphasis on perspectives and views that perhaps, but this isn’t universally true of course, some Penn State students might not have ever had any exposure to or known about,” Amy Dupain Vashaw, the director of audience and program development for CPA, said.

Vashaw also said the theme is essential to building empathy and creating representation at Penn State. Throughout the year, eight different performances will highlight different artists and their perspectives on the theme of the African American experience.

“Each of the stories are very powerful and slightly different, just like the African American experience is in this country,” Vashaw said.

The series will open with Imani Winds and Catalyst Quartet on Sept. 18, which will feature a new piece of work titled “(im)migration: music of change.” On Sept. 26, Maceo Parker and the Maceo Parker Big Band will bring funk to State College.

“[Maceo Parker] played with James Brown, the P-Funk Allstars, and George Clinton. He’s kind of been all over and is super funky. Hearing the history of funk through his lens is important,” Vashaw said.

The 100th anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance, which brought African-American art and poetry into the spotlight, will be celebrated through choreography to Langston Hughes poetry. Mwenso and the Shakes with Brianna Thomas, Michela Marino Lerman and Vuyo Sotashe will take the stage on Oct. 22 for an event titled

“Harlem 100: Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance.”

This spring, Step Afrika!, a highly ranked and the first professional step dancing company, is premiering the show “Drumfolk,” which is based on an 18th century conflict between slave owners and slaves.

“The slave owners felt the slaves gained too much power. They knew how to read and write and they had drums through which they had developed a method of communication. So, there was an uprising and a new act was put into place where all of the slaves’ writing and drums were taken away,” Vashaw said.

The act led the slaves to adopt a body language for communication, and “Drumfolk,” will explore this story.

The series will also present the Dance Theater of Harlem’s 50th Anniversary Tour, Lizz Wright, Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis in “Masters of Form: From Mingus to Monk,” and “The Color Purple.”

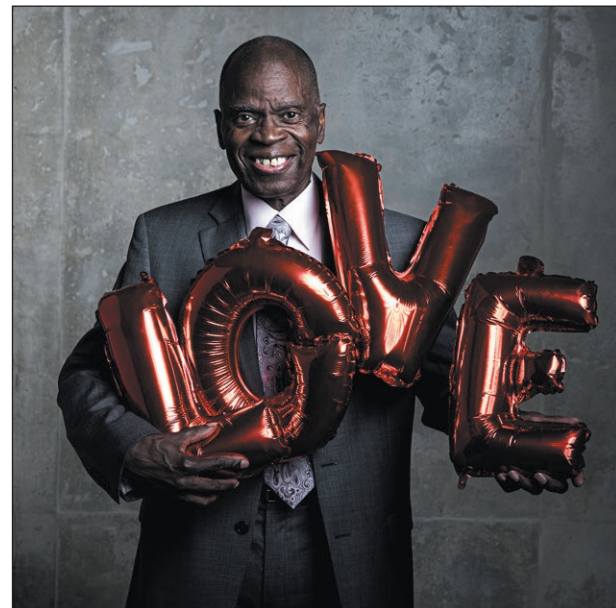
“[The Color Purple] is my favorite musical of all time. It’s very devastating, but also uplifting. What a way to end this series, because it really is a quintessential story of African American life in this country,” Vashaw said.

George Trudeau, the director of the Center for the Performing Arts, said he hopes the series helps students and members of the community to reach a more complete understanding of the lives’ of others. Artists will also be available to engage with audiences to continue the conversations started through the performances.

“I think in general we believe at the [CPA] that it is part of our mission to provide opportunities to learn and understand each other through the work of artists,” Trudeau said.

Moreover, he said he would like students to attend as many events as possible to see a diverse version of the African American Experience.

“I would like students to know that a quarter to a third



Courtesy of Boris Breuer

Maceo Parker poses for a photo with balloons.

of our audiences are Penn State students. I think sometimes they imagine there might not be many students there. We are very welcoming to students,” Trudeau said.

Students active in the Penn State performing arts scene like, Dylan Winick, are eager to see what the series brings to campus.

“Anything that can help educate people about other people’s perspectives makes Penn State a better place for everyone,” Winick (junior-security and risk analysis) said.

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The Centre County Courthouse is located in Bellefonte, Pa.

## Judge dismisses some claims against Beta Theta Pi brothers

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United States District Judge Matthew Brann has dismissed some claims alleged against former Beta Theta Pi brothers in the civil lawsuit filed by Timothy Piazza’s parents, according to court documents filed on Tuesday.

The majority of claims dismissed were counts of negligence. Despite the dismissals, all 28 brothers originally named in Jim and Evelyn Piazza’s lawsuit still face at least one count against them.

On Jan. 31, the Piazzas filed a 14-count complaint against 28 former brothers nearly two

years after their 19-year-old son’s death.

