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REFLECTIONS

*Seventeen years after the attacks on 9/11 — Shanksville remembers*By Tina Locurto
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Shanksville is a small, rural town settled in southwestern Pennsylvania with a population of about 237 people. It has a general store, a few churches, a volunteer fire department and a school district. American flags gently hang from porch to porch along streets with cracked pavement.

It's a quiet, sleepy town.

It's also the site of a plane crash that killed 40 passengers and crew members — part of what would become the deadliest attack on U.S. soil.

The flight, which hit the earth at 563 mph at a 40 degree angle, left a crater 30-feet wide and 15-feet deep in a field in the small town of Shanksville.

Most people have a memory of where they were during the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Whether witnessing the World Trade Center towers fall in person or watching the events unfold on TV, one commonality is everyone has a story to tell.

On a foggy, rainy weekend in September, just days before the 17th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, two Shanksville residents and a volunteer at the Flight 93 Memorial, shared their stories.

'God's healing'

Ginny Barnett said the only way she could focus on volunteering for the Red Cross in Shanksville following the attacks was to keep the information of what happened "at arm's length."

She couldn't think about the families or victims. She couldn't watch TV newscasts of the events unfolding. She couldn't read articles about what had happened.

Barnett, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, said it wasn't until four years later when she finally confronted her feelings and dealt with the things she saw and did.

"It was very difficult," Barnett said. "I remember seeing the crash site for the very first time down below there, and I started to break down thinking about all of the lives and what had happened."

With her Red Cross chapter, Barnett arrived to volunteer in Shanksville on Sept. 12, 2001, initially helping with mass care feeding. As the state disaster chairperson, she was involved with acquiring staff to bring more hands to help. She also helped organize memorial services.

Though busy at work, Barnett couldn't think about Sept. 11 without breaking down into tears. Everything changed in 2005, she said, when the national memorial asked her to tell an oral history of the events.

She then began volunteering at the Flight 93 Memorial in 2005, which only took her "deeper and deeper" into the lives of the victims and families of Flight 93, she said.

"Today, I can stand here and actually tell their stories," Barnett said. "I'm living proof of God's healing."

Barnett stood atop the visitor center complex, just overlooking the memorial plaza and crash site. Surrounding the wall of 40 names etched into white marble, vast fields containing cardinal flowers, black-eyed susans and calico aster swayed gently in the wind. Few sounds permeated the memorial space, albeit the faint chirp of crickets, footsteps from visitors and cars whirring by.

Barnett said to be a volunteer at the Flight 93 memorial is "an honor." She said the community's response following Sept. 11 was incredible.

In particular, Barnett recalled spending three hours with a printing company to develop bulletins and wallet cards for a memorial service after the attacks.

In one day, the company was able to print, cut and fold 1,000 sets — donated to the memorial for free. Later in the week, the company repeated the same donation for another service.

"I find much hope in what I saw...Incredible evil had been done

that day, but incredible good came out in response," Barnett said with a smile.

Heroes in flight

Les Orlidge was born and raised in Shanksville. But, his own memories of Sept. 11 were forged from over 290 miles away.

A Penn State alumnus who graduated in 1977, Orlidge had a short stint with AlliedSignal in Teterboro, New Jersey. From the second floor of his company's building, he witnessed the World Trade Center collapse.

"I watched the tower collapse — I watched the plane hit the second tower from that window," Orlidge said. "I was actually depressed for about a year."

Using a tiny AM radio to listen for news updates, he heard a report from Pittsburgh that a plane had crashed six miles away from Somerset Airport. He would learn later just how close Flight 93 had crashed near his hometown of Shanksville.

At first, Orlidge's thought his town would be marked by this single tragedy, he said. However, his opinion changed after the Flight 93 passengers were labeled as heroes.

"When you look at what really happened, and when you see all the facts that play out, this town is going to be remembered for where we had the first strike against the terrorists," Orlidge said.

The passengers, using cell phones to make contact on the ground, were a key factor in warning family members and officials of the plane's takeover. They fought back, leading the hijacked plane to crash spontaneously in rural Pennsylvania. — instead of the original plane to strike in Washington, D.C., which some suspect was originally intended to crash into Capitol Hill or the White House.

"It's all in your point of view," Orlidge, a self-proclaimed optimist, said. "My first view was ex-

actly that: A little town in the middle of nowhere is going to be remembered for the tragedy that occurred here. Now, it's really the first blow against the evil that was trying to attack us all."

Neighbors and friends

Driving into Shanksville, a cobalt blue sign greets visitors with a warm welcome. The motto, "a friendly little town," is inscribed directly below Shanksville's mascot: a viking.

Growing up in Shanksville, Tessa Belsterling can attest to the town's motto of friendliness.

"It's a really small town, everybody knows everybody — but I like that," Belsterling said.

Attending Shanksville-Stonycreek High School, Belsterling's graduating class was only 35 people. Though she moved away for a period, Belsterling has since returned. She vividly remembers where she was when Flight 93 happened just mere miles from her.

A freshman at the time, Belsterling's teacher had turned on live news coverage of the Sept. 11 attacks. Only an hour and a half later, she and her classmates heard a large boom and saw a mushroom cloud of smoke.

"I was scared because obviously they came to Shanksville. I thought the whole country was under attack," Belsterling said.

The crash was only two and a half miles from her. Three seconds more and the plane would have hit Belsterling's school.

"You would think this is the safest place to be," Belsterling said. "Nobody's targeting a town with 200 people."

Though the community had never seen action like this before, residents joined together to help. The firehouse was turned into a "hub" of sorts for volunteers to come, gather supplies or relax.

"I just like the community," Belsterling said. "Everybody, if you need something, helps everybody out."



T-PAIN'S MOVIN' IN



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Rap artist T-Pain performs during Movin' In outside the HUB-Robeson Center on Friday, Sept. 7.

Outdoor clubs regain footing

By Cissy Ming
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Just two years shy of its 100th anniversary, Penn State's Outing Club (PSOC) now has permission from the university to carry out its traditional mission: taking students outside.

In April, three outdoor clubs —PSOC, Nittany Divers Scuba and Nittany Grotto Caving —saw their status as a recognized student organization put in jeopardy when Penn State Student Affairs and Risk Management deemed their activities too dangerous. The decision attracted national media attention, thousands of signatures in support of the clubs and sharp criticism from some club leaders.

Hearing about the controversy unfold while she completed a semester abroad, PSOC Outreach Chair Chloe Boughton said she "greatly appreciates" so many people rallying for the club's cause.

