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Leo Wang (sophomore-landscape architecture and sculpture) spray paints a piece that is going in his Cinderella's Tombstone work outside the Visual Arts Building on Tuesday, April 10.

How one student balances being an artist, fashion icon

By Kaleigh Quinnan FOR THE COLLEGIAN

"He doesn't get lazy in terms of dressing. Like, he does his hair every morning," Grace Choi (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said, referring to her studio classmate Leo Wang.

It is true too - Wang does indeed blow dry his hair every morning.

onhomore currently studying other artists, was ceramics. sculpture and landscape architecture at Penn State. To anyone

who meets him, his colorful personality, work and fashion stand out.

Wang is from China and he moved to the United States as a junior in high school. It was there that he discovered his affinity for the arts, especially sculpture, and decided to pursue it in college.

His first exposure to sculp-Yiwei Leo Wang, or Leo, is a ture, as is the case with many

HOME, SCHOOL

How the college experience differs for students whose parents work at Penn State

By Katie Johnston THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

McCullough often Wylyn spends her mornings commuting to Penn State with her parents.

McCullough's father, Randy McCullough, has been working at Penn State for over a decade in the College of Health and Human Development. But, McCullough said it wasn't a coincidence her father ended up working for the university she attends.

"Looking forward into the future, my dad purposefully attempted to get a job at Penn State because of the tuition discount," McCullough (freshmandivision of undergraduate studies) said.

According to Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers, Penn State offers a 75 percent discount to employees, their spouses and their dependants.

McCullough said her father successfully put herself, her mother and many of her four siblings through school thanks to the tuition discount.

"[It] is way more helpful than you would imagine because for a long time it was his single sal-\$70,000 a year for a family of seven, that's a pretty tight budget. So, it's easier than having to put away money for five children to go to college.

McCullough said having the tuition discount has decreased the amount of financial stress she's under.

Nathan Dowling also receives the tuition discount. He said after 25 years of working at McCullough said. Penn State, the tuition discount "Sometimes, you is locked in.



Old Main is photographed on Monday, Feb. 5.

ences) said while the tuition discount doesn't affect his life much at the moment, it will in the future when it's time to pay off student loans.

"I don't have to worry about quite as much debt — that's for sure," Dowling said. "I'm still going to be in debt by a couple thousand dollars, but other than that, it just feels like a normal life at college.

While McCullough is grateful ary," McCullough said. "At about for the discount, she said it put pressure on her when deciding where to go to college.

McCullough said because she did well in high school, she had other options open besides Penn State. But she said, the tuition discount was too good to pass up.

"As the youngest of five, I knew my best bet was taking that Penn State education because I don't want to have to even though his father retired be so worried about money,"

"Sometimes you have to

your financial situation."

McCullough's mother, Fran McCullough, works at Penn State as a research technician in the Department of Entomology.

Fran said there was even a running joke that her children could go to any college they wanted, as long as it was a college within Penn State University.

"[She] was offered scholarships to other universities, but with scholarships you often have to carry a B- average or the schol-arship doesn't continue," Fran said. "We thought it's scary to go away at 17 or 18 and have that responsibility on your shoulders. At least this way, it gives you a little leeway to mess up a bit."

Dowling said the discount also affected where he decided to go to school.

Dowling said he was looking at Lock Haven University, but he ultimately decided to come to Penn State

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fice desire for a different college Dowling (sophomore-geosci- or getting away from home for

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Penn State President Eric Barron speaks at the Penn State Hotel and Conference Center on Friday, Sept. 15, 2017.

'We Are?' Students, community divided on Penn State's politics

By Cissy Ming THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Are," the thousands of alumni, faculty, students and families cry out as one. The same, however, may not always be said when talking politics.

Since the 2016 election, Penn State has released 11 statements on political issues, mostly regarding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and last year's travel ban sideration on a federal level executive order.

The university says on its "Campus Climate" site that the statements relate to "nurturing ers said. "Students would want... a welcoming environment," including for immigrant students. Penn State's statements respond directly to actions taken affect them locally." by the Trump administration or the hostile climate some believe by policy changes, Shoba Wadhe created.

Powers told The Daily Collegian via e-mail that the university When the university says "We avoids commenting on everyday politics unless the development a university resource that proraises "issues of deep concern that impact the community as a whole."

> She said a recent increase in student activism led to a demand for Penn State to offer its position on various questions of politics.

> "Many of the issues under consuch as sexual assault, DACA, student aid - are issues impacting college students today," Powto seek clarity from their college or university for how what is happening at the national level may

For students "endangered" hia said assurances from their

Penn State spokeswoman Lisa universities restore a sense of security to their lives. Wadhia directs the Penn State Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic, vides legal counseling for immigrant students.

As a professor in Penn State Law, she said she experiences the enrichment international students bring to the classroom and believes Penn State has an interest in protecting that diversity.

"The present climate is not friendly to the immigrants who are here," Wadhia said. "We want students to be thinking of their physics problems, not whether their university will think differently of them because of their immigration status."

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Art seeks to educate campus about Iran

By Maddie Aiken THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

In the United States, perceptions about Iranian culture and lifestyle can often be negative and misinformed.

Penn State graduate student Yeganeh Aghazamani sought to challenge American misconceptions of Iran by curating a photographic exhibition demonstrating the realities of Iranian life.

Titled "Peace Bridge," the exhibition seeks to "bridge" together America and Iran through truth and dialogue.