Timothy Piazza died on Feb. 4, 2017 after an alcohol-fueled bid-acceptance night at the now-banned Beta Theta Pi fraternity, in which the sophomore pledge consumed at least 18 drinks in 82 minutes and fell down the fraternity’s stairs. Brothers waited hours before calling for help.

The Piazzas alleged six counts of negligence, six counts of battery, one count of civil conspiracy and one count of intentional infliction of emotional distress against the former brothers.

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## Getting involved on campus with the LGBTQ community

By **Melissa Manno**  
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Almost all students deal with worries when leaving their hometowns behind and beginning a new chapter at a massive institution like Penn State.

Many members of the LGBTQ community are especially vulnerable to these anxieties, as worries can be heightened by the concern of acceptance and inclusivity.

Often, the best way for a student to begin to feel comfortable on campus is to find a social group. However, for some new students, this can be extremely difficult for due to Penn State’s massive student body.

“My biggest concern for this year was finding a social group,” Jake Lang (freshman-meteorology) said. “It’s difficult at the beginning to find people because it’s so much to work through with classes and social life.”

A popular way for students to find their niche and meet like-minded individuals is by joining clubs and attending events on campus. There are many groups and student-run clubs on campus that keep students engaged and give them a social outlet, especially for LGBTQ students.

Penn State has a plethora of resources that seek to foster an inclusive community for LGBTQ students.

### Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (CSGD)

The CSGD operates as a primary resource for LGBTQ students regarding educational and emotional support, advocacy on campus, professional opportunities, student programs, informational workshops, advising and more.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 101 Boucke Building.

### LGBTQ Roundtable

An important part of making LGBTQ students feel comfortable at a large university is making sure they are included in the conversations.

LGBTQ Student Roundtable is an opportunity for students to participate in civic engagement. It also operates as an umbrella organization for other LGBTQ resources on campus.

### ALLY House

Planning ahead for upcoming semesters can help to ease a student’s anxieties. ALLY House is a special living option for LGBTQ students that fosters an LGBTQ-friendly community, and also provides academic and emotional support.

### Queer Peers

This group’s slogan is “Belong. Be informed. Graduate.” Queer Peers is an opportunity for first year, transfer or change-of-campus students to participate in various events and programs that will help their transition to Penn State be more comfortable.

### Clothing Transit

This is an opportunity for LGBTQ students to swap clothing and accessories free of cost.

Clothing Transit also hosts variety of academic groups and opportunities with the purpose of representing LGBTQ students in their field of study and helping them further their aspirations.

Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

This student organization is dedicated to LGBTQ students’ success in their academics — promoting professional development and providing career resources.

### Out & Allies in Business

This organization’s mission is to promote inclusivity within the college, while also connecting students with a range of employers that prioritize diversity in the workplace.

### OutLaw

LGBTQ students seeking a degree in Penn State Law can take advantage of this organization, which creates an educational forum to open up discussions on identity. OutLaw aims to inform members and the community on legal issues facing the LGBTQ community.

### Queer and Transgender People of Color

This organization offers queer and transgender people of color an open environment to talk freely and use their voices for advocacy on campus.



## HE WAS A SK8ER BOI



**Brian Michigan (freshman-meteorology)** skateboards by Old Main on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

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## LGBTQ

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### Sexuality and gender studies minor

The College of Liberal Arts offers this undergraduate minor for students who wish to study human sexuality and gender. Required courses in the minor may also be of interest — whether or not a student is seeking the minor — as they cover topics such as sexuality, gender, identity, culture and societal norms.

### LGBTQ Service Experience

Offered by the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, this service experience allows LGBTQ students to go on a service trip with the intention to promote the significance of service and inspire educational and personal growth.

More information regarding the trip will be available in the upcoming weeks.

### Opulence

Opulence, Penn State's premiere drag ambassador club, is one of the most well-known LGBTQ organizations on campus. This club fosters a community for students interested in drag, while also engaging in advocacy and planning various drag shows each semester.

"It so much more of a family than a club," Seneca Hill,

Opulence president, said. Hill (senior-animal science) has found a sense of belonging within it.

"When being at a large university, there's a lot of pressure to fit into the norms, you don't see a lot of people out and about that are like you, so you think if you want friends you need to fall into that," Hill said. "This club has changed my entire experience and I've found people like me that accept me the way I am."

### Prism

With a new school year, comes a new year of fundraising and planning for the country's largest student-run philanthropic event, THON.

THON is an alle way for many students to find social groups and community.

Prism Benefiting THON is an LGBTQ-based THON organization that prioritizes a safe and inclusive environment while fundraising for the Four Diamonds fund.

### LGBTQ Listserv

The LGBTQ listserv allows students to stay up to date with events, programs, and opportunities on campus.