"When the university is coming in and trying to shut the club down, we felt really small," Boughton (senior-community, environment and development) said. "When the university is at odds with you... seeing all that support means so much, to see we had a community outside of Penn State that cares about us."

All three impacted clubs have transitioned to special interest organizations for like-minded students, as they previously operated under Campus Recreation. Beyond that basic change, those clubs each have their own ways of adjusting to newfound rules from Penn State.

During a meeting with Vice President of Student Affairs, Damon Sims, at the end of last semester, the PSOC executive board reached a compromise with the administration. President Christina Platt said Sims showed understanding toward the club's concerns and gave PSOC the "go ahead" to lead day hikes within 50 miles of campus while continuing negotiations with Student Affairs.

The terms of their agreement are based on the existing precedent for recognized student organizations, which can travel up to 50 miles off campus without special permission.

Platt (senior-recreation, park and tourism management) said



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Officers present the first trip and handout flyers to the audience at the first meeting of the Penn State Outing Club on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

she looks forward to redirecting PSOC's focus toward exploring Central Pennsylvania, including Rothrock State Forest and other public lands. Rather than the previous fee of \$20, current members now pay \$10 in yearly dues, with no additional fees per day hiking trip or bureaucratic barriers to organizing trips.

"Planning a backpacking trip is really time intensive...it ends up costing a lot of money. We can run on an even cheaper budget now, make the outdoors even more accessible to people," Platt said.

Boughton said the board hopes to reinstate student-run backpacking trips for next year, while demonstrating to the university that the club's leaders can keep trip attendees safe.

PSOC submitted a proposal for Penn State to fund a study into best practices for leadership in public university outdoor clubs, groups similar to PSOC. The board also intends to consult legal experts specializing in outdoor recreation, and see how other universities handle risk management for outdoor clubs.

Boughton said gathering as much information as possible will prove PSOC's leadership cares about "not going into this blind."

"We have a lot of people with the university who don't know that much about hiking, they don't know what that entails, they don't know what backpacking entails," Boughton said. "We're going to take all the resources we can get to have a civil conversa-

tion with the university."

Shea Bracken, Student Affairs director of communications and marketing, said the conversation between the university and PSOC over appropriate club activities is ongoing.

"Our goal is to provide the Outing Club the necessary latitude to conceive, organize, and lead meaningful outdoor activities consistent with the group's mission and history while making student safety a priority," Bracken said via email.

In a previous agreement from last semester, Nittany Divers Scuba agreed to no longer lead diving trips, instead encouraging members to pursue their hobby through Outdoor Adventures trips run by Campus Recreation professionals. Experienced divers in the club will advise Outdoor Adventures on creating diving classes and opportunities in the State College area.

The club had a positive conversation with Penn State, according to former club President Alex Pulice. "We believe that this move is great for us," a statement from the Nittany Divers Scuba Facebook page reads.

Current President Forest Ledrick remains optimistic about Nittany Divers Scuba's future. He said the club will bring in people to speak about scuba diving or marine science and possibly attend scuba conventions together.

Visit collegian.psu.edu to read the full story.

Local authors engage with young readers

By Lindsey Toomer
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Some young, State College kids may have found a new favorite book at the Schlow Library on Sunday.

"Meet the Authors" was held on Sunday, Sept. 9 at Schlow Centre Region Library as an opportunity for children and their families to engage with local authors.

Three Penn State alumni —two authors and one publisher —attended the event with their newly produced books. Along with reading their books, they hosted crafts and activities for kids.

"It's important to us to make sure that kids know that their stories are worth telling, so our hope is that meeting these authors from their own community will serve as inspiration for children who are thinking about going down the same path," Katie Brennan, Children's Services Librarian at the Schlow Library said.

Author Brian Wray graduated from Penn State in 1996 with a film degree, but decided to write a children's book after telling countless stories to his two children.

"When my oldest was younger, she naturally would ask me to tell stories at night and on long car rides," Wray said. "Some of them were pretty horrible, but some of them were worth writing down. The more I wrote, the more I wanted to write."

Wray's first book, "Unraveling Rose," is about a stuffed rabbit named Rose who realizes there is a loose string under her arm that she knows shouldn't be there. She loved her life just how it was and thought it was perfect, so she pulled on the thread to try and get rid of it.

Rose ended up unraveling herself, leaving her unable to do the many things she initially loved to do. She then put herself back together and realized that everything doesn't have to be perfect all the time.

Wray wrote the book as a way to help parents who think their

children may be struggling with obsessive thoughts. He said in the United States alone, about three percent of all children suffer from obsessive thoughts.

"I wanted to write a story that anybody can relate to," Wray said. "I think whether you're actually dealing with obsessive thoughts or not, anyone can understand what it's like to worry too much about something."

"Unraveling Rose" was the gold winner of the Foreword Indies award for the Picture Books, Early Reader category in 2017.

Wray had paper and crayons for children to draw their own Rose at the event, and handed out bags with a Rose puppet, jigsaw puzzle, pin and refrigerator magnet.

Sonoka Takahashi, 10, came to the library with her sister Mirei, 6, to pick up books on a rainy day. Sonoka drew a picture of Rose and colored in a puppet at the event. She said she wrote her own story about a Venus fly trap, and is currently writing a chapter book as well.

Author Conn Thieman graduated from Penn State in 2009 with a business degree, but he

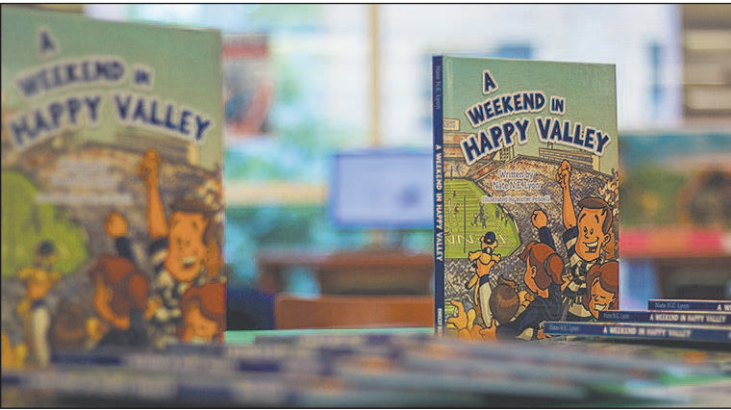
couldn't let go of the idea to write a children's book about Happy Valley.

Thieman's book, "A Weekend in Happy Valley," just came out in August and was written under the pseudonym Nate N.E. Lyon. He said he wrote the book as a way to reconnect with his nieces.