It was displayed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 11 and will continue to be shown on April 12 in the HUB-Robeson Center's Engagement Space

Aghazamani (graduate-recreation, park and tour management), who is Iranian herself, said she wants to show viewers that the way American media often portrays Iran does not truly represent the country.

'People will have different attitudes about Iran if it is shown from a different lens," she said. "I want to make the community aware of my culture."

"Peace Bridge" consists of photographs taken by Iranian photographers that portray everyday life in the country.

The images on display in the exhibition are based on the questions Americans ask about Iran. Viewers to the exhibition can see what different things like dentist appointments, women's education, religious practices, weddings, the climate, leisure time and bazaars look like in Iran.

is not the unsafe, Iran Muslim-only desert



Marissa Works (junior - music education and public relations) takes a closer look at the art from the Peace Bridge Photo Exhibit on Wednesday, April 11.

Westerners think it is. Rather, the country is a place filled with different climates, religions and cultural practices that many call home, according to Aghazamani.

"I want to get people together to have a mutual understanding about Iranian culture," she said. "The exhibition shows that Iran is not what they see in the media."

In addition to the photographs on display, visitors can enjoy drinks and snacks, a video about Persian cuisine, a map of the Middle East and Iranian music.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a survey after they attend, in which they compare their perceptions of Iran before and after attending the exhibition.

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Artist

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From there, he learned to use more contemporary materials with 3D sculpture.

Matthew Joseph Olson, a shop supervisor and assistant professor, has been one of Wang's mentors since freshman year.

"Leo has a proclivity for working hard and always seems to be striving to develop better results," Olson said. "As with any 21st century artist, in order for young artists like Leo to be successful, they have to be courageous and show a propensity for taking risks. Leo has a great attitude, a good sense of direction and the willingness to fail.'

Wang's work is typically done with creative materials and involves commentary on the contrast between masculinity and fashion. He said his favorite medium to work with is spray paint because it can add a personal touch to impersonal materials.

'I always try new materials, but I put spray paint on top to make it my own thing," Wang said.

One of his more recent works, titled "Medium Well" recently won an award from The Zoller Gallery at Penn State for its unique message and mediums. It is a fun, cheeky piece that allows for reflection on social construct characteristic of Wang's art.



Leo Wang (sophomore-landscape architecture and sculpture) spray paints a piece that is going in his "Cinderella's Tombstone" work outside the Visual Arts Building on Tuesday, April 10.

Wang said the bright pink the piece is effectively fragile. hamburger, which is his favorite, speaks to the contrast between masculinity and fabulousness.

The burger has strict washing instructions — because it looks like fabric — but in reality is made out of durable metal. The glazes that give the burger its color are not waterproof. They are solely for aesthetic purposes, meaning

on now, titled "Death of Cinderella," will be installed in the visual arts courtyard on Friday. It is a shown in the classic blue dress neon pink gravestone, inspired because of the Disney film, Wang by Broadway's "Cinderella" — a production that was recently performed at University Park.

Wang said the idea behind the

rather than enhance, a story. In The piece that Wang is working the Broadway production, Cinderella wears a variety of gowns and outfits, yet she is always explained.

In this way, the movie limited the imagination the book evokes, Wang said, because it labeled a piece is that a movie can ruin, previously undesignated aspect

Parents

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because of the discount and the geosciences program.

His life at college, Dowling said, isn't really affected by his father working at Penn State.

"But, it definitely helps," Dowling said. "If I needed to know where one building was, instead she has been walking around of having to look all over Google, I could just ask my dad and he would know."

a difference in her college experience because her parents work at her school — and because she commutes.

McCullough said being in constant contact with her parents doesn't allow her to have the like she's been to college before same "stretch-your-wings freedom" like a lot of students.

Fran compared her daughter's situation to what it might be like having parents who work at Disney World.

"It would kind of ruin the experience of going to Disney World for you," Fran said. "Because [both parents] work at the university and we understand the inner workings of the system, it might give [Wylyn] a less idealistic version of the college experience."

Penn State is familiar territory for McCullough because the university's laboratories and offices since elementary school.

"Because we can't give [her] However, McCullough does see the experience of going away to college, we can at least stay out of [her] hair," Fran said. "So, we do drive in together, but we don't go out of the way to try and go out to lunch or anything.'

McCullough said it's almost really having been to college.

"I've never had the chance to be homesick," she said.

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Advocating legalization for DACA beneficiaries and open immigration policies reflects the values of Penn State, Wadhia said. While individuals in the Penn State community may disagree, Wadhia said upholding the tenets of "All In" and standing with marginalized students takes priority over appeasing people of every view.

Maribel Ramos said Penn State has an obligation to reassure students who may feel anxious about their status in the country, whether as minorities or non-citizens. She said many students around her feel "terrorized" by the possibility of experiencing discrimination for their personal backgrounds.

"I'm a member of the Latinx community, and while I don't know anyone affected by DACA, many of us are scared that we're

not as welcome as the majority of students," Ramos (junior-elementary education) said. "As a student, you should know that the police aren't just going to come onto campus and take you.'

However, Powers said Penn State also releases statements with the goal of informing students on current events so they can form their own opinions. As a state-related university, Penn State aims to encourage the "open and civil exchange of ideas" among its community, regardless of the university's official position.

Conservative student Vincent Cucchiara said he believes the university cares mostly about virtue signaling to the loudest activists, who expect "automatic" opposition to Trump. Although he has no problem, in theory, with universities speaking on policy, Cucchiara (junior-chemical engineering) said Penn State's involvement in politics is driven by self-interest rather than "reasonable evaluations."

of the story as characteristic of "Cinderella."