Students can join by visiting the website for the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity.

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# State College remembers MLK

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Fifty-six years ago Wednesday, a minister from Georgia gave a speech in front of a quarter million people. The year was 1963 and the backdrop for the speech was the Lincoln Monument — exactly a century after slaves were freed in the United States.

The speech, given by Martin

Luther King Jr., called for an end to racism and prejudice in all forms, and King detailed his hopes for the future.

Fast forward to Wednesday, when the March on Washington and Dr. King were commemorated in downtown State College at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza.

The event began with remarks from AnneMarie Mingo, an

assistant professor of African American studies. Mingo detailed how King's favorite singer Mahalia Jackson told King at the podium to, "Tell them about the dream."

Further, it was explained how the State College planning committee that helped create the Plaza on Fraser Street was inspired by the imagery in King's speech. The planning committee incorpo-

rated this imagery into the landscape of the plaza.

"You'll notice [the monument] goes up and down as if the hills and the valleys and the mountains," Mingo said.

Following music by Gabriel Green — a Penn State graduate student in African and Diaspora Studies — Amy Freeman recited original poetry reflecting the march and the fight for equal rights.

Freeman, the director of the Penn State Millennium Scholars Program, made several allusions to both past events and issues that still plague African Americans today.

"We have been conditioned to accept the silence. The slights. The occasional slaughter. The gated opportunities," Freeman said. "Where everybody does not mean all. And we the people does not necessary include us."

Charles Dumas, a professor emeritus of theatre at Penn State, took part in the March on Washington in 1963.

He discussed his experience as a participant in the march and the fears that many had. However, Dumas explained that soon after arriving, many of the marchers soon replaced all feelings of fear with feelings of joy and pure elation.

Dumas detailed how he sat near the Reflecting Pool to stick his feet in the water. Because

it was before the dawn of Jumbotron, or color TVs for that matter, it remained difficult for spectators to see the podium. Luckily, though, Dumas said everybody could still hear the speakers, especially King. Dumas recounted King's low, powerful tone and how it managed to bring every participant to their feet.

After the speakers talked, Oyindamola Adetola, the treasurer of Black Caucus, discussed the importance of activism in today's society.

"Today, we tend to be more relaxed. 'We got so far, we are kind of fine here — let's just stop,'" Adetola (junior — immunology and biobehavioral health) said. "It doesn't stop there. We got to keep going. Activism is just as important as it was then as it is now — even more so."

Other students in attendance, like Damian Archer, shared similar views on how imperative activism is today. "I think activism is really important," Archer (junior-earth science and policy) said. "Some aspects [of activism] could be more important."

Harsh Pandey echoed the sentiment of fellow students.

"I think activism in any point in time is very important," Pandey (senior-computative mathematics and economics) said. "It is activism that changes."

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**Doctor AnneMarie Mingo, assistant professor of African American Studies at Penn State,** speaks at the March on Washington Celebration in the Martin Luther King Plaza on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

# Freshmen: Your guide to THON 2019

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As the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, THON is a defining event at Penn State and one of the most popular ways to get involved on campus.

The 46-hour event brings thousands of Penn State students, alumni and others together to help raise money for pediatric cancer.

Since 1977, THON has raised more than \$157 million for Four Diamonds, a non-profit organization based out of Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. These funds help cover costs for cancer patients and their families, and also fund research and experimentation.

THON has numerous avenues to bring driven students together to help fundraise and support families.

THON outreach coordinators Brighton Wang and Jackson Brown offered advice for those who aren't involved but interested in joining THON.

Brown (senior-aerospace engineering) explained the difference between THON special interest organizations and committees — the two main ways students can get involved with THON.

"Organizations fundraise for THON and committees more so operate THON," he said. "There are 11 committees that you are able to fill out a short application for."

Stephen Polacheck spent his first three years at Penn State in the OPPerations committee. With over 700 members, OPP is THON's largest committee that focuses on the assembly and

cleanup of the weekend-long event.

Now, Polacheck (senior-applied data science) has moved into the captain position, holding the title of supply coordinator operations captain.

Brown said applications for committee members will be released on Monday, Sep. 9 and will close on Friday, Sep. 20. These applications will be available online at [think.thon.org](http://think.thon.org), where committee member descriptions are also located for more details about the different committees.

After joining a committee, Brown said his involvement in THON is very rewarding.

"You're giving joy to someone else and making someone else smile, to change a child or a child's family," Brown said.

Wang (senior-public relations) added that THON has introduced him to some of his best friends.

"I've made lifelong friends in my committee," Wang said. "It's so easy to find a home at Penn State in THON, it is just such an inclusive environment."

Wang and Brown said to reach out to [outreach@thon.org](mailto:outreach@thon.org) with any questions or concerns about committee sign ups.