The book is about a family trip to Penn State for a football game. Thieman said he wants alumni to be able to use it as a way to get their kids excited to come to Happy Valley and explore its many landmarks.

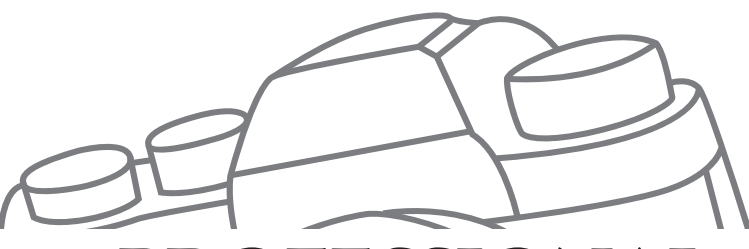
"[This book] is really for people who don't live in State College and are introducing Penn State to their kids for the first time," Thieman said. "The parents obviously have all these memories and great experiences and they're looking forward to it, but their kids may not yet have that frame of reference so it's sort of a primer for the family trip."

Visit collegian.psu.edu to read the full story.




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The book "A Weekend in Happy Valley" by author Nate N.E. Lyon during the Meet the Author event at Schlow Library on Sunday, Sept. 9.




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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



The Muslim Students’ Association provides free pizza, dialogue and insight on Islam

By Lilly Forsyth
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

There is a saying that “the fastest way to someone’s heart is through their stomach.”

The Muslim Students’ Association has applied that principle to a project of its own.

For the last three and a half years, the MSA has offered free pizza in front of the Forum building on the first Friday of every month in hopes of changing misconceptions about Islam.

On Friday, Sept. 7, the organization arrived at the Forum building with a cart of 21 Monte Carlo’s pizzas, ready to open dialogues about Islam.

“We’re glad that we have this outlet to express our intentions,” Daniel Lavelle, event coordinator, said.

“For us, it’s an opportunity to grow in our own faith as Muslims and take on that generous attitude we are taught to have.”

Charity — Zakat in Arabic — is actually included in the Five Pillars of Islam along with faith, prayer, fasting and a pilgrimage to Mecca, which is the holiest city to the

Islamic religion.

When the event first began, the organization decided pizza would not only be a convenient dish to offer but also one that is familiar.

“We chose a dish that is a common denominator between us and the many others that call America home,” Lavelle (sophomore - biobehavioral health) said.

“As Muslims, [we] are people just like you in many ways and enjoy a fresh slice of pizza just as much as the next person.”

Those who choose to take a slice were not required to have a conversation with the club, but Lavelle suspects even the momentary interaction of offering food to someone makes a difference.

“Often times, people are happy to stay for a few seconds to ask more about the mission,” Lavelle said.

“But at the very least, when we have given a slice and shared a smile, there’s definitely a feeling that we have made an impact, even if it is as simple as that.”

Most students during the recent food giveaway on Sept. 7 were unaware of the MSA’s reasoning, but after learning the motivation, they expressed some surprise.

Kennedy Miller, a student who grabbed a slice, expressed support of the group’s actions, but is disappointed an initiative like the pizza pass-out still has to exist today.

“I feel like it shouldn’t be necessary,” Kennedy Miller (sophomore-biochemistry) said.

“There shouldn’t have to be a reason to prove that you are just like everyone else.”

As college students, those involved in the MSA pizza handout realized the importance of making an effort to change perspectives.

Yusef Hussain considers himself “fortunate” that he has not experienced hatred from others due to his religion.

Others, however, are not as lucky.

“Ignorance has led to violence and ultimately loss of lives as we can see in numerous examples throughout the United States,” Hussain (junior-biology) said, “Like the 2015 Chapel Hill shooting that killed three innocent Muslims,” or the 2016 killing of an Imam — a person who leads prayer in a mosque — in Queens, New York, Hussain said.

According to CNN, during the 2015 shooting, it is believed three Muslim students were shot over a parking space dispute, but there was speculation of it being a hate crime. In 2016, Oscar Morel killed the Imam and his assistant from Queens, New York. However, Morel’s motive was never determined, according to the New York Times.

According to Hussain, the MSA’s educational initiative has been successful the past few years, but there is hope for future developments in the program.

“Giving out free pizza is a wonderful way to break those barriers that exist between non-Muslims and Muslims, but we must take education a step further,” Hussain said. “This will help the local beneficiaries in our community and... will spread the positive reality that is Islam.”

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Zack Gething/Collegian

Members of the Muslim Students’ Association hand out free pizza outside of the Forum building on Friday, Sept. 7.



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The Muslim Students’ Association aims to start dialogue about Islam with students at Penn State.

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Seeking help is not weak

Here at Penn State, sylly week is long gone and actual class work is starting to pick up, with midterm season right around the corner.

With the increasing work comes increasing mental strife for students as well. During this busy time, students should not be afraid to seek help or set aside time to take extra care of themselves.

Penn State offers counseling and other mental health services through Counseling and Psychological Services, CAPS, which is a part of University Health Services. Every student is granted six, free, individual counseling sessions through CAPS on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This semester, there is already a waiting list for students looking to schedule an appointment with a counselor.

For students looking for help or who need more assistance but cannot get an immediate appointment, CAPS does offer alternative places for students in the area. However, most students would need a car to access them from campus.

It may seem discouraging for students looking for help to be put on a waitlist, but it is an

OUR VIEW

Taking steps to improve your mental health should never be viewed as a weakness.

unfortunate reality. There are only so many counsellors on hand and there are seemingly not enough to help every student who needs it.

CAPS does offer other mental wellness workshops and CAPS chats, which are short drop-in appointments, but they're not really a replacement for one-on-one sessions.

In the meantime, students can take care of what they may immediately control.

While it may seem small, doing little things to help take care of yourself holistically can sometimes improve your mental health.

Take some time to go to the gym, make yourself a nice healthy meal and try to get eight hours of sleep.

While these instances of self-care seem easier said than done, it's a good start to help

take a breather during busy or stressful times.

But needing more help from CAPS or other spaces for a healthier mind should not be stigmatized.

For far too long, seeking help for a mental illness has been viewed by some as a weakness, depending on your surroundings.

This obviously should not be the case.

Students should not feel embarrassed or ashamed to take care of their mental health.

The culture does seem to be gradually changing. Some professors here at Penn State have even gone out of their way to make sure their students know to take care of themselves.

It's also important to understand that having a mental illness in general does

not make you weak. While that's important for everyone to understand, it's often hard to change the way someone thinks about their mental health. So, actually seeing people speak out about their own struggles can help.

In order to reduce that stigma, Cleveland Cavaliers' player, Kevin Love, wrote an article in March about his struggle with panic attacks. As an athlete, he's someone a lot of people look up to and would never consider weak.

