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## Do YOU know the button man?

By Thomas Schlarp  
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You may have heard of the muffin man, but do you know the button man?

A staple of every Homecoming parade since 2005, once a year Jonathan Dougherty adopts his alter-persona and becomes "Button Man," a man standing in the flatbed of a pickup truck with a hat and white jacket covered in over 1,000 blue Citizens Bank Penn State football buttons.

Dougherty has both his bachelor's degree and a Ph.D from Penn State. He has taught at the university for six years. His three siblings — all Penn State alumni.

Dougherty is even the president of the alumni society of architectural engineers and an active board member emeritus for the Penn State Wilkes Barre campus.

So when it came to finding a unique way to represent his Penn State passion, Dougherty hit the challenge right on the button.

The buttons, about two and a quarter inches in diameter, consist of a blue backing with white font containing a clever pun about Penn State football's next opponent such as "Fail to Pitt" for Pittsburgh or "No Fearing These Turtles" for Maryland.

Citizens Bank releases a new button each week the football team plays.

But for Dougherty, the buttons are more than just a collection of clever sayings. The roots of his inspiration for starting the collection have a far more significant meaning.

"In 2004 my father passed away, and he was a huge Penn State fan," Dougherty said.



Courtesy of Jonathan Dougherty

Jonathan "Button Man" Dougherty began collecting buttons after his father died in 2004.

"I wanted to find a way that would keep connected with him and to Penn State because he was such a strong proponent of Penn State," he said.

Upon conducting some research, Dougherty discovered that the buttons started in 1972, the same year that his father graduated from Penn State.

"I thought what a cool way to kind of keep his memory alive," Dougherty said, "and have that unique connection to the year, yet also collect something that is a cool piece

of Penn State memorabilia." So, that year while the button fanatic was busy completing graduate school, the collection took flight.

One of Dougherty's professors happened to be a fellow button collector, and upon hearing of his story, donated to Dougherty a trash bag full of extra buttons that the professor had accumulated.

From that day on, Button Man never looked back.

Through navigating eBay auctions, and making calls around the country to other collectors, Dougherty has successfully captured 559 of the 565 buttons that were released between the start of the 1972 football season to the end of the 2016

campaign at the Rose Bowl.

Of the elusive six yet to find their way into Dougherty's collection, three come from the inaugural year when the buttons were backed with paper instead of the metal backing of today's.

"Those were kind of throw-aways because it was just paper," Dougherty said. "People would wear them, and if it rained, like [this year]

at Akron, they would just throw them out. They're really difficult to find."

Of the many collectors Dougherty has spoken with, each seem to be missing the same ones.

"The ones that I need are three from 1972," Dougherty said. "They're 'Get the Goat' which is Navy, 'Crush the Orange' for Syracuse and 'Wallup the Wolfpack,' which was North Carolina State. In 1973 I need two.

'Stop Stanford' and 'Flatten the Falcons' for Air Force. There's one in 1974, and it was the bowl button when we played Baylor in the Cotton Bowl. That is 'Skin the Bears.'"

As for the collection seen on Dougherty's jacket, none are the actual collection, rather duplicates from the several 18-gallon containers lying around Dougherty's home filled with the blue collectibles.

The Button Man persona was born in 2005 when Dougherty was approached by his mother, an active member of the Penn State Club of Wyoming Valley.

Wyoming Valley needed some sort of representation in the annual Homecoming parade and had hoped that Dougherty and his sister would hold the club's banner as they marched down College Avenue.

"We discussed it and thought we needed some angle," Dougherty said. "We're not just going to walk with a banner. I said that I have all these buttons, so let's put

together a coat.

**"In 2004 my father passed away...I thought what a cool way to keep his memory alive."**

Jonathan Dougherty  
Button Man

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## James Franklin addresses Trump's NFL comments

By Jack R. Hirsh  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The recent wave of national anthem protests by NFL players is nothing new to Penn State.

Coach James Franklin said Tuesday that his team discussed the movement last year when it first started.

"We spent a good portion of the bye week [last year] of talking through this," Franklin said. "I think it was really good for our team to hear different perspectives," he said.

"They had great dialogue. To me, that's what college athletics is about, that's what Penn State is about and that's what this country is about," Franklin said.

President Donald Trump said last Friday that NFL owners should fire any player who protests the national anthem.

Many NFL teams protested his comments in different ways. Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones joined his team on the sideline to kneel during the anthem, while the Pittsburgh Steelers chose to stay in their locker room altogether until the anthem was over. Throughout his time at Penn



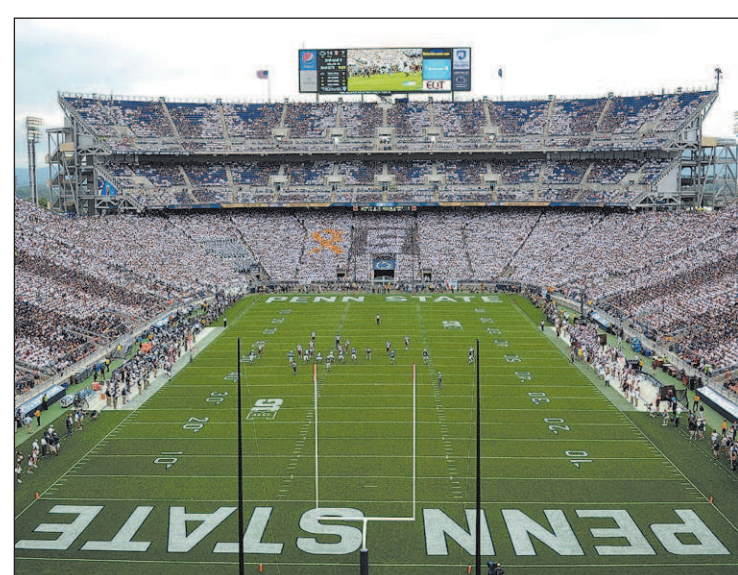
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Head coach James Franklin discusses their approach to analytics with the media during his weekly press conference on Sept. 12.