On the fundraising side of THON, Natalie Sommer is involved in the THON organization Apollo. Sommer (sophomore-industrial engineering) said the idea of joining a THON organization simply came to her while scrolling through the list of Penn State clubs online with her roommate and picking the first org she saw.

Now on her second year of participating in the org, she is happy with her quick decision.

"Everybody in Apollo was

super welcoming [from the] start, which made me feel good about getting involved," she said.

A complete list of THON organizations can be found on Penn State's club directory website. Other popular THON organizations students can join include Atlas, Tetra, Ohana, Prism, Impact and Springfield.

If students want to get involved in THON but don't wish to join THON-specific groups, they can join groups like the Penn State Filipino Association and the Puerto Rican Student Association.

"No matter what organization it is, it's all for a good cause and such an amazing experience," Sommer said.

Amanda Clark is not in a special interest organization herself, but said she gets involved in THON fundraising through the Student Society of Architectural Engineers.

"You don't have to join a huge organization to help out, you can also stay small and [choose] something close to your major," Clark (junior-architectural engineering) said.

Clark said she hasn't had too much experience with THON, but has other friends who

are more involved with in her club.

"I kind of get the out-skirts energy of THON which is still enjoyable," Clark said.

This "out-skirts" energy of THON is felt through



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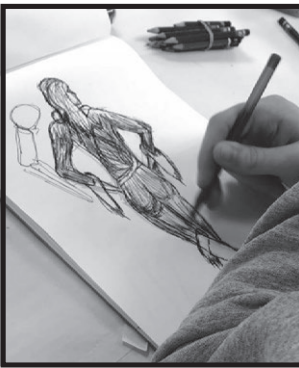
**Kimberly Bender, 6, a Four Diamonds Child,** plays with a balloon on the dance floor during THON at the Bryce Jordan Center on Feb. 16.

State College almost all year, with continuous preparation and events such as the "100 days until THON" to build THON excitement.

"I would suggest getting involved, it is a super easy way to

meet a ton of people and develop leadership roles," Polacheck said. "You are a part of something bigger than yourself."

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# Democrats divided, stand no chance against incumbent

The dynamics between the current presidential candidates are hard to describe, considering there are currently about 20 Democratic candidates, and at least two Republicans looking to take their party’s nomination from Trump. Many voters may have a skewed perception of the status of candidates. Particularly regarding college-aged students, many of us obtain information about candidates heavily from social media. The most-publicized candidates are often ones whose names have already been recognizable for years now, such as former Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Bernie Sanders. As far as the Democratic Party is concerned, it seems to have its attention divided between too many candi-

OUR VIEW

## Democrats are only harming themselves by presenting a large pool of candidates.

dates — and it’s doing the party more harm than good. While many Democratic candidates are running to promote specific platforms, such as Andrew Yang for universal basic income and Julian Castro for immigration, there will only be one person selected by citizens — who care about multiple issues — for the Democratic Party’s nomination. If Democrats are divided over twenty-some candidates, they are much less likely to select one person who can stand a chance against an incumbent. This could lead more undecided voters to choose a candidate without fully understanding

their goals. When trying to understand the tens of Democratic candidates currently attempting to represent one party, the Republican Party’s message looks easier to digest now than ever. Some candidates running seem to be taking advantage of the presidential race to share their own personal platforms. Though they’d never admit it, many of these candidates must be aware that in reality, they don’t stand a chance at winning. But they enter the race in hopes of growing their audiences, potentially neglecting the fact that the country’s end goal is to elect a president they

can count on. Leading up to the election, many voters are also not particularly well-informed about politics. Presidential elections are about popularity — people will vote for the names they are the most familiar with, without looking into their policies. Further, some of these candidates may align with more polarizing views, potentially leaving less consideration for voters toward more centrist candidates from both parties. However, while there are almost too many Democratic candidates to reasonably keep track of, some may see it as an advantage because there are more candidates to

choose from who likely offer differing stances. The real issue at hand — regardless of how one looks at the situation — will then be the compromise the party needs to make to find a single, reliable nominee. For those who can’t quite pinpoint which candidate’s views align most with their own, voters have the ability to consult multiple tools online to narrow their selections down. One particular method could be to take an online quiz, on websites such as isidewith.com, to identify a person’s political beliefs to project which candidates they might be most inclined to vote for come next November. We can’t wait until 2020 for change — if citizens are dissatisfied with the country’s current political climate, researching candidates now and contributing to the conversation is imperative.