For people like Love to open themselves up to the world about something so personal may help others see how having an illness and seeking help for it is not a weakness.

But, every person dealing with a mental illness is different, and by no means should anyone feel pressured into

sharing their story if they are not comfortable doing so.

Since no two people are the same, there is not one method that will help everyone. Some people may not be comfortable speaking with a stranger — a therapist or other professional — about what may be bothering them, so they shouldn't feel forced.

If someone you know is looking for help, encourage them to find what may be the method most effective for them because talk therapy is not for everyone.

If they want to talk to somebody, even if it's just a friend, that's a great start. But, no one should be forced into doing something they truly are not comfortable with.

There is no reason students should be made to feel ashamed of their mental illness.

Just because a student grew up in an environment where it was not accepted to have a problem does not mean that student should continue to live with those ideas.

If you need help try whatever feels most comfortable. But: Never hold yourself back because of what others may think.

MY VIEW | Tyler Olson

Kavanaugh produces great answers on judicial activism

Judicial activism: It's something that everyone hates, but nobody seems to know what it means.



Olson

When the left gets a Supreme Court or other court ruling in its favor, everyone on the right screams, "judicial activism!" When the right wins an issue that's before the courts, the left does the same exact thing.

As you might expect, accusations of judicial activism started flying almost as soon as Judge Brett Kavanaugh was announced as a nominee for SCOTUS and continued well into last week's hearings.

The liberal advocacy group, People for the American Way, published a piece last month summing up the left's judicial activism peeves against Kavanaugh. Among the accusations levied in the article, the author claims Kavanaugh, "will vote to overturn laws that have been passed by democratically elected legislatures," and that he, "will ignore or often overrule precedent...."

So is that what judicial activism is? Let's go to the dictionary. Merriam Webster defines activism as, "a doctrine or practice that emphasizes direct vigorous action especially in support of or in opposition to one side of a controversial issue."

So, judicial activism would be the use of one's position in the judiciary for, "direct vigorous action," for one side of an issue.

But that doesn't square with what the People for the American Way article says, which is essentially that any time a judge overrules the legislature or a previous judicial ruling, he or she is a judicial activist.

I recognize the importance of stare decisis and that elected legislators should be the ones legislating, not judges. But the author seems to have

activism mixed up with its similar sounding cousin, "activity." He — along with way too many other people — seems to think the judiciary should just get out of the way and let Congress do whatever it wants, because it's the branch that's directly elected.

Kavanaugh summed up the difference in a great answer to a question from Ted Cruz on Thursday. He said, "That [judicial activism] can go in either direction. So a judge who strikes down a law as unconstitutional when the text and precedent don't support that result or judge in the other direction who upholds the law as constitutional when the text and precedent would suggest that the law's in fact unconstitutional."

Courts are given the power of judicial review by the Constitution itself, which was reinforced by Alexander Hamilton in Federalist 78. On Wednesday, Kavanaugh actually named 78 as one of his favorite Federalist Papers.

Though the legislature is directly elected by the People, and therefore justly has the power to make and repeal laws, it has to follow the rules set forth by the Constitution. As Hamilton said, "the courts were designed to be an intermediate body between the people and the legislature ... to keep the latter within the limits assigned to their authority."

Basically, sometimes it's the court's job to strike down a law because it's unconstitutional. That's not activism, just activity. If a judge doesn't strike down a law he or she likes even though it's unconstitutional, that's judicial activism.

The same thing goes for precedent. Sometimes, the courts simply get things wrong. *Korematsu v. United States* ruled that it was okay for President Franklin Roosevelt's administration to hold Japanese Americans in internment camps during World War II. *Plessy v. Ferguson*



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Judge Brett Kavanaugh speaks after President Donald Trump announced his nomination to the Supreme Court.

established the sham of "separate but equal" that stood until *Brown v. Board of Education*. There are many more.

Kavanaugh said Tuesday that "a good judge must be an umpire" — and he's right. But umpires don't just stand behind the plate and let the players do what they want. They call balls and strikes. They send you back to the dug-out if you strike out. They throw you out of the game if you break the rules.

I don't agree with Brett Kavanaugh on everything, particularly his views on the Fourth Amendment. He wasn't my first pick for SCOTUS. But the attack that he is a judicial activist is just absurd, as are many of the others on him.

To name a couple: Zina Bash, a former clerk for Kavanaugh, was accused by the left of flashing a white power sign in the middle of the hearing. The problem? Bash is a Mexican-American woman who is a descendant of Holocaust survivors. She was simply resting her hand on her arm. At the start of a break during the first day of the hearing, Fred Guttenberg, a parent of a Parkland shooting victim approached Kavanaugh, reaching out for a

handshake. Kavanaugh had no idea who Guttenberg was, and security quickly whisked Kavanaugh out of the room. But outrage merchants on Twitter rallied around the nothing-sandwich of an encounter to make Kavanaugh seem like some brute. In one answer during the hearing, Kavanaugh was quoting the position of a party in a case, using the words "they said." That party referred to contraceptives as "abortion-inducing drugs." Liberals took the comment out of context and said that was the nominee's view on contraceptives. Then that lie, along with many others through the hearing, was reported on by outlets like CNN as if it was a legitimate grievance against Kavanaugh.

Brett Kavanaugh will be confirmed, and he will be a good justice. But our public debate badly needs its facts checked and the mainstream media is not doing a good enough job.