State, Franklin has embraced the part of his job that allows him to be a role model for his student-athletes. And part of his job, the fourth-year Nittany Lions coach said, is to make sure his players are having these discussions, regardless of where they stand on the different issues.

"I think it's important for our team to have those kind of discussions and kind of be involved in what's going on," said tight end Mike Gesicki, who is a member of Penn State football's leadership council.

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Fans stripe out Beaver Stadium in blue and white for the football game against Temple on Sept. 17, 2016.

## Football, it's For the Kids

By Bailey Jensen  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Have you ever thought about how great it would be to have the chance to combine one of your passions with your love for a certain cause? If you're a football fan and a supporter of Penn State THON, you can. The THON football game, an annual event, is coordinating with the "Generations of Greatness" game against Indiana on Sept. 30 in Beaver Stadium.

50 percent of proceeds from all non-student tickets purchased will benefit THON. Jessica Buchanan, athletic events captain for THON 2018, said the balance between Penn State athletics and THON in terms of fundraising, publicity and outreach is important.

Buchanan said at halftime, the THON executive committee will go down on the field, make an announcement and hold signs to promote THON. This year they will have Four Dia-

monds families with them.

Buchanan is helping to organize the "Gold Ribbon Zone" during the game. The Gold Ribbon Zone is similar to the S-Zone. In the student section, students will hold up yellow cards to create a ribbon shape for the purpose of raising awareness for childhood cancer.

"A lot of people around the world don't know about THON," Buchanan (junior-industrial engineering) said. "For the TV aspect, even just having a second of coverage to show that gold ribbon and show how much Penn State cares about beating childhood cancer."

Haley Staub, public relations director for THON 2018, said its events like this that help keep THON in the forefront of people's minds throughout the year and help encourage their engagement.

Staub will be on the field along with the rest of the executive committee.

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## #Kneelgate: students discuss Trump's NFL comments

By Alex Altieri  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

President Donald Trump's condemnation of the NFL athletes who kneeled during the national anthem last weekend sparked some debate. On Saturday, Sept. 23, the president tweeted his position against the actions of the players.

"If a player wants the privilege of making millions of dollars in the NFL, or any other leagues, he or she should not be allowed

to disrespect our Great American Flag (or country) and stand for the national anthem. If not, YOU'RE FIRED."

Shortly thereafter, Trump retweeted a post calling for a boycott of the NFL. A day later, Trump again expressed his distaste in another tweet.

"If NFL fans refuse to go to games until players stop disrespecting our Flag & Country, you will see change take place fast. Fire or suspend!" The president's comments have caused athletes

and students alike to express their opinions on "#Kneelgate," the then-trending hashtag on Twitter. "I don't think they should be fired or suspended," Tate Rutherford said. "That's a bit extreme."

While Rutherford (sophomore-biomedical engineering) does not agree with Trump's choice in rhetoric, he does feel that there's an issue with kneeling during the national anthem.

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## TAKES TWO TO TANGO



Erin O'Neill/Collegian

**Vedant Chittlangia (graduate-mechanical engineering)** dances with Erin Blose, Alumni Class of 2014, during Tango Tuesday at Webster's Cafe on Sept. 26.

# It's lit: Cannabis discussion coming to Penn State

By Mikayla Corrigan  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Today, Sept. 27, the PA Medicinal Cannabis Education Tour will be taking place a few miles off of Penn State campus, at State College's Celebration Hall.

Attendees and healthcare professionals will learn about the underlying science pertaining to the pharmacologic and therapeutic options associated with cannabis and current state laws surrounding the drug.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with the event coming to an end around 7:30 p.m.

The price of the event is \$55 per person, but sponsors Greenhouse Ventures and Thomas Jefferson University are providing students with a \$20 discount with a discount code on Greenhouse Ventures' website.

According to event coordinators, the tour is known for its accredited physicians, physician assistants, nurses and pharmacists with Continuing Education credits provided by the Lambert

Center for the Study of Medicinal Cannabis and Hemp at Thomas Jefferson University.

Some stops have included Philadelphia, Allentown and Pittsburgh, resulting in educating 200 healthcare professionals thus far.

"Students are encouraged to attend because this industry is largely in the hands of future doctors and medical professionals," Operations Manager at Greenhouse Ventures Tyler Dautrich said. "Unfortunately there is a percent of current physicians who will not recommend this medicine for one reason or another, and they are too far along in their careers to change their ways."

Dautrich said if the new generation of medical professionals can receive the proper education on medical cannabis, it could lead to patients receiving easier access to safe and legal medicine.

"If students continue to be misinformed on this medicine, we will continue to be stuck in the same cycle we are in now," Dautrich said.

He said the tour's main mission is to educate Pennsylvania healthcare professionals; however, this event is still open to members of the public because information on medical cannabis use has not been readily available to the public, or healthcare professionals, until recently.

"Due to the decades of false advertisements of the negative side effects of medical cannabis, many people still do not believe that this plant can provide legitimate medical value," Dautrich said.

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### If you go

**When:** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 27

**Where:** Celebration Hall, State College

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## Buttons

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"The death of my dad was still pretty fresh at that point, but we took my winter coat and put maybe 100 buttons on it that first year. Everyone in the parade who saw it was going nuts. People started saying, 'Oh my God, it's the Button Man, it's the Button Man.'"