The neon pink tombstone has the book release date as birth and the movie release date as the death of the princess.

While much of his celebrated work is in sculpture, Wang's education delves beyond this.

"I chose sculpture because I have always had a passion to work with 3D art and I chose landscape architecture because I wanted a background in functional design,' Wang said.

Double majoring in any two fields is difficult, but it can be even more time consuming when dealing with the arts. It is because of this that Wang said he "lives in the studio during weekdays" to complete his projects and assignments for class.

Outside of class, however, Wang said he enjoys hanging with friends, partying or binge-watching Netflix.

Wang's other big interest is fashion. He is never seen without some sort of trendy, bold outfit complete with designer accessories. At age 20, he already owns a Gucci belt — a designer who, alongside Neil Barret, tops the list of Wang's favorites.

"I always...dress nice," Wang said. "I just feel like fashion makes me feel confident about myself. I have always cared about my look, and once I lost weight, I could wear whatever I wanted."

Therefore, he would like to see Penn State "say less" about politics given its "backward incentives.

He said the university might tout its commitment to hearing all perspectives, but its motivations in releasing political statements show a disregard for dissenting students.

"I am not a loud or bombastic left-wing constituent...I don't feel represented or included," Cucchiara said. "[Penn State] is capitulating to the university culture rather than promoting a healthy set of ideas."

Ramos said that while she will continue to look to Penn State for statements, the university should follow its words with actual steps to help students.

"I always say that in the end, it's not what you say that's the most important," Ramos said. "It's the actions that you take."

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A calf sticks its tongue out as a passerby pets its head during Ag Day 2018 on Wednesday, April 11.

Frin O'Neill/Collegian Ashton Oddie, a 1-year-old, attempts to feed a horse as his father, Neal Oddie, of State College, holds him during Penn State's Ag Day on Wednesday, April 11.

Students march to Old Main for pride rally

By Mikayla Corrigan THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

With pride flags tied around their necks and a glisten in their eyes, students involved with the LGBTQ community participated in a pride march and rally that ended on the steps of Old Main.

Sponsored by the LGBTQA Student Resource Center, the walk took place Wednesday afternoon, continuing the events for Pride Month.

Brian Patchcoski, the director of the center, facilitated the event and said it was a great turnout despite being in the middle of the day.

He said the walk started at Boucke Building to attract more students on their way to Old Main, with chants of "2,4, 6, 8 - don't assume your friends are straight."

'I think it's a great way for people to come and stand close to be visible and also watch from afar," Patchcoski said.

The rally and march has gone on the last couple years, and Patchcoski said he is proud of what the event has turned into.

"We become more multifaceted

a director of the center is - to look at how can we continue embracing everything that students bring to us."

Seckin Kara was one of the members who participated in and from a more conservative area dents for Cultivating Change. spoke after the march.

'It's really good to remind the Penn State community that all of us are here," Kara (junior-math and Spanish) said. "I think if you're not a member of the queer community or not an ally, it's easy to forget that there is such a big community on campus. So, I think just kind of showing that force and having a rally for everyone to come together [can] make it better for everyone here."

Participants shared stories and other sentiments of political activism, including expanding the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to include sexual orientation. While on the steps of Old Main, Kara also shared a poem titled "Off-grid," which touched on being a part of the queer community.

"It's always just really good to perform poetry for people when it comes from a very personal

"I think that's what my goal as insight into things that other and becoming involved in the before," Kara said.

Another student, Seth Rice, ing his personal story of coming and a founding member of Stu-

people might not have thought of community toward the end of his college career.

Now, he is the secretary of the spoke on the steps as well, shar- LGBTQA Student Roundtable



Students walk in support of LGBTQ rights during the Pride March along and multidimensional," he said. place because I think that gives Pollock Road on Wednesday, April 11.

"I think [these events] are really important just to promote visibility," Rice (senior animal science) said. "This campus is obviously a lot more accepting than some places, especially in the surrounding areas. I think just letting people see we are here, and like your friends can be gay, your family could be LGBT, helps a lot."

Patchcoski also complimented the faculty and staff that came out in support.

Michael Garrett, who works in the Penn State Office of Strategic Communications, was one faculty member who spoke on the steps of Old Main. He said the center made him feel at home while he attended Penn State.

"I'm happy that a lot of the events that I was able to be a part of as a student that brought me a lot of a lot of joy and a lot of pride are still continuing," he said. "I'm really thrilled to see that queer students at Penn State aren't letting a difficult time to be a queer person get to them or scare them into staying in the closet."

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No more king and queen means more inclusivity. Hopefully.

Starting this fall, Penn State will no longer name a "Homecoming King and Queen" after the university's Homecoming **Executive Court and Royalty** Committee announced Tuesday that it was removing the gender requirements from its selection process

Now, the top two students on the court will be recognized as the "Guide State Forward Award" winners. The 10-person court used to follow a ratio of five males and five females, but with the announcement

OUR VIEW

It's wonderful for us to say we're inclusive, so long as we act that way too.

Tuesday, the member's gender identity doesn't matter.

On the surface, this seems like a long-overdue change, and eliminating the gender attachment to the court for the

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ON THE PARK

BENCH?

upcoming school year could imply Penn State's Homecoming until now wasn't welcoming of non-binary students. But this decision wasn't the

result of a moral epiphany.

