Shaking up the system

Students react to the new football season ticket lottery system

By Emma Naysmith

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Penn State Athletics announced a new sale process for Penn State football student season tickets.

"I think Penn State Stadium was pretty well packed tonight. I mean, there were some empty seats, but overall it was great. The fans were very engaged and it was a great atmosphere," said a fourth-year studying international affairs.

"I'm happy with the sale process," said the fourth-year. "This year, you have to purchase tickets online before July 15 and then you can pick them up at the stadium. It's a lot easier for me because I can just do it online instead of having to go to the stadium."
Community endorses endometriosis

By Jadis Santiago

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David’s Dough bakes up nostalgia

By Ava Herbst

The smell of chocolate chip cookies: buttery, warm and chocolatey. There are few smells more mouthwatering or nostalgic. David’s Dough may have just the chocolate chip fix you need.

Penn State student David Hayes has been baking since his childhood when his mother taught him how to make bread. However, he decided to turn his passion for baking into a business during the summer of 2023.

Though he noted balancing academics and entrepreneurship isn’t always easy, Hayes, a second-year studying psychology and criminology, said he’s gained wisdom through his experiences.

“Getting to the point where you’re comfortable putting yourself out there — that’s the biggest thing,” Hayes said.

Hayes was also able to depend on his friends for support and guidance in expanding and advertising David’s Dough. Calling on friends from majors across the board, Hayes grew his community and his business.

In order to draw customers to David’s Dough, Hayes said he knew he would need eye-catching advertisements, and his friend Maggie Williams, just had the skill. Williams, a third-year studying photojournalism, bonded with Hayes over their shared interest in entrepreneurship while they were both employed at Camp Kesem.

This past fall, Williams and Hayes set up a photoshoot to market David’s Dough cookies. “It was a lot of fun for both of us and ... I had something to put in my portfolio, and he had professional pictures of his products,” Williams said.

When reaching out to another friend for support, Hayes contacted Sid Astrachan, whom he’s known since high school.

Astrachan, a second-year studying marketing, had a business of his own and was able to provide Hayes with marketing and social media support.

Astrachan reached out to PSU Food Scene’s Instagram account to promote David’s Dough. “I was able to help get him posted on that account, which I believe he gained over 100 followers from, and he started getting a lot more cookie orders,” Astrachan said.

This past January, Hayes baked cookie orders for a good cause. With the help of his friend and Penn State THON hospitality captain, Jake Arrogante, partnered to do a fundraiser.

Arrogante, a fourth-year studying management, assisted Hayes with the logistics of the fundraiser and the days the fundraiser would run. “As much as it does to help spread THON’s mission, it also helps the businesses,” Arrogante said.

With the help of his friends, Hayes was able to grow David’s Dough into the budding small business that it is today. The entrepreneur acknowledged that joining extracurriculars with like-minded and ambitious people helped him network and learn about business strategies — such as pitching to investors.

However with all success come difficulties. He realized that he can no longer continue to expand his business if he continues to operate alone. As for what’s next for David’s Dough, Hayes said he may look to collaborate with students from other universities.

“Being able to have David’s Dough in different places ... and following that type of business model is the end goal.”

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A week ago, I found myself struggling with while living in Europe. It's comfortable to rely on stereotypes and place you know other people have been already.

However, my friends and I decided that we would blindly follow other people who have enjoyed, we often leave feeling unsatisfied and unwhipped.

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As a very naive freshman at Penn State, I savored the experience and felt upset or feeling unsatisfied and unsatisfied.

The discrepancy on the faceoff zone, which after some adjustment, was even worse. I'm never one to criticize a restaurant this early, but this one was underwhelming. Whether this be excursions or staying and ordered empanadas to dinner in the city.

We have surpassed the half-way mark of being abroad, and I'll return home in a little over a month.

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Drew Allar has been put through the wringer with recent changes in the program. This season, he’ll get the full experience gained from being eligible for the 2023 NFL Draft. Below, five things the season should be: drawbacks.

On Wednesday, Drew Allar improved his consistency and play-throwing mechanics. He’s shown that he can bring in a new scheme that suits his strengths.

So far, Allar says that he feels “comfortable” and is playing “with a lot of fun.”

Allar continues to praise his receiver, who has added in Allar to view through the lens of his receivers. “I think that’s been very valuable to him,” Allar said. “Just kind of getting more on the same page with those guys.”

Outside of the X’s and O’s, improving the connection among the squad is no exception. One addition to Allar’s bunch is former Ohio State wide receiver Garrett Wilson. Allar said he has “a really good” relationship with the seasoned receiver, who has in addition to Allar to view through the lens of his receivers.

“Robinson will be joined by Al- len, whom Allar said has shown in his ability to hit top max velocity,” Allar said. “I’ve seen him improve, but with an improved diet and..."
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