But as the parade ended, Dougherty disassembled the coat, needing his jacket for the frigid State College winter. When 2006 rolled around Button Man reapplied the buttons to his jacket. With the collection continuing to grow, Dougherty finally bought a white medical coat to hold the buttons, freeing the graduate student from the tedious work of creating the jacket each year.

As one may imagine, a coat with a thousand pieces of metal on it can be quite cumbersome.

"I refuse to weigh it because I have to wear it," Dougherty said. "If I knew how much it weighed, I would not want to put it on. We've gotten to the point where now I ride in the back of my brother-in-law's truck because I couldn't walk the entire parade distance being so heavy. I actually need at least one person to help put the coat on."

Wearing such a heavy jacket can work up a voracious appetite, something that the Frasier Street Deli provided a cure for starting in 2016.

"The Button Man" breakfast sandwich, consisting of a sub roll, American cheese, ham, bacon and pork roll, finds itself entrenched on a menu-board

littered with sandwiches named after Penn State legends like Michael Robinson and Cael Sanderson.

"I think back to 2005 with that charcoal coat with 100 buttons and to where it has come now with a sandwich being named after me; it's unbelievable," Dougherty said.

Since adorning the jacket in 2005, Button Man has made appearances at a tailgate hosted by Penn State President Eric Barron, given classroom lectures, been approached by Keegan-Michael Key in a Porta John line and has even had a bobblehead made after his likeness.

For a man that has only missed 10 home football games since the start of his freshman year in 1994 the opportunity to share a love of Penn State far exceeds any of the residual benefits of the popular costume.

"Honestly the joy that it brings to Penn State fans with the buttons, they resonate with them," Dougherty said. "The way people react, you'd think I was the Nittany Lion. Just to be able to bring joy, it's amazing."

As Button Man and his collection continue to grow, he has plans to one day pass down the passion to his two nephews.

Until then, Button Man is ready to suit up for another parade and share the love of his home away from home all while honoring the spirit of his father.

"I'm a Penn Stater to the core and will be for as long as I'm here," Dougherty said. "To get other Penn Staters excited, is really kind of special."

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Courtesy of Jonathan Dougherty

Jonathan "Button man" Dougherty poses with the Nittany Lion.

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# Puerto Rico deserves our attention

## OUR VIEW

Just because Puerto Rico is only a U.S. territory, that does not mean they do not deserve our attention nor our help.

This past hurricane season has been one of the worst in a very long time. Whether it's Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Jose or Maria, these natural disasters have been wreaking havoc all over the Caribbean and the southern U.S.

However, despite the aid and effort that Penn State and the rest of the nation provided for the victims of Harvey and Irma, we haven't been doing much for those of Hurricane Maria.

Why is it when it's people from Texas or Florida who are suffering from the recent catastrophic disasters laid out by the hurricanes, our country is willing to lend a hand to offer help, but when it's a U.S. territory that is suffering, we do not give them the attention they deserve?

Yes, it's true that Texas and Florida are U.S. states, but Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory, making it also a part of our nation. In fact, Puerto Rico isn't the only U.S. territory who has had to suffer from not being given the attention they

deserve. When Hurricane Irma hit, it nearly destroyed the U.S. Virgin Islands. However, our main concern was on Irma landing in Florida.

Now we are not saying that Texas and Florida do not deserve the attention and help that they received and are receiving. We just want to point out that just because Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands are not states, it does not mean they do not need our help and that they are any less American than us.

The unfortunate reality is that many people do not recognize Puerto Rico as part of the United States is unacceptable. Furthermore, the fact that our

own president is only now going to Puerto Rico — a week after the hurricane hit — to offer his aid, is absolutely ridiculous.

Not only should President Donald Trump have done more and said something about the victims who do not have any power, he should not have strictly been focusing on what professional athletes are doing.

Trump said last week in the United Nations General Assembly that his first priority is the U.S.

"As President of the United States, I will always put America first, just like you, as the leaders of your countries will always, and should always, put your countries first."

Yet despite this bold statement to make, Trump ignored the help that was needed in Puerto Rico until he was finally called out for it. Though his priority might be our country, his priorities are not straight right now.

Regardless though, we are not here to rant about Trump not coming to aid Puerto Rico soon enough. We should be thankful he's going at all. Instead, our main focus is analyzing why it took Trump a week to respond to Puerto Rico.

Why is it that only the Puerto Rican Student Association, the Boricua Grads of Penn State and the Mexican American Student Association are the

main Penn State groups stepping up to help our fellow Puerto Ricans?

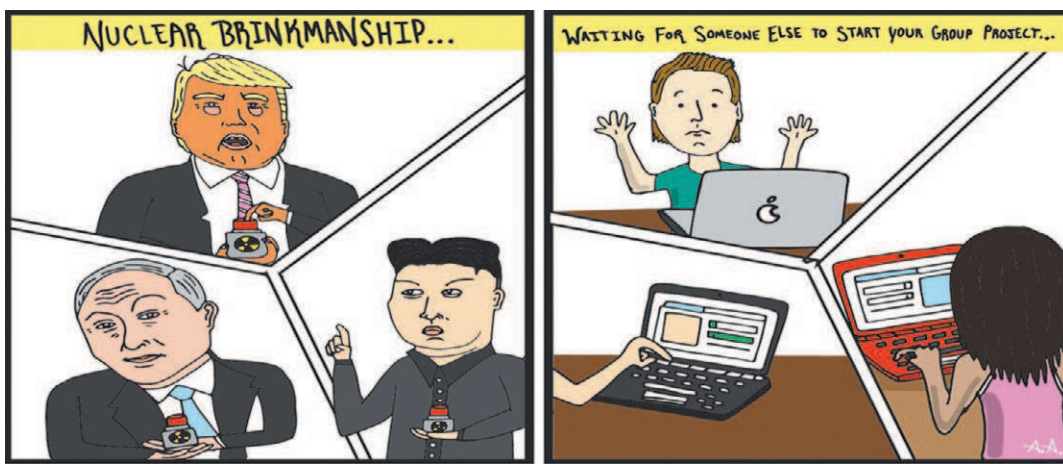
If it weren't because some of our editors receive emails from these groups, we probably would not have found out about their efforts to help.