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PLAY THIS GAME

ANYMORE.

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WHAT? WITH YOUR

POOP?

The Homecoming Executive Court and Royalty Committee wasn't this hateful and closedminded regime before Tuesday's announcement, and it likely won't be the poster student

organization for inclusivity.

The gender titles of king and queen weren't used to exclude the students who didn't identify as male or female.

Instead, in all likelihood, the titles were there simply to indicate the significance of the accomplishment.

The candidates, the official release states. "who capture the essence of the values we hold true as a university will be chosen, regardless of their gender, gender identity, and/or gender expression."

Realistically, our culture only recently has started to understand the negative impact the gender association of royalty titles can have on members of our community, despite the practice of inclusivity on college campuses.

It may seem trivial, but making the Homecoming Court gender neutral was the right thing to do.

The one thing we want to make clear, though, is the progressive movement at Penn State cannot stop at gender pronouns and titles. It's wonderful for us to say we're inclusive, so long as we act that way too.

And this doesn't just stop at the Homecoming Court. Inclusivity needs to extend to every corner of our campus community so that everyone feels welcome to be themselves.

We hope this title change isn't just a façade for Penn State to say it's progressive without making actual change. We hope Penn State isn't going to see this positive shift from one of its most visible and recognizable organizations and think it has done enough. We hope the Homecoming Court isn't the only student group to make seasons such as these.

Those ideal Penn State values referred to in the release can't just be held by all students, "regardless of their gender, gender identity and/or gender expression.'

Instead, for us truly to be progressive, accepting all people of any gender has to be one of those values.

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MY VIEW | Kara Fesolovich

More needs to be done to rectify Facebook's privacy issue

It seems as though the news cycle is moving even more quickly as the weeks of Donald

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dency continue.

Many Americans

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ONE WAY BIRDS GAMBLE

tioning didn't seem partisan - if tral public forum, to which he responded, "Senator, we consider ourselves to be a

Social media has blurred the line between what should be treated as free speech and what should be treated as hate speech. What should companies like Facebook be allowed to censor? It's a giant question that affects both parties, all Americans and people across the world. It's also a complex issue and this testimony was not the time nor the place for those questions to be asked the way Cruz presented them. Cruz turned the questioning of Mark Zuckerberg into a partisan attack on Facebook. If he intended to ask about censorship, which was too big of an obstacle to tackle, he should have inquired about it as a whole, not just about conservative rhetoric being suppressed. Facebook allegedly collected and distributed private information illegally. And the senators either asked misinformed questions, tried to advance their own narratives or made Zuckerberg look silly. Regardless, they didn't do anywhere near enough to determine not only if Facebook was guilty, but also the steps that need to be taken to ensure something like this doesn't happen again.





Fesolovich

couple of weeks, Facebook itself has actually been at the center of many news stories regarding Facebook's role in harvesting the data of its users and making it available to the political consulting firm, Cambridge Analytica.

Then, because all news stories somehow manage to link back to the current president of the United States, the articles noted the Trump campaign used the data gathered to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election.

Using the supposed "private" information Cambridge Analytica gathered from Facebook, the Trump campaign invested heavily in targeted Facebook Ads, according to CNBC

Since these revelations have surfaced, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has been on the defensive, attempting to clear Facebook's name and reassure its users. This culminated with his testimony before the Senate Judiciary and Commerce Committees on Tuesday.

This issue seems to be bipartisan. Protecting the privacy of American citizens crosses party lines and the majority of ques-

very easy to make jok about the senators questioning Zuckerberg as the average age in the Senate is 63, the oldest in history according to TIME.

Presumably, older people don't know a ton about the ins and outs of social media and this was clear throughout with some of the questioning that took place.

Senator Orrin Hatch (R - Utah), who is set to retire at the age of 84, asked Zuckerberg how Facebook will remain free for its users, to which Zuckerberg simply replied: "Senator, we run ads."

While there were simple questions like that for Zuckerberg to answer, others were rightfully more intense and left him stumbling for responses.

When Senator Lindsey Graham (R - SC) asked him if he believes Facebook is a monopoly, Zuckerberg dismissed the idea, but couldn't give a straight answer.

And then, there was Senator Ted Cruz (R - TX). The extremely conservative, former presidential candidate managed to use his line of questioning to point out "liberal bias" at Facebook and in Silicon Valley.

Cruz first asked Zuckerberg if he believes Facebook is a neuplatform for ideas

Then with a somewhat caustic tone, Cruz went on the attack. "Are you a First Amendment speaker expressing your views or are you a neutral public forum allowing everyone to speak?"

"Social media has blurred the line between what should be treated as free speech and what should be treated as hate speech." – Kara Fesolovich

From this question, we saw the direction Cruz was headed. Unlike his colleagues, he wasn't going to deal with the extremely important issue at hand — data har-vesting — he was going to focus on reaffirming rightwing beliefs that the liberal media is against them.

does tend to lean to the left with their political beliefs, and Zuckerberg admitted that in his

However, Cruz's cherry-pickaffirm his point that Facebook is

Political bias on supposedly neutral platforms is a concern. It's an issue that arises every time Twitter, Facebook or another public platform is faced with whether or not to censor pages with hate speech or vile content.

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Penn State's Zain Retherford takes on Ohio State's Ke-shawn Hayes during a match in the Big 10 Championships at the Breslin Student Center on the campus of Michigan State on Saturday, March 3.

Retherford departs: What's next?

