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## Snow shuts camp down

Paternoville campers had to disperse after temperatures dropped and snow began to fall.

By Ashley Gold  
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In the face of an unexpected snowstorm, the population in the tent city at Beaver Stadium's Gate A has been reduced to zero.

Paternoville campers packed up their tents and went home Thursday afternoon after the decision was made to shut down Paternoville because of inclement weather.

Paternoville Coordination Committee (PCC) President Alex Cohen said the move was a joint decision between the PCC, the

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Daniel Bott/Collegian

A student treks through the slush on Pollock Road on Thursday afternoon. Penn State saw a record-breaking snowfall Thursday. Last year the first day of accumulated snowfall was Oct. 30.

## Rain won't deter parade

Scheduled Homecoming festivities will go on despite wet weather.

By Somer Wiggins  
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In the midst of a record-breaking snowfall, Homecoming officials assure the parade will go on tonight — rain, snow or shine.

But the weather has affected some aspects of the Homecoming celebration. The pep rally has been moved from its traditional setting on Old Main lawn to HUB Alumni Hall and will begin immediately after the parade.

"We've taken all the precautions, and we're ready and excited," said Anna Sofio, 2009 Homecoming public relations chairwoman.

Bill Syrett, manager of Penn State's weather observatory, said

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## Specter presents energy grants

By Evan Trowbridge  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., will officially announce Penn State University as the recipient of two grants from the U.S. Department of Energy today during his visit to campus.



Specter

"The two grants will place the University at the center of the nation's efforts to become energy independent and develop clean energy sources," according to a press release from the senator's office.

The announcement will be made at the MorningStar Solar Home on the corner of Porter Road and Park Avenue across

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Jeremy Drey/Collegian

Calvin Lowry, 10, Alan Zemaitis, and Tim Shaw, 20, team tackle Minnesota's Ernie Wheelwright after a short gain over the middle. For a preview of the Homecoming game. | **SPORTS, Page 9**.

## Golden Gophers to visit Penn State

By Wayne Staats  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

There are at least two things Joe Paterno would like to happen this weekend.

First, he hopes he has time to spend with former players who are coming up for Homecoming this weekend.

"Even when the '59 team was honored here, 50 years ago they took us to the Liberty Bowl. I saw some of them," the head coach

said earlier this week. "I wanted to go over Friday night when they were sitting around shooting the bull, telling a lot of lies about how good they were. I wanted to straighten them all out — I didn't have time."

The second one is a little more obvious — a victory.

No. 14 Penn State (5-1, 1-1 Big Ten) gets a chance to stay in the Big Ten race when the Nittany Lions play Minnesota at 3:30 p.m.

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## Penn State officials refute Scott lawsuit

By Peter Panepinto  
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Penn State University, Penn State Police and Centre County are defending their actions after former running back Austin Scott filed a lawsuit alleging that a dropped rape case derailed his NFL career.

Scott's attorney John Karoly filed a lawsuit demanding \$300,000 in total compensation from Penn State, the woman who said he raped her. Centre County

District Attorney Michael Madeira, former Assistant District Attorney Lance Marshall

and Penn State Chief of Police Stephen Shelov, according to court documents.

In the lawsuit, Karoly wrote that Scott "was slated to be a third- or fourth-round draft pick for the National Football League."



Scott

While Scott believes the fallout from the rape case ended his career, those named in the lawsuit say the allegations are unfounded.

Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said the university is well aware of the lawsuit and maintains that Scott's claims are false.

"Employees of Penn State took appropriate action in following up on a report of an alleged crime," Powers said. "We plan to vigorously defend the university against these charges."

Centre County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jon Eich said he had just received a copy of the lawsuit Thursday and couldn't comment on the matter.

Joseph Green, the attorney for Centre County said he's studying the lawsuit documents and will respond to the lawsuit within the required period of time.

"We have to look over it carefully and we'll be responding accordingly," Green said. "My preliminary analysis is that there

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## HOUSES WITHOUT FRATERNITIES

## FRATERNITIES WITHOUT HOUSES

Some frats have had to relocate, others remain houseless

By Caitlin Sellers  
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Fraternities tend to conjure images of brothers throwing a football on a grassy lawn outside of a stately house, but some fraternities have no house to call their own — and some houses sit empty, home to no one.

Fraternities without houses hop between residences, living in unofficial houses or actively seeking a home of their own. Houses without fraternities stand vacant as renovations are completed or

fraternities are reestablished.

Each situation has a unique history — evictions, renovations, borough zoning, disbandments and reestablishments all have played a part in the experiences of these fraternities.

A look at the fraternities that do not wake up between ancient stone walls each morning:

### Not an Ideal Situation

Kappa Alpha Order has found itself jumping from fraternity to fraternity since spring 2008. The fraternity had been leasing the

Phi Kappa Sigma house but lost its lease when Phi Kappa Sigma moved back into the house.

Since losing its lease, Kappa Alpha Order has resided in the houses of Phi Delta Theta, 240 N. Burrowes Road; Tau Epsilon Phi, 328 E. Foster Ave.; and Sigma Tau Gamma, 500 S. Allen St., said Sean Chatlos, Kappa Alpha Order president.

The fraternity has struggled with recruitment since losing its lease, gaining only two new members this fall during formal recruitment. Chatlos (junior-

finance) said. The fraternity is still recruiting new members.

"It's definitely harder than what most fraternities have," he said. "You have to make clear to your potential new members that the situation is not ideal. We're striving to make things different and make a name for ourselves."

Chatlos said the fraternity still hopes to find a permanent house.

"The thing is, the supply for fraternity houses is so small, it's really hard for anything like that to happen," he said.

Borough zoning ordinances do

not allow the construction of new fraternities in the R-2 zone, which includes Fraternity Row, said Herman Slaybaugh, a borough zoning officer.

Buildings previously not designated as fraternities also cannot be converted into fraternities in the area.

Fraternities that exist there predate the current zoning ordinance, which was passed in 1975.

While the members of Kappa Alpha Order struggle to find a home, one house sits without

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