And that is partly our fault as the media.

Whether it's because we are uninformed as an audience or as a university in general, we apologize for not reporting more on this issue.

This hurricane season is a big deal, and the people who are suffering through it deserve our attention.

Just like the Interfraternity Council, some Penn State varsity sport teams and the Penn State Chapter of Greater Tampa were willing to fundraise money for the relief efforts of Hurricane Harvey and Irma, we should all now step up and offer aid to Puerto Rico. Not just because they are a part of the U.S., but because they are human beings who are in need of our help.



## MY VIEW | MATT MARTELL

# James Franklin is more than just a coach

James Franklin gets it. If it wasn't clear before his Tuesday press conference, it sure is now.

He knows the importance of family. It's hard for him to get through a press conference at Beaver Stadium without mentioning his wife and two daughters. He recognizes the wonders a routine does for both him and his players — this week, it's Indiana, Indiana, Indiana. And he realizes how much winning means to Penn State and its community.

None of those traits are surprising to see in a college coach, or in anyone, for that matter. It's not unusual for a man to love his family or find comfort in consistency. And anybody associated with competitive sports realizes the benefits of winning.

Franklin, however, also understands his responsibility as the head coach of a major college football program encompasses more than just what the Nittany Lions do on Saturdays.

And that's the most admirable characteristic any coach could have at the collegiate level.

His job as a coach of student-athletes includes:

1) Making sure his players understand the importance of education. Last year, I commended Franklin's decision to suspend Garrett Sickels for the first half of the Ohio State game after the defensive end reportedly skipped class.

2) Keeping his players grounded when they have success, and guiding them through tough times on the field.

3) Encouraging his players to be contributing members of the communities they represent, whether it means participating in THON or spending time with local children who look up to them.

And as Penn State further returns to the national college football scene, the community that his players represent grows. As more children try and emulate Saquon Barkley by hurdling imaginary defenders in their yards, the more important Franklin's job becomes in molding his players into role models.

That's why his comments at his press conference Tuesday matter.

The best teachers are the ones who provide their students with the tools they need to form their own opinions and the settings in which they feel comfortable enough to express those thoughts.

As I wrote in my column last year about Franklin's decision to suspend Sickels: "The verb 'to coach,' by definition, means to teach, to train or to mentor, meaning coaches are teachers, trainers and mentors."

But mentoring players is much more than just disciplining them when they do something wrong. It's praising them when they do something right. It's expecting them to do everything in their power to be the best people, students and athletes they can be. It's teaching them to have a positive impact on the lives of those around them.

That's why he encourages his players to engage in open and respectful discussion with one another. He knows that discussions like these, between players of different races, religions and backgrounds, enriches the way his players see the world.

That's why he brought in a sexual assault survivor, Brenda Tracy, to speak to his players about actively using their platforms to help in the fight against sexual assault.

"I specifically say to every team, 'I'm not here because I think you're the problem. I'm here because you're the solution,'" Tracy told Collegian football reporter Jack R. Hirsh in August. "I was really impressed with the young men [from Penn State]."

And that's why Franklin is proud of Penn State cornerback Lamont Wade, who posted a video Sunday to his personal YouTube account to voice his support for Colin Kaepernick and other professional athletes kneeling for the national anthem to protest injustices in American society.

Franklin didn't praise Wade because the freshman spoke out against racial discrimination in America, but it was because of the way Wade took a stand.

"[Wade] spent time thinking about what's on his heart and what's on his mind and expressing himself, and being thoughtful and being articulate," Franklin said. "That's what I want our team to do is to be able to have dialogue and be able to have love for one another and support for one another and respect each other. Not always agree, but respect."

This environment Franklin has created, in which his players can feel comfortable expressing their thoughts free of judgement, is why he is the ideal role model for his players. The way he influences his players will positively affect how they impact the world around them.

He's not just engineering his football players into physical specimens and money-making machines for Penn State, but

he's teaching them to be well-informed members of society.

So regardless of how we feel about athletes taking political stands, specifically participating in protests we don't agree with, we have to understand how respectful demonstrations of opinions enrich our society.

Heck, we wouldn't be here in America right now enjoying the freedoms we have without the many people before us who recognized the need for diverse thoughts and expressions.

Different beliefs, backed by logic, challenge the way we view the world and help us better our ever-imperfect selves, so long as we're open to the fact that we all have a lot more progress to make, both individually and as a society.

In this regard, Franklin is creating his own mini-America in the Penn State locker room, where his players can respectfully discuss issues that extend far beyond the confines of a 100-yard grass surface.

"That's what college athletics is all about," Franklin said. "That's what Penn State's all about and that's what our country is supposed to be all about, embracing differences, appreciating that embracing differences is what makes our country so strong and so wonderful."

James Franklin gets it. With open minds and respectful hearts, I know we all can get it too.

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# Veteran players lead by example

By Caleb Wilfinger  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

It is often said that no championship caliber team is complete without leadership.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Luckily, Penn State has no shortage of experienced leaders on its roster, as 13 of its 19 players are either juniors or seniors.

The Nittany Lions have gotten off to a hot start this season, going 11-1 in their first 12 matches, and currently sitting at No. 3 in the AVCA coaches' poll. No small part of that is thanks to the play of their battle-tested upperclassmen.