Arceri expected to play, but Glatz is ready

By Jake Aferiat THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

It's been five years since Penn State wrestling didn't have three-time NCAA champion Zain Retherford

on its roster and

WRESTLING the Nittany Li-

ons have won three national titles in that span. But now, with Retherford

graduating and Penn State coming off of its seventh national title in eight years, it remains to be seen what will come of the Nittany Lions next season.

While the Nittany Lions will likely be favored to win another national title, their first order of business will be to replace Retherford in the lineup.

There are several courses of action Penn State could take to fill the spot at 149 pounds, though none will likely have the immediate impact that Retherford did.

course of action is to move wrestle Bo Pipher at 149. rising sophomore All-American Nick Lee up from 141 pounds to Retherford's old spot at 149.

The Evansville, Indiana native led Penn State in both tech falls and major decisions and was tied for the team lead in wins with 32, showing that he had no issues fitting in as a freshman and handling the pressure once before.

Lee picked up his first All-American nod after recording a fifth place finish at the NCAA tournament and routinely proved that coach Cael Sanderson made the correct decision to burn his redshirt.

If Lee does slot in for Retherford at 149, that would leave Lee's old spot at 141 open, and Sanderson could look to incoming freshman Gavin Teasdale. who projects at 133 or 141, to fill the void.

Sanderson could also decide to keep Lee at 141 where he had The easiest and most likely success all season and opt to

Pipher filled in for Jason Nolf at 157 pounds when Nolf went down with an injury and went 1-2 in the interim, including registering a pin against Buffalo for his first career dual meet victory.

The redshirt freshman from Paonia, Colorado also competed against Retherford in the 149 pound bracket at this year's Southern Scuffle so he has experience wrestling there well and could improve as on his 1-2 dual meet mark with more experience and practice

The biggest key for the Nittany Lions is to fill the void left by Retherford in some capacity.

For them to repeat as national champions however, they'll likely need their four wrestlers that have already won national titles to repeat the feat.

Jason Nolf, Vincenzo Joseph and Bo Nickal all picked up their second individual NCAA titles

in 2018, while Mark Hall won in 2017 but lost to Zahid Valencia in the 174 pound final this season

Hall's loss didn't sink Penn State's chances at a national title, but that's likely only because Nickal stepped up to the plate.

The Nittany Lions claimed their seventh title in eight seasons on the back of a Nickal pin of Myles Martin, which sealed the Nittany Lions' fate.

However, Martin had routinely had Nickal's number in the postseason, so a Nickal victory was anything but a safe bet.

Ultimately, a combination of luck and skill prevailed to give Nickal and Penn State the title and the Nittany Lions may once again rely on a healthy dose of both to win another title without Retherford.

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Club Swim makes a splash at **Nationals**

By Sara Perlowitz THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Friends that became family. As cliché as that might sound, that is how Lauren DeCrescente and Maddie Hendricks described their experience with Penn State

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Club Swimming. The team consists of about 200 people, all ranging in skill

level and commitment to the sport. Some swimmers attend practice simply to get a study break or get their daily exercise, but others train all season for their biggest meet of the year.

Collegiate Club Swim and Dive Nationals is a meet that the majority of the collegiate club swim programs participate in to finish out their season. Over 100 teams were in attendance and the swimmers from Penn State finished in 12th place overall.

DeCrescente (senior-supply chain management) served as the president of the team this season and was proud of all the effort the swimmers and her fellow officers put forth leading up to the trip.

"Nationals is the culmination of the entire year and we've had a lot of people working really hard this entire season," DeCrescente said. "It was exciting to see people have good races and finishing in 12th out of over a hundred teams is a huge feat."

As president, it was her job to make sure the trip went smoothly and help the other officers if needed.

Hendricks (junior - public relations) was the meet coordinator, so it was her job to make sure the entries were in with the correct times. David Means (sophomore - computer science) was the treasurer for the team and he needed to make sure the checks were sent to the hotels and to the meet director.

Claire Kelley (junior - early childhood and elementary education) acted as the secretary this season and organized the meals for the team during the weekend. And Kate Main (sophomore - English and communication arts and sciences) was the vice-president and took charge of booking the hotels.

"We are all doing things at different times," DeCrescente said. "But it all meshes together to create a successful nationals trip."

By Andrew Rubin THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

This week the biggest question hanging over Penn State heading into a crucial game is the health of its



face-off man. Gerard Arceri. Arceri was injured in the

final minutes of the Nittany Lions' loss against Maryland and his status for this week's game against Johns Hopkins is in question.

"We're just going to move ahead and continue to evaluate as the week goes on," coach Jeff Tambroni said on Wednesday of Arceri's status. "That'll be a trainer's decision. At this point, I don't even know."

Arceri has been one of the nation's best all year, winning 70.2 percent of his face-offs, which is fourth best in the country. In his relief Sunday night, true freshman Jake Glatz came in to take the game's final two draws. While he was unable to win either face-off on Sunday, he is just 6-of-20 on the season when he's come in for Arceri.

While Glatz knew he'd be a backup his freshman season expecting on Sunday night was a Glatz. It's on every member of friend of mine... Just means with Arceri on the roster, if he has to start on Saturday he feels he's prepared to fill in the role against Johns Hopkins.

"I would just say being the next-man up, you never know what is going to happen," Glatz pared as a staff and just create

"I would just say

what is going to

happen."

said. "There is a couple games where I didn't play, but that's honestly good if Gerard can take every faceoff. But as we all saw Sunday night, I just have to stay warm."