MY VIEW | Madeline Messa

## Lawsuits on misconduct test Penn State’s ethics

The semester is off to a brash start for the university as accusations arise against it. While Penn State is likely tempted to defend itself, it may be in the wrong to do so when it comes to these ongoing lawsuits. Lawsuits concerning a student claiming bias during his hearing against a professor and James Franklin allegedly having injured football players cleared early challenge Penn State to respond ethically. An international student, anonymously identified as John Doe, filed a court complaint after he believes he was unfairly treated in a student conduct hearing following a disagreement with law professor Jud Mathews. Doe worked as a research assistant for the professor in summer 2018 and claims he was instructed to fabricate information and sources to save time. Mathews submitted a student misconduct form when Doe ended their working relationship. According to the student, Mathews threw a pen at him and threatened to maim his chances with



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future employers. The suit gets even more turbulent as it goes on to reference supposedly private phone calls with CAPS that may have been shared, and anonymous text messages sent to the professor from his own area code. It is relatively easy for a university with money and lawyers to defend one of their own, but is it the right thing to do? If the student’s claims have any ground, there should be consequences for the professor rather than the student. As someone who should have a clear understanding of laws, a law professor should never falsify information or make up citations to meet a deadline. If Doe had obliged and been caught, he’d have faced expulsion and legal reprimand. It would be unethical for Penn State to side with Mathews if he did tell Doe to edit research. This is the second lawsuit in recent months brought about by students against Penn State. On August 21, an unnamed student dropped his suit alleging bias in a sexual assault

investigation concerning him. While Penn State has the upper hand in terms of money and power if it chooses to defend Mathews, it will perhaps have a more demanding trial ahead. Yet another lawsuit was filed on August 23. The Nittany Lions’ former football team doctor, Scott Lynch said Penn State fired him after he blew the whistle on coach James Franklin allegedly interfering with his medical work. No examples were given, but Lynch said Franklin abused his influence and repeatedly urged the early clearance of injured players so they would have more time on the field and off the bench. Penn State refutes Lynch’s accusation that he was fired to avoid a scandal, claiming in a statement that leadership positions were altered “with the best interest of student-athletes in mind.” If Penn State does have the players’ best interests in mind, it should explore

the basis of Lynch’s accusations. A survey released in June by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association confirms some college coaches deem their team doctors irrelevant by using their authority to override medical decisions. The NATA survey found “only half of collegiate-level sports programs follow [the] medical model of care for student athletes” and 19 percent of athletic trainers reported coaches playing athletes who were “medically ineligible for participation.” Whether Lynch was terminated to avoid publicity or if Penn State truly did want a transition in its athletic program is another ordeal. These lawsuits are a way for Penn State to show where it stands. The university can take the moral high ground and show it sincerely does prioritize its students, or it can disregard ethics and employ its legal team to wipe its hands clean. Madeline Messa is a senior majoring in print and digital journalism and is a columnist for The Daily Collegian. Email her at [mgm5413@psu.edu](mailto:mgm5413@psu.edu) or follow her on Twitter at [@madeline\\_messa](https://twitter.com/madeline_messa).



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## BUYING IN

*At different stages in their searches for success, Penn State men's and women's soccer programs have relied on philosophy to guide the way*



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**Midfielder Frankie Tagliaferri** dribbles with the ball during a game against Ohio State.

**By Jake Aferiat**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

It seems unfair and almost disingenuous to boil the success of a program like

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Erica Dambach's down to three simple, cookie-cutter phrases.

To do that seemingly takes the nuance and the allure out of a team which has won nine Big Ten championships and one NCAA title in Dambach's 13 seasons at the helm — and the skill it takes to accomplish those feats.

And yet Dambach has no problem sharing those three phrases that she believes have been integral to her success thus far at Penn State: attitude of a champion, blue collar and united family.

Dambach knows on their own, they're just words without much meaning or gravity or importance behind them.

But when put into practice, those three phrases instead become pillars and guiding principles for Dambach and her squad to abide by.

"Obviously those are words, but it's got to become a living, breathing part of your culture," Dambach said.

By her own admission though, it took her some time to get those pillars in place to a point where they became synonymous with the Nittany Lions' brand of soccer.

The program already had a vision and identity when Dambach took over in 2007, but no explicit pillars or guiding principles had been set.

Those became relevant seven years later.

"When I first arrived those did not exist. Obviously Penn State as a university has a wonderful culture and I wanted to feel that and breathe that for a while. I didn't take the approach of 'I've got to do this right now,'" Dambach said. "It wasn't until 2014 that those pillars really came into their own and really started to become a living, breathing part of our culture. From there, each year we define them based on the different characteristics of that team and for them to make them their own."

Maybe it's the implementation of those core tenets that have led the Nittany Lions to an 89-24-11 record with three Big Ten titles and the program's sole NCAA championship in that span.

Maybe it's a combination of factors, but it's clear the pillars have been integral to Penn State's success in some capacity over the last five years. Dambach's players also say it's those pillars — and their

ability to permeate every aspect of Penn State women's soccer — which make what the Nittany Lions do so marketable to recruits and one of the preeminent teams in college soccer.