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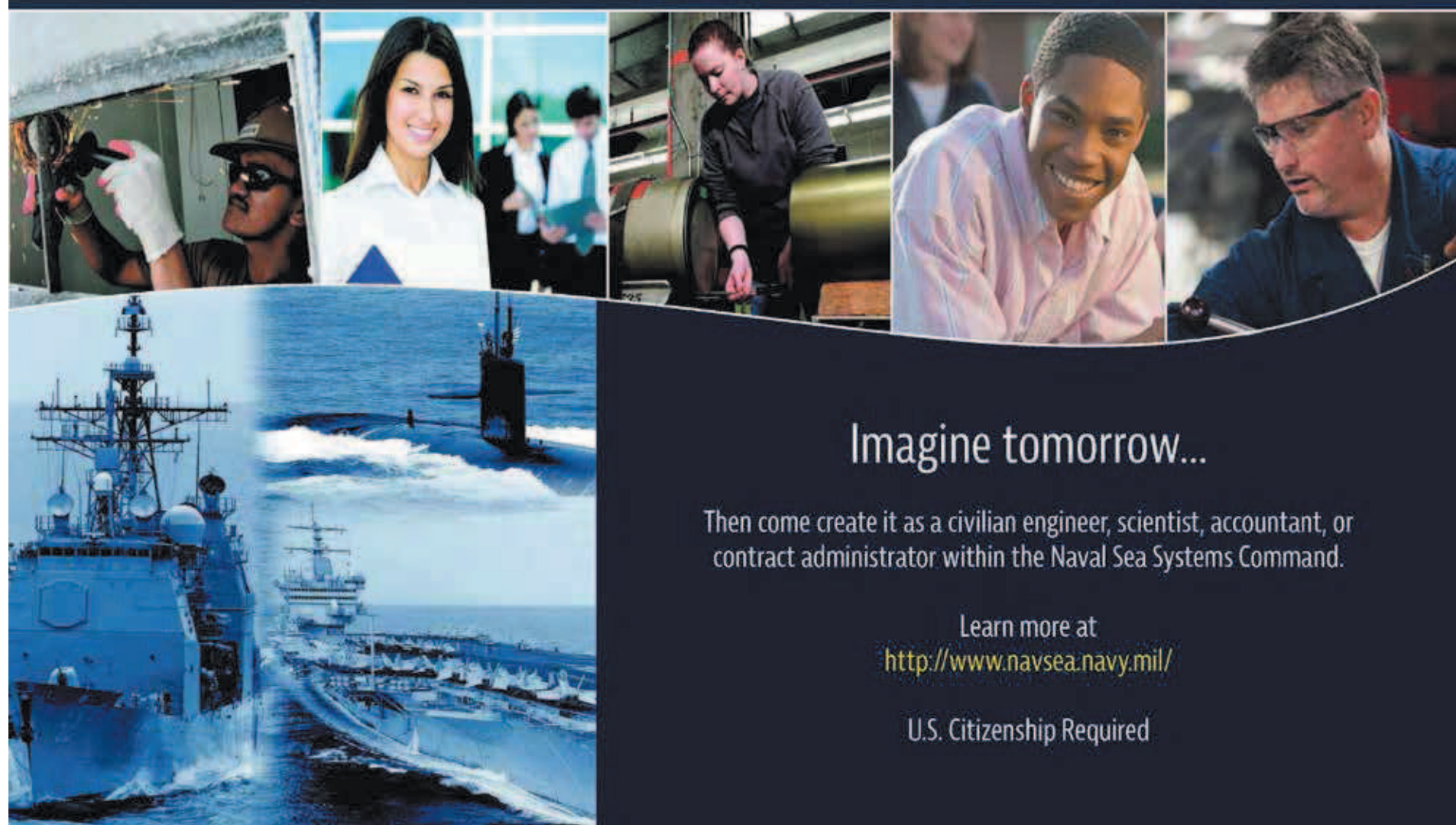


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REDEMPTION

Penn State's blowout win over Pitt was a little bit sweeter for Trace McSorley, who still carries bad memories with him from his last trip to Heinz Field

By Tyler King
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

PITTSBURGH — Two years ago, almost to the day, Trace McSorley suffered his first loss as a starting college quarterback. He'll never forget that feeling. It's something he carries with him every day.

It was just McSorley's second career start in a Penn State uniform.

The Nittany Lions got down early, but fought all the way back and had the ball down three points and a chance to steal a win in front of a hostile crowd in the final minutes at Heinz Field.

With 2:15 left, Penn State faced a 4th-and-16. McSorley found DeAndre Thompkins wide open over the middle for a 32-yard gain to move the Nittany Lions into Pitt territory.

Two plays later, McSorley felt the pressure from the Pitt defense and took a shot into the endzone.

But it landed in the hands of the wrong team.

The Virginia native's pass was over the head of Mike Gesicki, and it was intercepted by Ryan Lewis. Heinz Field erupted and McSorley's head went down.

"The feeling I had coming out of that stadium and walking off



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Penn State quarterback Trace McSorley (9) runs the ball at the game against Pitt at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept. 8. No. 13 Penn State defeated Pitt, 51-6.

the field [two years ago], it still sits in my mind," McSorley said. "I carry it with me in my mind and it's not just this week, it's every week."

The following year when Pitt paid a visit to Beaver Stadium, McSorley carved up the Panther defense. He threw 3 touchdown passes, threw for 164 yards and

rushed for 65 more. Penn State won by 19. But that wasn't satisfying enough.

Flash forward to this past week. McSorley's chance to redeem himself had arrived. A lot of the Nittany Lion players from that 2016 team are gone. Saquon Barkley, Mike Gesicki and DaeSean Hamilton are all making their NFL debuts on Sunday. But Saturday, McSorley had to return to the NFL stadium that still haunts him, well used to haunt him.

For a quarter and a half, it looked like the ghosts at Heinz Field were continuing to haunt McSorley and the Nittany Lions. Sure, Penn State scored its first touchdown in a hurry.

But Pitt was dominating the time of possession and was knocking on the door of taking the lead.

Until the defense came up with a goal line stand, denying the Panthers of any points. From that point on, it was a completely different ball game. Penn State scored 44 straight points after that stop and cruised to a 51-6 victory.

McSorley continued his streak

of consecutive games with a passing touchdown, extending it to 30 games with two on Saturday night. He also ran for one more, giving him 18 career games with a touchdown through the air and on the ground.

"As an offense, when the defense makes a big stop like that you feel like you can really swing the momentum your way," McSorley said. "You were definitely able to feel that momentum tonight."

After a slow start in the first half, Penn State put the pedal to the floor in the second half.

"Coach Rahne's harped on as an offense to have a killer instinct and a killer mentality to be able finish games when you've got teams on the ropes," McSorley said. "That was something we did really well."

This time around, instead of trying to orchestrate a game-winning touchdown drive, McSorley had a different view of things.

On a crisp, wet September night, McSorley got to put on a nice warm jacket and watched the second team offense put the game on ice.

While Tommy Stevens continues to deal with an injury,

redshirt freshman Sean Clifford came in for his first ever snap in college football, and McSorley just got to kick back and relax. Moments like that don't happen often, especially in games like this.

"It's one of those moments where you're able to sit back and enjoy the work you've put in," McSorley said. "Being that you have games every week, you don't get too much time to enjoy wins. You get maybe 12 or 14 hours before you're moving on to the next opponent."

It would be an understatement to say a lot has changed for Penn State since Sept. 10, 2016.

The Nittany Lions -- led by McSorley -- have lost just four games since that day. They've hoisted the Big Ten Championship trophy, made a trip to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl and won the Fiesta Bowl. A lot has changed for McSorley too. He'll likely leave Penn State as the statistical leader in just about every category throwing the football.

