

## PSU no longer top party school

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Penn State fell two spots from the top Princeton Review party school ranking, but some student leaders say the rankings never had any merit in the first place.

After climbing its way up the party school rankings over the past several years, Penn State is slowly moving down the list.

The university is not thrilled with the rankings but feels no need to get hung up on the results, university spokesman Geoff Rushton said. "How do you scientifically gauge something like this?" Rushton said. "I don't think you do."

But Rob Franek, author of The Princeton Review's "The Best 373 Colleges," said the rankings have merit because they are the results of thousands of students' opinions and are true to what university life is like at each campus.

Some student leaders said they were not surprised by the results.

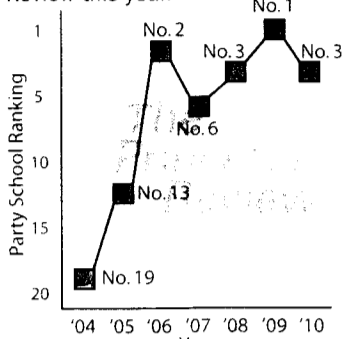
Interfraternity Council President Max Wendkos said the third place ranking was what he expected. But he said the importance of the ranking is overplayed.

He said that while he was happy Penn State greek life got a shout-out in the lists as the No. 10 Major Sorority and Frat Scene, he said he hopes the rankings reflect the

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### Third Place Partiers

Penn State was ranked as the No. 3 party school by the Princeton Review this year.



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## University gets top rank for passionate sports fans

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Staying until the end of the game despite the pouring rain, waking up early on the weekends to paint bodies blue and white and camping on pavement to get front-row seats have finally paid off.

For the second year in a row, Penn State students have earned the university the No. 1 spot on the Princeton Review Students Pack the Stadiums rankings — and

many say the ranking comes as no surprise.

It's no secret that Penn State boasts the best student section in the country. Paternoville president Alex Cohen said. He said the No. 1 ranking only confirms what everyone already knows.

And the amount of energy and excitement surrounding Penn State athletics is only just taking off, he said.

"Every year it gets better and better."  
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## JoePa quiets critics

### Coach asserts health is fine

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CHICAGO — Joe Paterno walked gingerly up on stage, spoke quietly and looked weaker when making his first public appearance since the Blue-White game.

Intestinal issues forced Paterno to skip three alumni speaking events this summer, and the coach's health was the No. 1 story line surrounding Penn State football on the first of two Big Ten media days Monday at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.

"I'm tired," Paterno said, "of answering the same dumb question about my health."

That didn't stop reporters from firing them at him.

Paterno constantly reiterated he is feeling fine and said he was only affected in terms of making public appearances because he had trouble controlling his bowel movements. His health has not kept him from watching film, meeting with recruits or preparing for the upcoming season, and he said he expects to coach from the sidelines.

"Well, you know, again, what did Mark Twain say, the rumor of my death has been over-exaggerated or something, I forget," Paterno said. "I really didn't lose any time. The problem I had was not having control of some things, and I had to be careful that I didn't get myself in a position where I would embarrass myself."  
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### BEAT THE HEAT



Sam Posey, 4, escapes the summer heat in Dallas, Tx., by running through fountains at Main Street Garden Park. Though the weather hit the triple digits in parts of the south, temperatures in the northeast have remained fairly steady and enjoyable.

## Greeks pleased by housing plan

By Brendan McNally  
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Penn State fraternity and sorority life leaders said the university's tentative plans to renovate South Halls would be a move in the right direction for greek housing.

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Roy Baker said he's been pleased with the progress the university has made so far in drawing up plans for the renovation set to begin in December 2012.

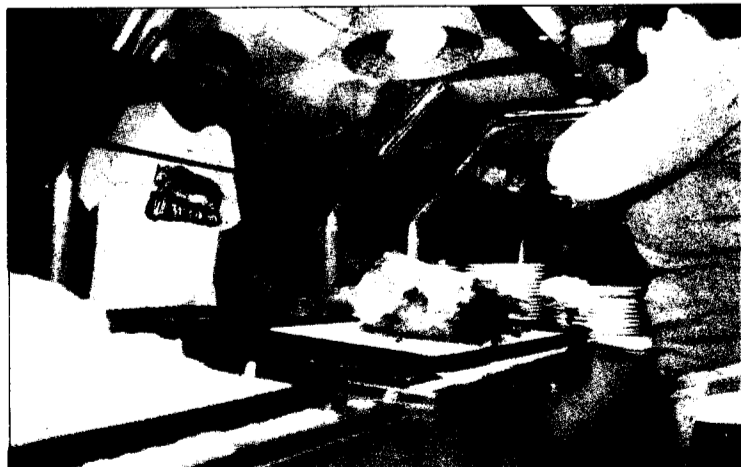
Though nothing's been "set in stone" yet, Baker said the university has done a great job in reaching out to the greek community

so that the renovation meets its needs.

"I have a housing and residence life background, so I know what those people go through on a daily basis," Baker said. "The fact that they have included us and the students in this conversation is invaluable."

Stanley Latta, assistant vice-president of the Penn State Office of Housing, Food Services and Residence life, said the university is currently planning to renovate the halls so sororities' suites are on the same floor as their bedrooms.

Panhellenic Council President Sara Linkosky said the change  
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Simmons Dining Hall will be renovated to make room for suites.



Spencer Green/Associated Press  
Joe Paterno shakes hands with Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany.

## Lawmaker pushes for Paterno to get top honor

By Casey McDermott  
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He's the leader in both career wins and bowl appearances among college football coaches, his 60-year career as a Penn State coach has spanned the terms of eleven U.S. presidencies and his trademark wire-rimmed glasses even sold for \$9,000 at a recent charity auction.

But if you ask those who support Joe Paterno's recent nomination for the Presidential Medal of

Freedom, it's not just the things he's known for inside of Beaver Stadium that make him a worthy candidate for the nation's highest civilian honor.

On Thursday, Rep. Glenn Thompson, R-Pa., submitted a letter of recommendation to President Barack Obama, asking that the president give "serious



Thompson

consideration" to awarding the medal to Paterno.

The letter received bipartisan support from 17 additional congressional representatives.

Paterno could not be reached for comment, and his wife, Sue Paterno, said she felt it would be best not to offer a statement on the matter on his behalf.

First established in 1945 and revived again in 1963, the Presidential Medal of Freedom is awarded annually to individuals who "make an especially meritori-

ous contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors," according to WhiteHouse.gov.

The number of individuals honored varies from year to year, but recent recipients include Senator Edward Kennedy, Harvey Milk, Muhammad Ali, Pope John Paul II and Nelson Mandela.

In his letter, Thompson cites the athletic accomplishments for which Paterno is often revered,

but also points out the coach's "deep dedication to education" both for his players and the rest of society.

"Rather than raising money for stadium skyboxes as many of his colleagues do, Coach Paterno has personally donated millions and raised hundreds of millions of dollars more for libraries and need-based scholarships for Pennsylvanians," Thompson wrote.

He also notes, among other things, Paterno's "dedication to education."  
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