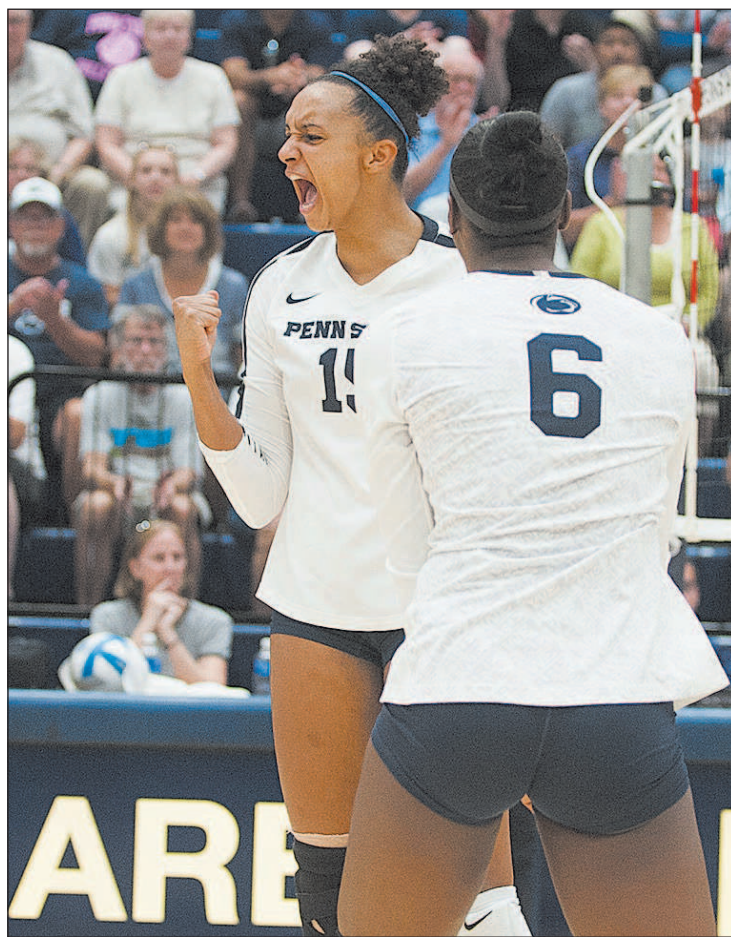
Coach Russ Rose stated that being a leaders for many of Penn State's veteran players is a natural part of their daily routine.

"I think that being leaders for some of them is just a part of their job, on and off the court," Rose said. "They're knowledgeable in their experience and they definitely have shown that they know what it takes to win night in and night out as a unit. Overall, I'd say that they exemplify what we are all about as a program."

Many of Penn State's seasoned veterans have been around the program for at least three years now, and are committed to setting a positive example that the younger players on the roster will follow in years to come.

"I think a lot of us lead by experience and knowing what it's like to be on the floor in big matches," senior middle blocker Haleigh Washington said. "It's nice because we have a number of seniors who have been on the floor for the last few years now, and in learning from them, that gives the younger players on the roster a model for success."

The Nittany Lions are heading into their second weekend in Big Ten play, when Illinois and Northwestern come to Rec Hall on Friday and Saturday respectively.



Simone Lee (22) and Haleigh Washington (15) celebrate after earning a point during the women's volleyball game at Rec Hall on Sept. 23.

Rose has consistently spoken to the talent and experience level of the Big Ten, a conference that boasts no shortage of All-Americans and senior-laden programs with championship pedigrees.

"Certainly Nebraska came in here and played well against us, and we saw Minnesota and Wisconsin lose as well [to Michigan State], so I think that really shows the depth of the Big Ten," Rose said.

"The conference season is going to be very interesting and exciting for the fans and a very challenging one for the schools. Having experienced players that have been there before is certain-

ly a huge advantage for us."

Penn State's older players are aware that no victory comes easy in the Big Ten, especially following a turbulent weekend of upsets that shook up the conference.

"We know that the competition in the Big Ten is fierce," senior outside hitter Simone Lee said. "Every team is competitive, they all have players that are talented and we have to recognize that and just keep getting better as a squad with each match."

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# Volleyball seeks improvement

By Will Bodycot  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Coming off of last season's disappointing exit from the NCAA regionals, No. 3 Penn State has

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started the season with the ultimate goal of winning a National Championship.

The Nittany Lions believe they have the talent and so do many of the coaches around the country, after being ranked third in the coaches' poll.

However, coach Russ Rose certainly thinks his team still has some room for improvement after being asked about the team's championship capability.

"Well, I mean nobody wants to be a championship-caliber team the second week of conference play, but to answer the question we didn't look very good last week against Nebraska," Rose said.

While Rose had some constructive criticism for his team, he said he wasn't worried, believing this team still has the ability to be special.

Rose went on to portray the confidence in what he believes his team can grow into when he described how he filled out his own coach's poll.

"The only thing I felt comfortable was voting us

ahead of Stanford and yet we're ranked behind Stanford."

Rose has been one to sing the praises of the Big Ten, calling it the best conference in women's volleyball. He once again played up the Big Ten's talent, stating how hard games in this conference are going to be for every team.

The conference currently boasts seven teams ranked inside the AVCA Top 25: Minnesota, Penn State, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Michigan State, Purdue and Michigan. Two other teams also received votes this past week, but just missed the cut: Ohio State and Illinois.

"I think the conference season is going to be a really interesting and exciting one for the fans and a very challenging one for the schools," Rose said, "especially for the coaches and players for sure."

While Rose has confidence in where his team can go, he still had his eye on this weekend's opponents in Illinois on Friday and Northwestern on Saturday.

"We saw Illinois play because we were in the same tournament with Stanford and Colorado, and they haven't lost since we saw them play," Rose said. "I think Illinois has the best center in the conference, and they're arguably the best blocking team."