After his 145 passing yards on Saturday night, he's just 714 behind Christian Hackenberg for most all-time. He's already produced the two best statistical seasons by a quarterback in program history. So, what's left to give McSorley an added boost on a week-to-week basis?

Well for this game in particular, it was easy.

"It's just something that might've fueled me a little bit knowing we were returning here and had an opportunity to get that bad taste out of our mouths," McSorley said. "It's a motivating factor for me every day I step out on that field, but it's a lot sweeter to leave the field with a good victory tonight."

The Nittany Lions approach every game the same. Each week the team has a new Super Bowl to play. But that doesn't mean every win has to feel the same after it's over. Did this one feel a little bit sweeter for McSorley?

He smiled. "Yeah. It definitely did."

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MY VIEW | TYLER KING

Lions wrap: Penn State has plenty of offensive weapons

Any bad memories Penn State may have had from the last time it visited Heinz Field were



quickly wiped away by the early portion of the second half.

Penn State held just a 14-6 lead at halftime, but the game quickly turned even more

in the favor of the Nittany Lions. James Franklin's team outscored Pitt 37-0 in the second half and the second-string players closed out the final eight minutes of the game.

We're now three-fourths of the way through this most recent Penn State-Pitt series.

We've learned several things but one of the most important things is that the Panthers really have trouble stopping the Penn State offense.

Against Pitt over the last

three years, Penn State is averaging 41 points per game.

And the Nittany Lions just put up 51 points a season after losing Saquon Barkley, Marcus Allen, Jason Cabinda, Mike Gesicki and several others.

The gap between the two programs has continued to grow throughout the two series and it couldn't have been more clearly on display than on Saturday night.

Day to remember

Miles Sanders. The Pittsburgh kid had a career day in front of his family and friends, registering his first 100-yard game in college.

Sanders finished with 118 yards on 16 carries on the night and was electric just about every time he touched the football. Penn State has mentioned trying to get the ball in KJ Hamler's hands as much as possible, but the main focus should be

trying to get Sanders more touches. Sure, it was just his second career start, but he's looked like one of the top backs of the conference through two games.

Ricky Rahne's offense has been pretty balanced through the first two games and that makes sense, given who's at quarterback.

But the wide receivers and tight ends haven't been consistent so far this season, while Sanders has delivered back-to-back performances with over 90 yards rushing.

Sanders remained humble after the game, continuing to draw similarities to Saquon Barkley, and they're starting to become more and more well-deserved.

Day to forget

Pat Narduzzi. I mean, there was so much optimism throughout the stadium before the game started. Pitt fans showed up in the rain and were loud throughout the first half.

But things quickly went downhill when Narduzzi sent his offense back onto the field for a crucial 4th-and-3 from the Penn State 4 yard line. But instead of getting the three yards they needed, the Panthers went three yards in the wrong direction, losing any momentum they had gained.

I understand why Narduzzi went for it. His team had rushed for over 200 yards already at that point in the game and even though a chip shot field goal would have given them the lead, a touchdown by the Panthers at that point would have raised some serious doubt among the Penn State fans in attendance.

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Assistant coach Ann Cook walks back out onto the field after the first half at Jeffery Field on Friday, Oct. 10, 2017. Penn state tied Purdue, 2-2.

Penn State has found its identity

By Matt Knaub
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The picture is now very clear for Penn State.

After completing its seven nonconference matches with a record of 4-3-0, the Nittany Lions will move into Big Ten regular season play.

The beginning of the season is important for all teams, however, and the blue and white feel they have found their team's identity.

"I think we know who we are, and what we need to work on," coach Erica Dambach said. "But we got work to do."

Penn State has always put together a tough out-of-conference schedule by design, in preparation for the conference season.

This year, the out-of-conference slate featured three ranked opponents and two other squads from the ACC.

"It tested us, which is what we wanted out of it," Dambach said.

Dambach has been firm on this philosophy all season, echoing her belief that playing good squads helps improve her own team. While the 4-3-0 record isn't the nicest, Dambach has said that she focuses on team "performance" from game-to-game.

Looking at the seven matches overall, the Nittany Lions outscored their opponents a combined 16-5. Thirteen of these goals came in just three contests, while the Nittany Lions were shut out one time. When Penn State played the best competition, it began to struggle. The Nittany Lions played No. 9 West Virginia, No. 2 UCLA and No. 6 Virginia, going 1-2 in those matchups, and was outscored a combined 4-3. In its four games against unranked opponents, Penn State found more success, going 3-1. The Nittany Lions outscored their opponents 13-1, scoring three or more goals in three of the four games.

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Running back Miles Sanders (24) weaves through Pitt defenders during the football game against Pitt at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept. 8.



Wide receiver Mac Hippenhammer (12) celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the football game against Pitt at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept. 8. No. 13 Penn State defeated the Panthers, 51-6.



Penn State quarterback Trace McSorley (9) runs the ball into the end zone for a touchdown at the football game against Pitt at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept. 8.

RIVALRY?



Running back Miles Sanders (24) celebrates and sings the Penn State alma mater after the football game against Pitt at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept. 8.



Penn State running back Mark Allen (8) celebrates after scoring a touchdown at the game against Pitt at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept. 8.



Penn State fans celebrate after winning the football game against Pitt at Heinz Field.



A Pitt fan sits in the stands alone during the football game against Pitt at Heinz Field.

Hamler continues to make an impact

By Matt Lingerman
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

During his collegiate debut against Appalachian State, receiver KJ Hamler led his team in receiving yards, sparked the game-tying drive with a 52-yard kickoff return, and subsequently caught the touchdown pass that ended the drive and sent the game into overtime.

But after the game, coach James Franklin said the redshirt freshman didn't act like himself — having fun and enjoying himself, according to Franklin — until the second half.

“One of the things we probably have to look at is ways we can get his hands on the ball a little bit more offensively and on special teams because he has a chance to change the game at any moment,” Franklin said.

On Saturday at Heinz Field, the Nittany Lions wasted no time in getting Hamler involved.

His first touch of the game came on Penn State's third offensive play. Trace McSorley put Hamler in motion from right to left and handed him the ball on a jet sweep.

Running back Miles Sanders and tight end Jonathan Holland threw sound blocks, and 32 yards later, Hamler was celebrating after coasting into the end zone for his first career rushing touchdown.



Wide receiver KJ Hamler (1) scores a touchdown during the football game against Pitt at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept. 8. No. 13 Penn State defeated the Panthers, 51-6.