"I think we spend a ton of time defining those things [pillars]. Through everyone getting on the same page and understanding what that means to us, it's way easier for us to sell it," redshirt freshman Ally Schlegel said. "I think for us, we have such a good culture, it's really easy for us to get our freshmen to buy in."

The pillars and their meaning for each player are open to interpretation and subjectivity, but it's also clear that arbitrary pillars aren't wholly necessary for success or being bought into what Penn State is doing.

Ali Krieger and Alyssa Naehrer, both Penn State alumni and members of this year's United States Women's National Team's World Cup winning squad, played for the Nittany Lions and didn't always have these pillars to follow.

Still though, Dambach said when the former Nittany Lions helped the U.S. capture a World Cup, she was proud not just of the accomplishment, but of their continued connection to their roots.

"Certainly we took a lot of pride in it as a program. One of the most special parts of those two in particular, Ali Krieger and Alyssa Naehrer, is their strong connection with Penn State," Dambach said. "Not only were we proud of their success but we're also proud of the way they continue to be great role models for our players and our students at Penn State. These guys want to continue to be a part of our program."

Those pillar-less Dambach squads are a thing of the past and though they worked well, with their recent emergence and subsequent success, it seems hard to envision a scenario in which their implementation has been anything but a catalyst for success.

"A lot of people think we just spend time on the field watching film as a team with our coaches, but our coaches do a great job at looking at the little things that other programs might not look at," last year's co-leading scorer and junior midfielder/forward Frankie Tagliaferri said. "That's the mental piece and we spend a lot of time with that and our pillars and I think that's a huge part of who we are."

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Penn State men's soccer struggled to find the back of the net last season, but the prospect of the Nittany Lion attack improving isn't necessarily any clearer heading into coach Jeff Cook's second season at the helm.

Penn State finished the season with a 6-9-2 overall record and managed to earn points in five of the eight (3-3-2) games it played in a competitive Big Ten — all while scoring only 1.06 goals per game.

"Preseason has been very enjoyable," coach Jeff Cook said.

"We have over half of the team new, with only 12 of the 25 current team members are with us from the 2018 season. We built a good foundation last year and now we look forward to 2019 with a lot of energy and enthusiasm."

With a new season on the horizon and six preseason top-25 opponents on the 2019 schedule, the Nittany Lions have to remedy their deficiencies in the final third without last season's two brightest attackers.

Jeremy Rafanello and Ethan Beckford departed the university during the summer to pursue professional careers, leaving behind a question mark at the forward positions heading into the season.

Rafanello finished with a team high seven points last season, contributing three goals and one assist in his 15 starts on the season, while Beckford scored two of his own in 15 starts, as well.

While a combined five goals and one assist don't pop off the box score, the two created havoc for opposing backlines and goalkeepers and created more opportunities for their teammates to join the attack.

With the absence of Rafanello in front of goal and Beckford attacking the wings, the Nittany Lions have big cleats to fill.

"I feel we have been really threatening this preseason in terms of getting in dangerous positions," Cook said.

"When we go forward, we have a great mentality to get numbers into the opposition's penalty area. I believe that the team, collectively, can be a threat."

The Nittany Lions enter the season with four players listed as forwards on the roster.

Only two have logged minutes in their collegiate careers.

The returning senior duo of Christian Sload and Kyle Perno on paper would be the most likely get the nod as Rafanello's and Beckford's replacements.

Sload's 2018 season consisted of 16 appearances and four starts for Penn State with a goal and two assists.

If Cook chooses the route of experience to fill the void, the 6-foot-3-inch forward would slide into Rafanello's spot.

Perno missed most of the 2018 campaign due to injury but started 11 games in his sophomore year before Cook's arrival.

Perno has appeared in 25 games over two seasons, but his only contribution logged is an assist in the 2017 season.

For new faces, freshman Liam Butts and sophomore Josh Dabora also look to bolster the thin positions in attack.

Butts is a true freshman who played three seasons for the Atlanta United F.C. Academy team from 2016-19, during which he primarily played in the midfield.

Butts scored three goals in six starts (11 appearances) for Atlanta United's U-18/19 team during the 2018-19 season. However, Butts is listed as a forward for the Nittany Lions and may inject a boost in the offense.

Dabora, a former three-star recruit according to Top Drawer Soccer, utilized a redshirt in his freshman season. The 6-foot-3 forward may be used in similar fashion to Sload as a target man.

Despite the question marks in the attack, Cook expressed the chemistry and bonds the team has made in the short amount of time he's held the reigns of the program which could ultimately offset some of the inexperience.

"We focused a ton on what our team is going to be like, in terms of our values and team culture,"

Cook said.