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Women's Volleyball Coach



Saquon Barkley (26) pushes past Pitt's Dennis Briggs (20) during a game against Pitt held at Beaver Stadium on Sept. 9.

# Barkley is awarded another weekly honor

*Running back Saquon Barkley was granted the Maxwell Award Player of the Week.*

By Jack R. Hirsh  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Better start getting used to this:

Saquon Barkley has picked up another weekly honor. Barkley was named the Max-

well Award Player of the Week, after a Penn State record 358 all-purpose yards against Iowa in the last-second Nittany Lions win.

The Maxwell Award is given annually to the nation's best college football player, and Barkley has been a top candidate for the

award since the preseason. Barkley is also now has the best odds of winning the Heisman Trophy, also given annually to the nation's best player.

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# Penn State looks for improvement this season

By Jake Aferiat  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Penn State's various athletic teams are no strangers to success, and as a result have a certain level of clout on the national stage.

## MEN'S SWIMMING

But that clout and respect hasn't seemed to work its way to the men's swimming and diving program yet.

At least that's the feeling team captain Robbie Dickson has about the men's program for the upcoming season, but he's determined to change that perception.

"We're out here to prove people wrong," he said. "I don't think we're given the respect we deserve and the respect we put in the work for."

Dickson is one of the captains for a men's team that finished 28th in the NCAA Tournament a season ago, where the Nittany Lions totaled 23 points. Penn State also took seventh in last year's Big Ten Tournament.

Penn State lost three time All-American Shane Ryan, but Dickson feels the Nittany Lions have "a secret weapon."

"This is the best freshman class I've ever seen," Dickson said. "They're our secret weapon. They've come in and worked their butts off. I think we're going to shock a lot of people."

In addition to the freshmen, the



Penn State's Robbie Dickson competing in the butterfly leg of the 400 IM during a meet against Yale and Rutgers at McCoy Natatorium on Saturday, Jan 14.

men's team also returns junior diver Hector Garcia Boissier, who had two top ten finishes at last year's Big Ten Championships, and junior Gunther Cassell, the Nittany Lions' best swimmer at the Big Ten Championships, fin-

ishing eighth in the 100-meter breaststroke.

The Nittany Lions open their season at home against the Virginia on Oct. 14.

Coach Tim Murphy said the freshmen have a role and they're

as much a part of the team as any of the upperclassmen.

"The freshmen have a role on this team, and I don't want them to feel like if they see something or do something that it won't be recognized," Murphy said.

Murphy, entering his fifth season as the coach of the Nittany Lions, sounded more like a parent than a coach, as he placed a strong emphasis on character and team culture.

"We're far from being the team we want to be from a culture standpoint," Murphy said.

"They need an attitude and a gratitude. They need to take ownership and be accountable and develop integrity as a person and student-athlete representing Penn State."

And while part of Murphy's vision entails swimmers individually improving outside of the pool, he said that team success will come to outweigh individual success.

"How we do as the season goes on is going to be much less about individuals and more about the cumulative team," he said.

Murphy placed an emphasis on character as one of the marks for a successful season, but Dickson offered a more tangible mark as to what constitutes a successful season.

"In a successful season, we have five or six guys qualify for the NCAA tournament, finish top five as a team in the Big Ten and just keep moving up the national rankings," Dickson said.

So as Penn State looks to improve upon last year's performances at the NCAA Tournament and the Big Ten Tournament, Dickson feels this year's team may be poised to do just that.

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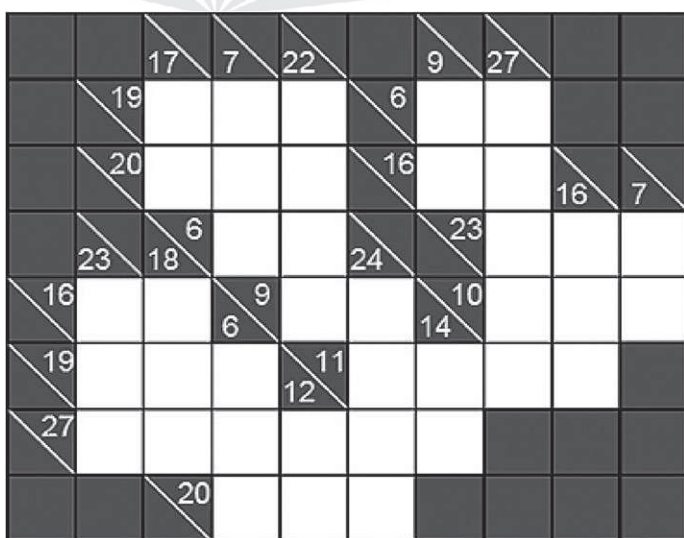
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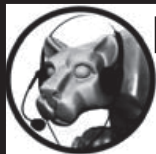
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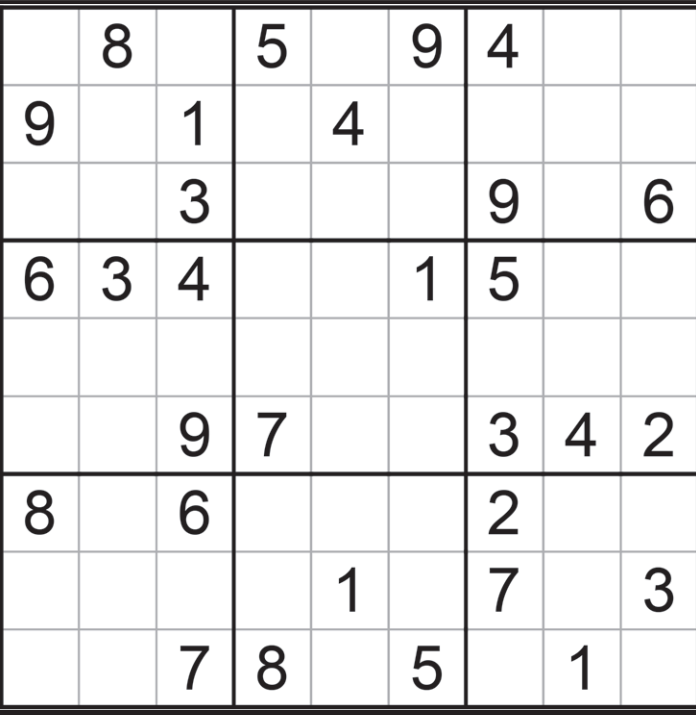