The Nittany

prepared and ready to go into games at any point if need be. The last thing Glatz was probably



Gerard Arceri (40) and Maryland's Justin Shockley (3) run after the ball during the game at Panzer Field on Sunday, April 8. The Terrapins defeated the Nittany Lions 13-12.

tap on the shoulder in the closing that face-off wing team. It's on it's going to be a little more stages of a tight Big Ten game, but that was the reality of the situation when Arceri went down.

"We're trying to just be pre-

an awareness preparedand ness with our being the next-man entire team, not up, you never know just one guy," Tambroni "At the present moment, we're planning on Ge-

said.

playing.

Jake Glatz rard Nittany Lions Backup But like anything else, if he doesn't

play, there are Lions' coaching staff preaches other scenarios and other playto their players about staying ers that'll step up, including Jake Glatz.

on Jake Glatz or solely on Jake of Maryland. "He's a good

different, it's on our defense to play a little bit different."

The reason for that is it isn't reasonable for Glatz to be expected to win as many draws as Arceri would in his first college start. Arceri has been over 50 percent in every game this season and has titled the field dramatically in the Nittany Lions' favor on some Saturdays.

One thing that'll work in Glatz's favor if he is called upon to start and take a large majority of the face-offs on Saturday is familiarity. He knows the Blue Jays' face-off man, Hunter Moreland, quite well.

"We went to high school together," Glatz said as both "But the onus is definitely not attended Boys' Latin School

our offense to play a little bit competitive, never want to lose to him."

While it sounds like Arceri is going to be a game time decision on Saturday, if Glatz has to face-off against Moreland, who is winning over 61 percent of his face-offs this year, the team thinks that Glatz can give them a chance.

"He still comes every day with a great work ethic and positivity in everything he does," Penn State senior midfielder and captain Tanner Peck said. "We have the upmost confidence in [Glatz] as a team, just knowing the ability that he has. If he has to step into that role, then he'll be ready.'

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Penn State had several swimmers compete in finals, and a few team records were broken in the process.

Carly DelFranco broke the women's 200 backstroke team record over the weekend and was also the team's overall highest point earner.

Austin Zelko (senior-kinesiology) broke the men's 50 butterfly team record, while Aaron Pullen (sophomore-security and risk analysis) was the team's highest point earner on the men's side.

The 200 freestyle relay record was also broken this past weekend by Anastasia Wagner (freshman - political science and French), Mia Belovsky (freshman - pre-med), DeCrescente and Hendricks.

Hendricks and DelFranco (juniornursing) were the two medal winners from the Penn State team. Hendricks placed second in the 50 freestyle and DelFranco came in second in the 200 backstroke, setting the new team record in the process.

"As someone who made it to finals, I know for sure I would not have been able to get there without my team backing me up," Hendricks said. "The team really contributes to how you do, for sure.'

As much as swimming is an individual sport while racing, it is a team sport outside of the pool. Team success comes from a combination of individual efforts, on and off the pool deck.

"Swimming is great because it is very individually motivated," De-Crescente said. "You're swimming for yourself but you're also swimming for the team, and you want to help your team get the most points as possible."

The team practices several times a week and travels to meets throughout the year, so the there is plenty of time to get to know your teammates in and out of the swimming atmosphere.

"As a senior and as president this year, Club Swim has been my entire life since I joined freshman year,' DeCrescente said. "This being my last swim meet ever, and my last one with Penn State, I knew it was going to be emotional."

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VFL Mock Draft: Penn State edition

Tyler King THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

that the pre-draft Now process is over for the former Penn Staters heading to the NFL. it's time to start

projecting where

FOOTBALL

they might land in the upcoming draft. The Nittany Lions dominated the combine and caught the eyes of NFL scouts with each impres-

sive performance. But while guys like Troy Apke may have improved their draft stock with their physical measurables, it's what they can do on the football field that will ultimately get them drafted.

Over the next two weeks leading up to the 2018 NFL Draft, we'll release a new Penn State only mock draft to project where the former Nittany Lions may end up. Let's get this mock draft started in the top five.

Round 1 (No. 4 overall) **Cleveland Browns Saquon Barkley**

When the Browns originally made the trade for Bills quarterback Tyrod Taylor, it looked like the focus was going to shift to Barkley with the Browns' first of two picks in the top five.

land is still going to draft a QB is a major victory for a Browns with their first pick and it seems organization that desperately likely quarterbacks will go at No. needs a spark.



Running back Saquon Barkley (26) and tight end Mike Gesicki (88) sing the alma mater after the 56-44 win against Nebraska at Beaver Stadium on Nov. 18, 2017.

2 and No. 3, leaving Barkley on the board for the Browns again. Cleveland isn't passing up on his talent a second time around.

While they have holes on the defense, Barkley is too good of a prospect to pass up twice.

Getting a signal caller of the future and arguably the best run-But now it seems like Cleve- ning back prospect of this century

Round 2 (No. 47 overall) Arizona Cardinals Mike Gesicki

Like the Browns, the Cardinals are another team that is likely to take a quarterback in the first round, despite already adding a veteran earlier in the offseason.

Arizona signed Sam Bradford to a one-year deal and he will likely be the starter next season. With David Johnson coming back healthy next season, the Cardinals could be just one offensive weapon away from competing for a playoff spot.

Ricky Seals-Jones projects to be the team's starting tight end right now, but the Cardinals will still be looking to add a player to compete for that spot. Gesicki would give the Cardinals a goto target in the red zone and on third down situations. Blocking is still the most immediate concern for Gesicki, but he would have time to develop that while still contributing early in Arizona.