"Relationships mean everything. We spent a lot of time last spring semester working towards that chemistry. What we've tried to do is bring reality to that."

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**Jeff Cook**  
Coach



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**Setter Jonni Parker (9)** celebrates during the game against Indiana at Rec Hall on Friday, Oct. 26, 2018.

## Sophomores set for success

**By Gianna Galli**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

When watching Jonni Parker and Kaitlyn Hord play a game of volleyball as freshmen last season, 'rookie' is the last word that comes to mind.

The Third Team All-American Parker and honorable mention Hord will put their summer preparation for the 2019 season into action this Friday against Hofstra and Saturday against Holy Cross and Wichita State.

At a minimum, these two Nittany Lions grew stronger, con-

tributed more and stepped into leadership positions immediately after the 2018 season even though the pair are only sophomores.

"These two individuals [Hord and Parker] that are here," coach Russ Rose said.

"I thought they worked really hard and we have high expectations for what their contributions to the team should be."

At the end of the 2018 season, Parker was named a first team All-Big Ten player and was awarded Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

The American Volleyball Classic Most Valuable Player led Penn

State in points with 421.5 and total kills at 35, averaging 3.00 kills per set on .260 hitting.

"She plays really hard and I know she probably wants to set up a lot more than this roster allows her to do but she plays really hard and does all the things we need her to do and I think at the end to me, that's what the most important thing is," Rose said.

Parker was part of a freshman class that was hailed as the No. 1 recruiting class in the country.

Her performance last season validated this as the Ohio native tallied 18 double-digit kill performances and recorded two double-

doubles, against Ohio State and Wisconsin.

It's largely because of Parker's performances that the Nittany Lions were successful and Rose thinks that desire to win is one of her defining traits.

"She wants to win and I'm a big fan of that sort of behavior," Rose said.

Hord has been just as impressive as her teammate and is more confident with her skills and ability entering this season and is excited to see what her future at Penn State has to offer.

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# Students’ fears, advice going into semester

**By Kaitlyn Kudriavetz**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

As the fall 2019 semester begins, the freshmen on campus embrace a chapter of firsts, while seniors come to terms with a collection of lasts.

Activities like moving back into the dorms, hiking across campus for early morning classes and shuffling back in line for dining hall food truly prompt reflection for new and returning students.

For freshmen, a new year can prompt nerves and homesickness. Rishi Patel said he is most intimidated by his classes.

“The thing that I am most worried about being a freshman is school work,” Patel (freshman-aerospace engineering) said. “The classes are a lot harder here, and from someone who didn’t need to study much in high school, it’s a big step up.”

Matison McIntyre shared similar sentiments to Patel.

“I’m most worried about get-

ting all of my school work done,” McIntyre (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said. “I know that college education is a different caliber and requires even more work and effort than I put into high school work.”

Both described their worst-case-scenario as flunking out of school or classes — however, Patel said his fear of failing is what is keeping him motivated.

“[My fears] made me focus on my classes more,” Patel said. “I won’t lie — it kind of makes it a little stressful, but hopefully over time I will be able to get the hang of all the classes and the amount of work I need to do.”

As freshmen worry of what’s to come, Anthony Nastasi reflected on his earlier days of college.

“One of the most ridiculous concerns I had was getting homesick,” Nastasi (senior-supply chain management) said. “I can tell you, never in my four years here has that occurred. This truly is my home away from home.

Some of the greatest people I have met have come from [this] school.”

Jordan Dawson also said she found herself anxious to move away from her home freshman year to a new and unknown environment.

“I just was worried that I wasn’t going to do well at all in school, but after I adjusted, I realized I was going to be fine even though the classes were harder,” Dawson (sophomore-film) said.

For the freshmen who find themselves lost on campus and overwhelmed with options, Dawson encouraged them to keep their heads up.

“Give yourself some time,” Dawson said. “College is a big adjustment. Even though it might seem like a big, super scary change, you have the resources and the time to adjust in the way you need to.”



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**A group of friends** walk to to class at the Hub-Roberson Center, on Wednesday, August 7.

# Students weigh in on chicken sandwich debate

**By Anjelica Singer**  
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On sites like Twitter, whether the topic is politics, religion or chicken, there are debates at times between social media users.

When the fast-food chain Popeyes released its new crispy chicken sandwich on August 12, a social media debate erupted.

The crispy chicken sandwich is fast-food chain Chick-fil-A's staple, and although Popeyes is also known for their chicken-filled menu, this is their first time releasing a chicken sandwich. Chick-fil-A's famous motto, “We Didn’t Invent Chicken, Just the

Chicken Sandwich,” was threatened, and social media users quickly went online to choose their favorite chicken sandwich and side with either Popeyes or Chick-fil-A.