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## Bigar's Stars

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017**

This year you will sort through many different ideas until you are sure of yourself. No matter how trivial the issue might be, you will go through this process. Your ability to look past the obvious helps you succeed.

If you are single, someone quite exotic could enter your life. You also might meet someone through work.

If you are attached, you and your sweetie communicate with

excellence, and you love swapping news and jokes. The two of you might move or remodel your home.

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Producer Meat Loaf (1947), actress Tamara Taylor (1970), TV producer Shaun Cassidy (1958)

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★ ★ ★ Be realistic, and don't view a dream or promotion as being inevitable. Bypass confusion, and deal directly with a parent or higher-up. Use your spontaneity and creativity to brainstorm, and you'll find an unusual yet effective way to deal with someone who has clout. Tonight: Out late.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ You could be in a position where you want to change a partner's mind about a key issue. Try as you may, you likely will only create more confusion in this person's mind. Cruise past a problem. You'll gain insight as you process a friend's response. Tonight: Accept an offer.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You might want to think more carefully about what you are doing. Extremes mark your interactions with a loved one. Know that this person's smile can change your mood. The unexpected continues to keep life exciting, especially in meetings. Tonight: In the limelight.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You could be dealing with issues that need to be cleared up ASAP. You are building greater security and understanding between you and others. A higher-up could act in an unpredictable manner. Don't block this person's energy. Tonight: On top of your game.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You might want to understand what is happening with a loved one. Give this person some space and time to open up. Focus on your errands, a project or whatever is on your to-do list. Your stress level will lessen once you dive into your routine. Tonight: Expect the unexpected.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ What you say and how you say it make a big difference. You know this to be true, but you'll really put this concept into practice today. As a result, others will be more responsive than you had thought possible. Try to be more open. Tonight: Join friends, but pay your bills first.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You will want to rethink a decision with greater care. After seeing a family member's or close associate's reaction, you'll recognize that a new solution needs to be found. A loved one might suggest an off-the-wall idea that could have some validity. Tonight: Sort through offers.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reach out to someone you really care about. You might be surprised by how enthusiastically this person greets your idea. Your instincts are right-on. Return calls and stay in touch with key people. Take a walk to clear your mind. Tonight: Meet friends for drinks.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Your finances take high priority in the afternoon. You might have difficulty getting others to agree with you about a project that involves extra spending. Keep brainstorming, and an unexpected idea could help make this project possible. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★ ★ ★ You could be out of sorts in the morning, but you will bounce back in the afternoon. A surprise or an unexpected development piques your interest. You have a lot of questions, so start asking. You'll need more info in order to get a better grasp on the situation. Tonight: All smiles.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★ ★ ★ ★ Use the morning to further your cause or to get others to agree with you. Your perspective is likely to make sense to those around you. Slow down in the afternoon, as you might need a change of pace. You will accomplish a lot if you stay focused. Tonight: Not to be found.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ You might need to give a full explanation of what is going on within a certain situation. You also will need to accept responsibility for what has happened. In the afternoon, a conversation with a friend will help you to be more upbeat. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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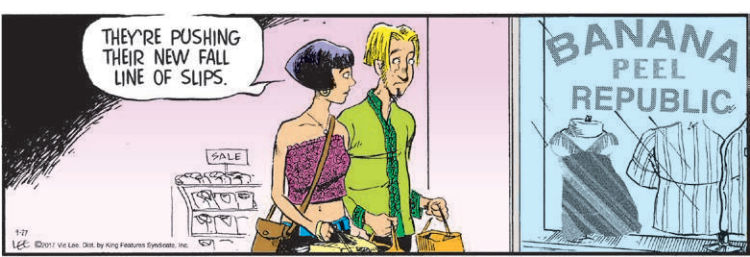
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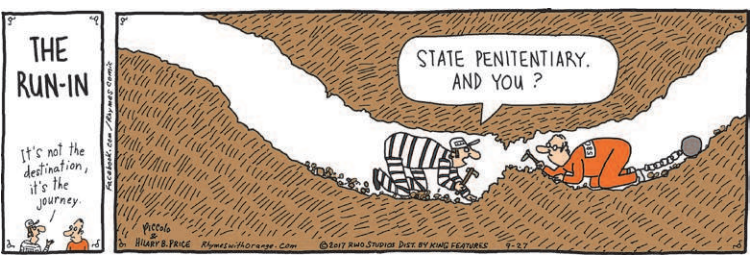
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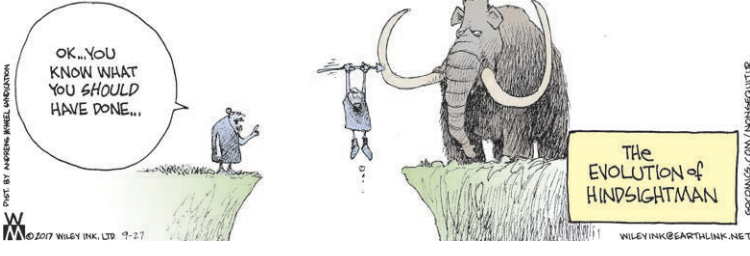
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The Weekly Collegian publishes when classes are in session during Fall Semester and Spring Semester.