Round 3 (No. 84 overall) Los Angeles Chargers **Marcus** Allen

We looked at five potential fits for Allen earlier in the week and the Chargers were a team that makes a lot of sense for the hardhitting safety.

Los Angeles just nearly missed the playoffs last season and is heading into the draft looking to retool and find some key pieces to

gear up for next season.

Adding a run-stopper like Allen that can be brought in on earlydown situations would be great value in the third round.

Round 3 (No. 99 overall) **Denver Broncos DaeSean Hamilton**

Hamilton surprised a lot of people at Penn State's Pro Day by running a 40 time in the low 4.5s.

Not many scouts thought he had that kind of burst and that has no doubt had an impact on his draft stock. Hamilton has already been regarded as an elite route-runner and his impressive pre-draft performance lands him late in the third round with a team that is in need of a slot receiver.

The Broncos already have Demaryius Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders on the outside, which would allow Hamilton to start right away in the slot and give new quarterback Case Keenum another weapon.

Round 5 (No. 140 overall) **Indianapolis Colts** Jason Cabinda

Unfortunately for Cabinda, with all of the talented Penn State prospects ahead of him, he doesn't often get mentioned with the group of players we just looked at. But he still has promising NFL potential as an inside linebacker based on his knowledge of the game and his ability

to read opposing offenses.

Unless a team falls in love with him and takes a chance in the third or fourth round, it seems likely Cabinda will slide into the fifth round.

Here he finds a good home in Indianapolis with a team that has been desperate for depth at the linebacker spot ever since Jerrell Freeman left in free agency a few seasons ago.

Round 6 (No. 181 overall) **Chicago Bears Christian Campbell**

The Bears have been very active in free agency, adding former Penn State wide receiver Allen Robinson, and have indicated that they want to win this season.

While they have Kendall Fuller and Prince Amukamara slotted in at the starting corner spots, there isn't a whole lot of depth behind those two. Chicago could get good value for a player like Campbell in the sixth round and develop him over the next few seasons.

Campbell has great size to be a corner at the next level and was impressive in role as a starter last season for the Nittany Lions.

His upside would be welcomed in a secondary that includes former Nittany Lion Adrian Amos.

Round 7 (No. 250 overall) **Philadelphia Eagles Troy Apke**

Despite entering next season as the reigning Super Bowl champions, the Eagles still have plenty of holes to fill in the draft.

One of the underrated spots where Philadelphia could use depth is at safety. The Eagles already have one of the best safety duos in the league in Malcolm Jenkins and Rodney McLeod.

But the Eagles like to use Jenkins in a variety of different ways, whether it be sliding down to play corner in some nickel packages or even playing linebacker at times and defending opposing tight ends.

The only backup safety on the depth chart right now that has experience is Chris Maragos, who is mainly a special teams player.

The Eagles could find great value in the seventh round in a player like Apke, who got better every season at Penn State and showed off that he can "run run" at the combine.

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Marcus Allen (2) gets tackled after intercepting the ball in the second quarter during the game against Georgia State at Beaver Stadium.

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SPORTS THE DAILY COLLEGIAN April 12-15, 2018 | Page 7 PSU using analytics to its advantage

Ben Ferree THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Analytics and numbers are becoming ever more present in sports and are changing the way that players

play and coaches SOFTBALL coach.

The idea that a defense in baseball or softball shifts to different positions against different batters based on their tendencies is widely based on data.

Some coaches buy into this forward-thinking strategy while some would rather stay in the standard defensive position. This season in the MLB, the Boston Red Sox have embraced the data and shift its infield according to the batter's tendencies.

Penn State softball and coach Amanda Lehotak are also big fans of the numbers and have bought into the shift.

"So, this is a company called Diamond Charts and you do this based on your strengths and how you are going to attack them," Lehotak said while holding a chart with a player's hitting data for every at bat their whole career. "All this goes into every hitter and every defense switch."

According to the Diamond



Coach Amanda Lehotak makes a pitching change during the game against Robert Morris at Beard Field on Wednesday, March 28.

Charts website, over half of the the data based on the pitching likely to hit the ball. Division I baseball and softball programs in the country use them ing to its website. to help scout opponents. The Dia-

matchup the batter faced, accord-

Lehotak and her coaching staff

"Against Texas A&M, we had the player playing second base on the other side of second base mond Charts show data down to use this data to shift the defense because in [the batter's] twothe hitters swing path and tunes into a spot that the hitter is most year career, she had one hit to the

right side," Lehotak said. "So, we would switch over."

The Nittany Lions swear by the numbers and data, using it every game to their advantage, but there is some risk involved.

"Hitters have their go to, so if they miss a pitch it's going to be a go to just things like that," Le-hotak said. "It gives you an advantage and I think it can give you two to three extra outs a game in my opinion, but on the flip side if vou get burnt it can give you up a run or a double."

In last Saturday's 3-0 loss to Michigan, the Nittany Lions executed the shift to perfection and it was a big reason why Penn State's defense held the Wolverines scoreless until the seventh inning.

A big reason for the defense success was also the pitching of Madison Shaffer, but according to Lehotak the pitching is crucial for the shift to work effectively.