This debate was discussed through many social media platforms and has been a trending topic. Vaishnavi Nara said she found out about the chicken war through Twitter.

“I first heard about it on Twitter,” Nara (sophomore-premedical-medical) said.

“I think it was trending or it was suggested on the ‘For You’ characterized page.”

Twitter has been the number one social media site where the

beef — or, chicken — has been hashing out.

In fact, Popeyes has been bringing the heat on Twitter and participating in their own debates.

On August 19, Chick-fil-A tweeted, “Bun + Chicken + Pickles = all the love for the original”, and just two hours later, Popeyes quoted the tweet and replied, “...y’all good?”

“One day our children will ask us, where were you during the chicken sandwich wars of ’19,” Twitter user @The\_A\_Prentice said.

Student and Chick-fil-A lover Ryan Marshall said he saw this debate all over Instagram.

“I have never been to Popeyes,

but I’m open to Louisiana fried chicken,” Marshall (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said.

“But no matter what, it will never be Chick-fil-A.”

Although this debate’s main topic is chicken, politics began to play a bigger role.

The question was not just, “Who has the best chicken sandwich?” anymore, but rather “Which restaurant is the better institution?”

Although Chick-fil-A has reassured their customers that they have “no political or social agenda,” most associate the restaurant with their opposition to LGT-BQ rights and chief executive

officer Dan Cathy’s disparaging remarks about same-sex marriage during an interview with a Christian publication in 2012.

Because of this, many are advocating for Popeyes.

Chloe Bevilacqua is a vegetarian, but she would occasionally go to Chick-fil-A for a milkshake. Now, she no longer does that.

“I am anti-going to Chick-fil-A because of them being a religious institution and they have had gay people kicked out of the restaurants, so I don’t really want to support them,” Bevilacqua (freshman-political science) said.

“I also feel that if you can’t be an

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# Bigar's Stars

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**ARIES** (3/21-4/19) ★★★ Pace yourself and you will accomplish a lot. You have a conversation that you find applicable to the question at hand. The unexpected occurs during a serious conversation. If you find yourself getting fussy, take a break. Go for a walk. Tonight: Head home and run errands.

**TAURUS** (4/20-5/20) ★★★★★ Your creativity emerges early on when you have an important conversation involving a child or project. You might not recognize the importance of this exchange until later. The unexpected keeps life lively. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

**GEMINI** (5/21-6/20) ★★★ Basics do count, and you seem anchored. You or someone you live with could be unusually fussy and demanding. A new beginning comes from left field. You hardly know whether to jump in or check it out first. Tonight: Go for easy.

**CANCER** (6/21-7/22) ★★★★★ You have a lot going for you, more than you realize. Being verbal could be more important than you realize. Get back to basics. Make sure you are on the same plane as the other party. Tonight: Ask questions. You will learn a lot.

**LEO** (7/23-8/22) ★★★ You might note that you feel more possessive than you do normally. You wonder why you are proceeding as you have with this internal conflict. Try to deal with your possessiveness before it controls you. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.

**VIRGO** (8/23-9/22) ★★★★★ You sense that timing is working for you. You feel empowered and energetic. If you have a difficult situation to deal with, make an overture to clear the air and find some common ground. The unexpected continues to open new doors and ways of thinking. Tonight: Conjure up a dream.

**LIBRA** (9/23-10/22) ★★★ Know when to pull back and do less. You could find out

that somehow a certain situation or project is not developing as you might like. Have a discussion with an associate or partner and listen carefully. Consider all remedies but hold off for a while. Changes are lurking. Tonight: Make it a personal night.

**SCORPIO** (10/23-11/21) ★★★★★ You might want to see a personal matter handled. However, you need to weigh the pros and cons. A friend does not hesitate to tell you what he or she is thinking. You could be surprised by this person's suggestions. Tonight: Where people can be found.

**SAGITTARIUS** (11/22-12/21) ★★★★★ Take charge and deal with a boss or authority figure. Listen to what is being shared and work through an unusual suggestion. Know that an associate or friend might not be as steady or loyal as you might wish. Tonight: Take the lead making plans.

**CAPRICORN** (12/22-1/19) ★★★★★ Read between the lines with others. You might notice what is not being shared is more

significant. You could approach this issue in several ways. However, do nothing until you are sure of yourself. Tonight: A child or loved one proves challenging yet fun.

**AQUARIUS** (1/20-2/18) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating draws a strong result. You might wonder what might be best for you. You also might consider what you need to do in order to draw a key person's understanding and support. Listen to this person's concerns. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

**PISCES** (2/19-3/ 20) ★★★★★ Defer to others. You often have great ideas, but others find you less precise or explicit as they might want you to be. Welcome questions and encourage others to make suggestions, too. Tonight: Say yes to an offer.



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