

RIVALRY REBORN

Nebraska movement shakes up Big Ten

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Former Penn State running back Curt Warner remembers the plays well.

The No. 8 Nittany Lions were down by three points to the visiting No. 2 Nebraska Cornhuskers, and with time winding down, led by All-American quarterback Todd Blackledge, the Lions were moving down the field, and the ensuing plays were enough to ruin the Huskers' chance at a national championship.

Tight end Mike McCloskey hauled in a 15-yard pass in front of the Lions' sideline, and with 8 seconds left, Blackledge's low throw somehow found its way to tight end Kirk Bowman.

Though some Huskers' fans still insist McCloskey was out of bounds and that Bowman trapped the ball, the Lions went on to win the national championship.

As for Nebraska, the nationally televised game in University Park was its lone loss of the season — a record good enough to land the team a spot in the Orange Bowl.

"It was a good call," Warner said with a chuckle.

"We didn't have any replay so that's all that matters ... We just had a little extra space on the sidelines."

If that 1982 matchup — still regarded as one of the Lions' most memorable games — is any indication of what the future holds, then Penn State fans should consider themselves lucky. Nebraska's addition to the Big Ten means an opportunity to rekindle a rivalry, even though Nebraska Athletic Director Tom Osborne isn't looking for one. The two schools have met on the gridiron just 13 times since 1920, with the Lions leading the all-time series 7-6.

Just as disheartening as the 1982 loss was for the Huskers, the Lions didn't have a chance to play for the 1994 national championship while Nebraska did. Despite both teams boasting undefeated seasons, the Lions went to the Rose Bowl while Nebraska defeated Miami 24-17 in the Orange Bowl. With both Penn State and Nebraska undefeated, the voters deemed Nebraska No. 1.

"There's certainly no animosity on our part," said Osborne. Nebraska athletic director and football coach from 1973-1997. "The voters decided what they wanted to do."

We came out on the short end some times and we came out on the positive side some times, but that's just football and that doesn't

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Student dies in weekend collision

Michael Simpson, 19, and two others were killed in morning crash.

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Erin DiCamillo was planning a party playlist for the first weekend of fall semester with her Neil Young-loving close friend Michael Simpson.



Simpson

She said she now plans to play only Neil Young that night, in memory of the first true friend she made at Penn State.

Simpson, a Penn State student, was one of three individuals killed in a car crash in Greensburg, Pa., last weekend.

Early Saturday morning, the 1998 Buick Skylark Simpson was driving sustained what the Pennsylvania State Police at Kiski Valley called "severe crushing damage" after it missed a right turn in the road and collided with a tree.

Simpson, 19, of Greensburg; Carly Kudray, 18, of Export, Pa.; and Jordan Cobb, 19, also of Export, were pronounced dead at the scene by the Westmoreland County Coroner.

Simpson sustained multiple blunt force traumas. Kudray's death was ruled blunt force trauma to the head and Cobb suffered positional asphyxiation, according to the accident report issued by police.

A third passenger, Chad Vandergraft, 18, of Greensburg, was ejected from the car. He was flown to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, police said.

Police said Vandergraft's injuries were not life threatening.

The car was speeding, police said, but they could not confirm if alcohol was a factor in the incident.

Only Simpson was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision, police said.

Penn Staters, family and friends spent the weekend mourning the tragedy. At press time Tuesday, more than 1,800 people were part of a Facebook group created to honor Simpson, Kudray and Cobb.

Condolences for the classes of 2009 and 2010 bannered the homepage of Greensburg Salem High School's website.

Simpson had just finished his freshman year at Penn State, and friends remember him brimming with school spirit — someone they said they could always count on.

DiCamillo (sophomore-kinesiology) said she will never forget Simpson — from meeting him her first weekend at Penn State when they moved into Hoyt Hall

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State budget could pass by deadline

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For the second year in a row, Penn State will be getting less state funding than it requested — but this year, the university may not have to wait as long to receive it.

Penn State is holding off on determining tuition and a final budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year until its state appropriation is released. But local lawmakers say it looks like the state will not face the 101-day budget impasse it did last year.

Gov. Ed Rendell could sign the state budget and approve appropriations for Penn State and the three other state-related universities as early as today, said Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre.

Corman said Penn State's expected appropriation is \$333.3 million — \$27.1 million less than the amount requested by the Board of Trustees in January. The appropriation request made

for this year was the lowest increased request in about 50 years.

"In a recession year with a drop in revenue, it's a victory," Corman said.

University spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said Penn State officials expect the appropriation to be about the same amount as last year's. She said she has not heard of any definitive figure for this year, though she's hopeful the budget will be passed by the end of the week.

If legislators approve the budget by Thursday, the final budget and tuition will be presented at the July 9 Board of Trustees meeting, Mountz said.

Until the state budget passes, an interim budget — a budget approved by the Board of

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Rendell



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Hundreds of Penn State freshmen moved into their dorms this weekend in preparation of the second summer session.

Freshmen move in, begin to transition

By Zach Geiger
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Parents and incoming freshmen descended on University Park Sunday when students taking classes for the second summer session began their first move-in day.

"The parking lot was a carnival," Will Olson (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said.

Stephanie Caverno (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said she was settled into her dorm by 10 a.m. Caverno and Olson met in the Learning Edge Academic Program's (LEAP) Business Ethics and Society pride, led by their LEAP mentors.

In LEAP, the term "pride" refers to a collection of students with similar academic interests who take two courses together.

"They're like an older brother or sister," Elizabeth Gallagher (sophomore-business) said of the LEAP mentors.

Gallagher said she had a great experience participating in a Business Ethics LEAP pride her freshman year and decided to become a mentor for the second 2010 summer session.

Though mentors couldn't help out on move-in day, Gallagher stayed involved by leaving notes students in her pride and directing lost students.

Helping the students with their classes and arranging for them to have library tours and lessons on ANGEL really helps the incoming freshmen get acclimated to Penn State, she said.

Once they found their rooms and unpacked, both Caverno and Olson said they enjoyed meeting the rest of their pride and participating in activities set up for the incoming freshmen such as a magic act and a comedian.

"We played laser tag. It was awesome," Olson said.

Games and entertainment are a good way to bond and get to know peers, Gallagher said.

"You really want to have the

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Volunteers test pyrotechnics

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More than 180 unique pyrotechnic shells were launched into the sky behind Beaver Stadium Tuesday night, as the Central PA 4thFest tested the fireworks display scheduled for Sunday night.

The 4thFest pyrotechnics crew test-fired one of each type of shell in preparation for the main event, said Central PA 4thFest Executive Director Bernie Keisling.

The all-volunteer team used high-speed cameras and computers to measure the exact timing of each shell and to properly sync each portion of the performance to music.

"What we're trying to do is get the timing exact — when it's going to launch, open, blossom and dissipate," Keisling said.

The original plan called for the 4thFest crew to begin testing the shells this past Sunday night, but



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Almost 200 pyrotechnic shells were launched behind Beaver Stadium Tuesday, as workers prepared for 4thFest this weekend.

The late arrival of some of the inventory postponed the testing.

The Central PA 4thFest fireworks show — ranked third in the

nation by fireworksguide.com — is set to begin at 9:15 p.m. on July 4.

According to 4thFest's website, See FIREWORKS, Page 2