"I think somebody like Maddie Shaffer...our defense was in every perfect spot to make those kinds of plays," Lehotak said. "So, if your pitcher is on, you know how you are going to attack, it's really tough to beat."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 12, 2018

This year you open up to many possibilities, though clearly you like to spend time by yourself. You will explore your mind/body connection, and might find yourself in yoga classes as a result.

If you are single, you could meet someone who is emotionally unavailable, especially in the time period before fall. Take your time getting to know any person in this period.

If you are attached, the two of you often disappear with little explanation. You use these periods to enhance and cement your bond. PISCES reads you loud and clear.

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Actress Claire Danes (1979), TV host David Letterman (1947), author Tom Clancy (1947)

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★★★★ You wake up ready to make a difference in a certain area of your life. How and where you decide to make waves could change. Remain sensitive to what is happening within your circle of friends. You might want to help someone discuss his or her feelings. Tonight: Make it personal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Emphasize friendship and your long-term goals. Taking action in order to handle a problem or misunderstanding might seem natural. However, it would serve you to detach first and understand the different mechanisms at play here. Tonight: Ask and you shall receive. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ At times, you can be feisty and difficult. Think through a problem more carefully. A partner also could be unusually feisty, especially if you start talking about a sensitive issue. Take it one step at a time. Tonight: Make a point of spending more time with a special loved one. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Recognize that there are periods when you are far more sensitive than usual. Do not hold back but rather move forward with thought and deliberation. You will not tolerate any obstacle in your path. Express your caring in a meaningful manner. Tonight: Listen to your sixth sense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*★★ Be somewhat less available than usual, and feel free to move forward with any matter involving joint finances or a particular bond. Also pay attention to a situation that is affecting a friend. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star\star$ Do not allow others to hold you up. It seems as if many people want some time with you. You are only one person with a limited amount of time. Your creativity comes into play, as you know what must happen. Express your concern in a meaningful way. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You'll dive into work and complete your to-do list quickly and efficiently. Freeing up some spare time might be delightful, as you probably need a break. You have been working very hard as of late. You know how to make others smile, so do it. Tonight: Run some errands first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You see a situation develop, and you might have several instantaneous responses. One knee-jerk reaction allows you to approach the matter with creativity. See what can be done to make it the best experience possible. Tonight: Just be yourself and be less guarded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Tension builds between you and another. You might not be able to disarm the situation for 24 hours. Take your time working through different scenarios that could do the job. Spend some quality time at home. Tonight: At a favorite place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Though you might need to do some reading or working alone, your social side emerges. You often feel a need to express that side of your personality. Try to hold yourself back right now, even if just for a little while. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite haunt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star\star\star\star$ You might want to defer to someone else who can handle a personal situation in an unusual way. You often feel as if you need to hold back, especially when it comes to spending. Learn to say "no" a little more often. Tonight: Be discreet yet clear about what you desire

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You wake up knowing that you are in your element today. What you plan to do with some free time could change as the day progresses. Loved ones and friends check in to see what you are up to. Inevitably, you might feel a bit pressured. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

SPORTS

Giana Han THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

As the season wraps up, the ginia and George Mason. Penn State starting lineup that will step onto the floor for the final two games

against

and



differverv ent than the one that played in the first game against Mount Olive.

There have been many reasons Serving is the foundation behind all the changes, but the most recent differences in the lineup are injury-driven.

suffered a concussion on March 31, and while he has been cleared, it is not set whether he will play this weekend or not.

While he is out, middle blocker Jalen Penrose has been playing opposite.

Clemens also suffered a concussion.

In past games that Clemens did not play in, libero Declan Pierce hand with aggressive serving, but was in, but the team decided to go

with a more experienced player, one or avoiding the other. outside Lee Smith, against University of Charleston West Vir-

match against Charleston.

NJIT that were just him versus the hit- tion. Princter," coach Mark Pavlik said. "He eton may look did a really nice job."

> protocol, so it is likely that Smith will appear in the coming games.

Even heading into the last games of the regular season, Pavlik is still stressing the same was just starting — specifically serving.

But as the season has pro- ing," Penrose said. gressed and the game of men's volleyball has developed, the message has changed.

"It's not about the aces or the More recently, libero Royce errors," Pavlik said. "It's about what happens to the balls that passers actually pass."

Aces and errors come hand in

It's more important, Pavlik said, to maintain the physicality every time the server goes He dug 14 balls in a three-set behind the line because "just atch against Charleston. getting the ball in" can put "A bunch of those were balls the team in a bad defensive posi-

Over the season, middle blockers Penrose and Jason Donoro-Clemens is still in concussion vich, serving specialist Kyle Mackowicz and outsides Aidan Albrecht and Matt McLaren have developed into servers that can give the receiving team trouble the majority of times they serve the ball in the court.

"One thing ... is can we make Starting opposite Cal Mende things he was when the season the other team end my service run versus me going on a two or three point run and then miss-

Changing the game

In a packed and rowdy gym, the Princeton Tigers beat the Nittany Lions in five sets to give them their second conference loss as the first half of the season wrapped up.

the focus shouldn't be going for they always play out of their side to end the season.



Brianna Morgan/Collegia

Setter Luke Braswell (4), middle blocker Kevin Gear (12) and outside hitter Frank Melvin (3) block the ball at Rec Hall on Sunday, March 18.

minds at their gym against us," Penrose said.

Now, the Nittany Lions will get the chance to play the Tigers with problems for Penn State. "I feel like, in their history, home court advantage on their

In the 3-2 loss against the Tigers, Princeton's outside hitter, sophomore Greg Luck, caused To read full story, visit

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