“I’ve been preparing for this all my life,” Hamler said. “Ever since I was four years old, I’ve just always been preparing for this, for the doubters, for everyone who hated me or whatever you want to call it. When this moment came, I was ready.”

Hamler made his presence felt on special teams a few minutes later when he fielded a short Pitt kickoff and took it 27 yards to the

Penn State 40. He might’ve been tackled earlier had he not leapt to simultaneously hurdle a pair of Panthers who dove at his legs from either side.

“I jumped,” Hamler said with a laugh. “I didn’t know I was gonna land it, but I jumped.”

On the night, the Pontiac, Michigan native averaged 24 yards on three returns. He and punter Blake Gillikin were an influential

part of Penn State dominating the field position game.

As halftime neared in Pittsburgh, Hamler changed the perception on what was an otherwise sloppy half on both sides of the ball.

With the ball on the Pitt 14 yard line, Hamler was on the receiving end of a McSorley touchdown pass — which marked the quarterback’s NCAA-leading 30th

straight game with a passing score.

The throw was nearly identical to Hamler’s touchdown in Week 1. From just inside the red zone, Hamler broke from the slot to find a pocket down the seam and was uncovered in the end zone.

He was responsible for Penn State’s only two scores in the first two quarters, and he showed his worth in all three facets of his game. “I think we all see why there was so much buzz and excitement about KJ Hamler,” Franklin said.

With two career games under his belt, he’s already cemented himself as a commodity for the Nittany Lions. He’s led Penn State players in all-purpose yards through two weeks and has already scored three touchdowns.

What’s harder to quantify is the value Hamler brings with how he plays the game. The Nittany Lions were clearly invigorated by his 52-yard kickoff return in Week 1, and the same was obvious after his rushing touchdown and double-hurdle kick return.

And, according to Hamler, the offense is just getting started.

“I think we’re better than last year, once we put all the pieces together,” Hamler said. “I think this game showed us better than last game.”

MYVIEW | ELENA ROSE

‘I’m not a babysitter’: We must hold all men accountable for their faults

It’s probably not news to anyone that Ariana Grande can’t seem to catch a break lately. The past few days have proved no exception. Over the weekend, Grande turned off the comment function on her Instagram posts — a quiet, but necessary move to protect her safety.

Rose Having to worry about what would happen if she didn’t change this setting should have been the least of her concerns this past weekend, though.

Friday morning, Grande’s recent ex-boyfriend of two years, Mac Miller, was found dead in his Studio City, California home. While his cause of death has yet to be confirmed, it’s suspected he may have died of a drug overdose — which, due to recent substance abuse incidents the rapper had gotten into, shouldn’t come as a surprise to fans or followers of pop culture.

While Grande was attempting to grieve Miller’s death, she was simultaneously receiving hateful comments on social media suggesting the rapper’s passing was her fault — given that after the pair split, she called the relationship “toxic” as she tried to support him through his substance abuse struggles.

Unfortunately, this isn’t the first time Grande has been held responsible for Miller’s out-of-control behavior.

Back in May — when Mac Miller totaled his G Wagon into a pole and received a DUI soon after he and Grande went public about their break up — she was already receiving backlash on social media about leaving the rapper through his substance abuse struggles.

In response to a tweet suggesting that the “most heartbreaking thing happening in Hollywood” was Grande leaving Miller after falsely assuming he wrote his entire “The Divine Feminine” album about her, Grande perfectly encompassed why it’s unhealthy to continue punishing a woman for the actions of their male partners, family members and more.

“I am not a babysitter or a mother and no woman should feel that they need to be. I have cared for him and tried to support his sobriety & prayed for his balance,” Grande said. “But shaming/blaming women for a man’s inability to keep his shit together is a very major problem.”

Consider the fact that one of Miller’s

Hateful, threatening comments directed at Ariana Grande in response to her ex-boyfriend’s death serve as a reminder that women are not to blame for downfalls of the men in their lives

fans had that visceral of a reaction toward Grande after a DUI. Now that Miller’s dead, think about those hate and threats magnified tenfold, at least.

The hate in Grande’s comment section has made it obvious that I have to make myself clear for Grande and every woman who’s been wrongfully blamed for a man’s downfalls: Ariana Grande is not and will never be responsible for Mac Miller’s death.

While it is unfortunate, to say the least, that Miller struggled intensely with substance abuse, it would also be just as unfortunate if Grande was pressured to

stay in an unhealthy relationship just because she felt obligated to.

In a similar vein, singer Demi Lovato — who has struggled with substance abuse for years — also experienced a recent break up with actor Wilmer Valderrama after six years of dating, and happened to overdose a few weeks ago.

Lovato luckily survived, but the public’s responses to her struggles with substance abuse have not contained nearly as much sympathy as Mac Miller received — and I don’t see people blaming Valderrama for the pair’s break up as a contributing factor to her substance

abuse struggles. Unlike Miller, Lovato received full accountability — if not, over-accountability — and low regard from the public for her overdose. Lovato, like superstar Whitney Houston, experienced substance abuse issues and an overdose, only to be met with a stigma that she is an unlovable train wreck of a human being.

While Miller dying certainly changes the tone a bit how people speak about this issue, he’s only regarded as a man with substance abuse who gave his best at recovery. As Lovato overcomes an overdose and receives treatment, does she not give her best? Did Houston not give her best?

We expect women to be perfect — unrealistically perfect. When women fall from the public’s graces — or even when women, like Grande, don’t actually mess up but people place unnecessary blame on them, thanks to double standards against women — it’s not even a question they will receive 100 percent of the blame, and then some on top of that.

This issue doesn’t just impact celebrities or seemingly untouchable figures we hold in high regard, though. I see this need for female over-accountability play out every single day. And I’m sick of it.

We train women to be impeccable — in the classroom and with their physical appearances. We train women to believe abuse is somehow their fault, or that it’s something that deserves to be swept under the rug. We train women to be the “best” girlfriends possible — to keep their needs and opinions to themselves, and to obey men no matter how wrong they may be sometimes.

But as soon as imperfect men — who don’t have to follow any of those rules in this society — mess up, the conversation somehow comes back to how women might have dropped the ball.

It’s pathetic — and frankly insulting to men — that we hold men accountable for so little when they have their downfalls, and that we’re so easy to punish women even when it might not be their fault whatsoever.

Like women, men are just people. And when we perpetuate this double standard that women are responsible for keeping themselves and the men in their lives in check, we aren’t letting women or men live to their fullest potentials.



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Mac Miller performs in the Bryce Jordan Center while on his tour in 2012. Miller died on Friday, Sept. 7 after a suspected overdose. He was 26 years old.