# Online courses are rising in popularity

By Cissy Ming  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Near midnight, Amanda Tsai prepares to attend class in her dorm room. Tsai (junior-biobehavioral health), like a rising number of students enrolled at Penn State's campuses, has opted to complete part of her graduation requirements through web courses offered to on-campus students.

During the current Fall Semester, the university offered 168 web courses to University Park students, with additional web courses available through branch campuses and World Campus. Established University Park web courses such as GEOSC 10, Geology of the National Parks, routinely enroll over 1,000 students per semester. The Digital Learning Cooperative (DLC) allows all students to access Penn State online courses in limited numbers, regardless of their home campus. On-campus students have the additional option of taking one or more courses in the "blended format," with homework and video lectures on Canvas and one class meeting per week in which they can receive help from their professor. Tsai enjoys taking web courses to supplement her in-class credits and is currently enrolled in a MATH 140 online. While most class meetings take place during the morning and afternoon, she prefers studying during the evening to better complement her extracurricular schedule and personal routine. Because many of her in-residence classes include an online component, Tsai had little difficulty with the transition to online learning.

"If I'm feeling tired [and] if I go to class, I'm not going to retain all the information," Tsai said. "If I'm rested and feeling energized, I'll learn more."

Some departments have embraced online learning, requiring that students take certain classes

online or expanding their array of web courses. The Department of Journalism now requires incoming freshmen to take COMM 160, the Basics of News Writing, which it provides exclusively on the web.

Interim Department Chair Tim Bralower, of the Department of Geosciences, led a National Science Foundation-sponsored effort to develop a series of five online courses related from earth science and environmental sustainability to societal issues.

Through the program, known as InTeGrate (Interdisciplinary Teaching of Geoscience for a

Sustainable Future), the department offers the courses entirely online over World Campus or as a blended course for University Park students. According to Bralower, the blended course combines both the flexibility of an online course with the personal attention of an in-residence course.

"If you're in an online class and you're on your own, you don't get that rich interaction with the professor, the other students," Bralower said.

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Interim Department of Geosciences chair



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Books Librarian Amy Madison of the Schlow Library poses for a picture at the Schlow Centre Region Library on Monday, September 25.

## Meet librarian Amy Madison

By Gabrielle Barone and Nicholas Capri  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The first thing you notice about Amy Madison is the streak of pink in her hair. The second thing you notice is her infectious personality.

She dyed her hair pink in college for a Halloween costume and has kept it ever since. An award-winning baker, Madison is always experimenting with new pie recipes. She likes to think she can laugh at the dark side of life. She and her husband own two miniature dachshunds named Vienna and Spetzel, and naming wiener dogs after sausages is only the tip of the iceberg. The Adult Services Librarian at Schlow Centre Region Library, Madison curates books, teaches technology tutoring courses and runs several of Schlow's programs. Through all of it, Madison loves her job.

"I feel useful, because I help people all the time. It could be small stuff, like 'Where's this

book?' and it could be big stuff, like 'How do I communicate with my family that doesn't live here?'" It's so diverse in what you do everyday, and there's always a surprise," Madison said.

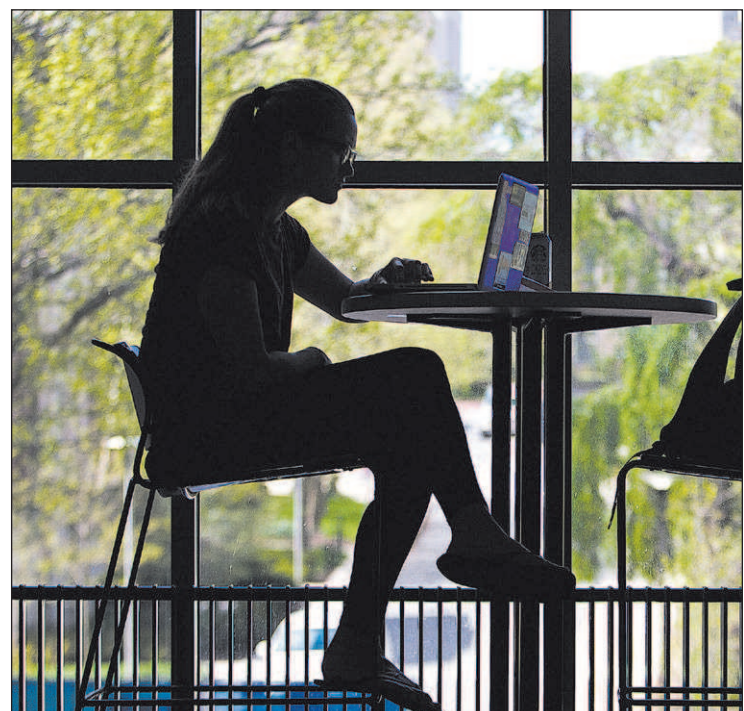
Madison's love of libraries started young, though she did not come from a family of readers.

"They would take me to the library, and suddenly there was a room full of books and people that liked books, and it was comfortable, and no one expected you to leave or buy anything," Madison said. It was that love of libraries and books that helped Madison through an exciting, but stressful four years on the west coast.

"Once I moved to California and I didn't know anyone or anything, I found myself going to the Los Angeles public library system every day," Madison said.

The sense of community Madison found at the library is what she strives to foster in her job today. For her, it is all about helping people.

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Abigail Ruths (senior-biobehavioral health) studies in the Biobehavioral Health Building on Wednesday, April 26.

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