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Television can teach foreign language skills

By Varshini Chellapilla
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Hold onto your couch seats, Penn State. Watching films and shows doesn't necessarily have to be a Saturday night hobby. Instead, watching a new show can loosely, technically be counted as studying for language classes. "[Films and shows] are great to learn languages, as a secondary resource for [students] to have. They will learn more than is taught in a classroom or a textbook," said Susana Garcia-Prudencio, an assistant professor of Spanish.

Many educators like Prudencio favor shows and movies over other resources because they provide a context for cultural themes and gestures. Over the years, studies have demonstrated that media can be used as a way for people to learn new languages.

Several companies now provide language education via interactive videos and short web series. Prudencio said EduNovela.com, an online learning tool, provides engaging versions of telenovelas to supplement classroom learning.

"When you're watching a foreign television show, you're

seeing authentic language in action — you're seeing how it is really spoken," said Heather McCoy, a teaching professor of French and Francophone studies. "From our perspective, as a part of learning a language, the culture is inextricably bounded with that. You can't separate the language and the culture, and film is a cultural artifact."

Malini Suresh Nair, a student pursuing a French minor, said she understands films and shows are popular resources among beginners.

"It's a really good way to perfect your speaking skills," Nair (junior-biology) said. "Hearing someone else speak the language can help you practice it outside of your class."

Spanish, French, German, and Chinese are among the most frequently offered foreign language courses at Penn State, according to LionPath. Below is a list of recommended shows — filtered by plot, characters and educational capabilities — in those languages. Pick your poison, grab some popcorn and get ready to learn through a marathon binge.

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Spanish

"Destinos"
"Destinos" is a telenovela created solely to introduce viewers to Spanish language basics. The story is about a lawyer named Raquel Rodriguez, who travels the world in search of the secrets of a dying man. All 52 episodes can be found on Annenberg Learner, a website dedicated to providing educational resources to teachers.

"Gran Hotel"
Set in the early 20th century in Spain, this historical drama follows the main character, Julio, who travels to a luxury hotel to meet his sister, only to discover that she had disappeared. Over the course of three seasons, Julio uncovers secrets, lies and scandals that are hidden in the Gran Hotel by pretending to work at the hotel as a footman. The show is available on Netflix.

"La Casa De Papel"
A criminal mastermind, one "professor" wants to pull off the biggest heist in history and he recruits eight unique people to help him. Prudencio recommended "Money Heist," the show's English translation, for its gripping plot and unique characters. It can be found on Netflix.

French

"Kaamelot"
"Kaamelot" (Camelot) began in 2005 and gathered a cult-like following in France. The comedic reimaging of the Arthurian legend follows King Arthur and his inept Knights of the Round

Table as they go from quest to quest.

Although it is set in the fifth century, "Kaamelot" uses modern French and slang, giving the chance to learn phrases not taught in class.

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45 Renown
46 Prohibit
47 Choir member
50 Without a doubt
51 Kind of home or mouth
52 Mountaineer's spike
53 Slow mover
54 Martial art
55 Annoyed
56 Recipe amt.
57 Environs
58 Bean ___(tofu)
60 Japanese soup
62 Tin foil, e.g.
64 Farm female
66 Coahuila locale (Abbr.)

Bigar's Stars

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Sept. 10, 2018

This year you open up to many changes. Communication becomes an even bigger priority. You want your message heard. As receptive and creative as you are, you cannot break past everyone's barriers. You will learn to accept that some people refuse to open up. If you are single, you will continue to date, but you might not find someone of significance until the second half of your birthday year. This person will suddenly walk through the door. If you are attached, the two of you will actively relate all year long, though a greater intimacy exists between you later in the year. LIBRA listens, but also gives you strong feedback.

BORN TODAY
Musician Joe Perry (1950), golfer Arnold Palmer (1929), film director Guy Ritchie (1968)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your effectiveness and ability to adapt to the unexpected could be tested. Responding to incoming requests could mar your desired efficiency elsewhere. Try not to be hard on yourself. A boss could say that a project needs more work. Tonight: Smile at a loved one's invitation.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your imagination enhances your life. Once more, your creativity comes through for you. You will need to employ enough self-discipline to home in on a practical matter in the afternoon. Switching from one mode to the other can be challenging. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your playfulness emerges when interacting with others. Be more sensitive to their concerns. Not everyone can jump from one topic to another, especially if the topics represent different spectrums of life. Keep more observations to yourself. Tonight: Play the night away.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Have an important conversation in the morning rather than postpone it; the results will be better. A matter revolving around your domestic and personal life could come forward. Listening to a different point of view doesn't mean you will embrace it. Tonight: Play it low-key.

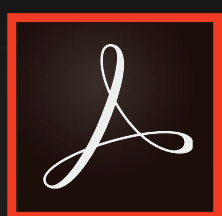
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You communicate your thoughts well, although you do have to let go of a problem first. Deal with a matter that could affect how you feel about yourself. You will feel on top of your game. Listen to news with openness. Focus on the bottom line. Tonight: Surrounded by people.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Use the morning to look closely at an important issue. Detach and eye the situation as if you were not part of it. Put yourself in the other party's mindset. Work to understand others instead of justifying your views. If you do, solutions will come forward. Tonight: Treat yourself.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might choose not to share everything right now. In the afternoon, seize the opportunity to move a heartfelt project ahead. Others seem more amenable to your ideas. You could feel closed out by a family member who doesn't seem to care. Tonight: Accept an offer.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your ability to bypass a problem emerges. You might not feel as good as you would like about the resolution. Honor a fast change that reminds you to recognize that you can control only yourself. Be aware of what is happening around you. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have the ability to make a big change if you desire. A discussion within your immediate family becomes important. You test your ideas on them. Even if everyone does not agree with you, you are getting powerful feedback. Tonight: Pay bills before heading out.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to assume a more dominant role in what is happening. On some level, you could feel left out. You might be taking a boss's attitude too personally. Could this person be having a bad day? Stay on top of what you must do. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ An opportunity that you have wanted for a while in dealing with a partner opens up; seize it. You might be pushed too far, and could react negatively to someone you often confide in. Getting past this phase will have to come from you. Tonight: Do what makes you feel good.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Deal with a loved one who might be enormously challenging. It will be worthwhile to pursue a different approach. This person seems to emote feelings everywhere. You cannot help but respond, so get to the root of this emotional display. Tonight: Share news with a partner.

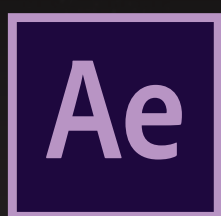
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