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PENN STATE Nittany Lions (5-2) (2-2 Big Ten)

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No.	Name KJ Hamler	Position/Elig.
1		WR/Fr.
2	Isaiah Humphries	S/Fr.
2	Donovan Johnson	CB/Fr.
2	Tommy Stevens	QB/Jr.
3	DeAndre Thompkins	WR/Jr.
4	Nick Scott	S/Sr.
4	Ricky Slade	RB/Fr.
5	Tariq Castro-Fields Jahan Dotson	CB/So.
5 6	Cam Brown	WR/Fr.
6 6		LB/Jr.
6 7	Justin Shorter Koa Farmer	WR/Fr.
8	Mark Allen	LB/Sr. PB/Sr
8 9	Trace McSorley	RB/Sr. QB/Sr.
9	Jarvis Miller	LB/Jr.
9 10	Brandon Polk	WR/Jr.
10	Micah Parsons	LB/Fr.
11	Mac Hippenhammer	WR/Fr.
12	Ellis Brooks	LB/Fr.
13	Grayson Kline	QB/Fr.
13 14	Sean Clifford	QB/Fr.
14	Zech McPhearson	CB/So.
15	Michael Shuster	QB/So.
16	John Petrishen	S/Jr.
17	Will Levis	QB/Fr.
17	Garrett Taylor	S/Jr.
18	Johnathan Holland	TE/Jr.
18	Shaka Toney	DE/So.
19	Trent Gordon	CB/Fr.
20	Jabari Butler	CB/Jr.
20	Johnathan Thomas	RB/Sr.
21	Amani Oruwariye	CB/Sr.
23	Ayron Monroe	S/Jr.
24	DJ Brown	CB/Fr.
24	Miles Sanders	RB/Jr.
25	Brelin Faison-Walden	LB/So.
26	Jonathan Sutherland	S/Fr.
27	Aeneas Hawkins	DT/Fr.
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27	Cody Romano	S/Fr.

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0.	Name		Position/E
)	Henry Fessler		WR/Fr.
)	John Reid		CB/Jr.
)	Kevin Givens		DT/Jr.
	Christopher Welde		WR/Jr.
	Journey Brown		RB/Fr.
;	Jake Cooper		LB/Sr.
;	C.J. Holmes		RB/So.
	Shane Simmons		DE/So.
;	Justin Neff		S/Fr.
5	Jan Johnson		LB/Jr.
,	Drew Hartlaub		S/Fr.
;	Lamont Wade		CB/So.
)	Frank Di Leo		LB/Jr.
)	Nick Eury		RB/So.
)	Jesse Luketa		LB/Fr.
	Joe Arcangelo		TE/Jr.
	Dae'Lun Darien		LB/So.
	Ellison Jordan		DT/So.
j	Joe DuMond		LB/So.
, ,	Charlie Katshir		LB/Fr.
5	Nick Tarburton		DE/Fr.
5	Shareef Miller		DE/Jr.
)	Daniel Joseph		DE/So.
)	Cade Pollard		P/Fr.
)	Max Chizmar		LB/Fr.
)	Will Knutsson		OL/Fr.
	Alex Gellerstedt		OL/So.
	Jason Vranic		LB/Sr.
	Ryan Bates		OL/Jr.
5	Fred Hansard		DT/Fr.
	Rasheed Walker		OL/Fr.
:	Robert Windsor		DT/Jr.
,	Antonio Shelton		DT/So.
5	Evan Presta		DT/Fr.
	Michal Menet		OL/So.
	Collin De Boef		OL/Fr.
	Zach Simpson		OL/Jr.
	Connor McGovern		OL/Jr.
5	Hunter Kelly		OL/DL/So.
)	C.J. Thorpe		OL/Fr

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70	Juice Scruggs	OL/Fr.
71	Will Fries	OL/So.
72	Bryce Effner	OL/Fr.
73	Mike Miranda	OL/Fr.
74	Steven Gonzalez	OL/Jr.
75	Des Holmes	OL/Fr.
76	Sterling Jenkins	OL/Jr.
77	Chasz Wright	OL/Sr.
79	Charlie Shuman	OL/Sr.
80	Danny Dalton	TE/H/So.
80	Justin Weller	WR/Fr.
81	Cam Sullivan-Brown	WR/Fr.
82	Zack Kuntz	TE/H/Fr.
82	Tyler Shoop	WR/Jr.
83	Nick Bowers	TE/H/Jr.
83	Alex Hoenstine	WR/Fr.
84	Juwan Johnson	WR/Jr.
85	Isaac Lutz	WR/So.
86	Daniel George	WR/Fr.
87	Pat Freiermuth	TE/H/Fr.
88	Dan Chisena	WR/Jr.
88	Judge Culpepper	DT/Fr.
89	Brandon Clark	WR/Fr.
89	Colton Maxwell	WR/So.
90	Damion Barber	DT/Fr.
90	Rafael Checa	K/Fr.
91	Chris Stoll	SN/Fr.
92	Jake Pinegar	K/Fr.
93	Blake Gillikin	P/K/Jr.
93	PJ Mustipher	DT/Fr.
94	Joe Calcagno	SN/Fr.
95	Donnell Dix	DE/Sr.
95	Vlad Hilling	K/Fr.
96	Matt Aloni	SN/Fr.
96	Kyle Vasey	SN/Sr.
97	Carson Landis	K/P/Fr.
98	Kevin Cahill	SN/Fr.
98	Dan Vasey	DL/LS/Fr.
99	Yetur Gross-Matos	DE/So.
99	Justin Tobin	K/So.

Hawkeyes (6-1) (3-1 Big Ten)

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1	Keith Duncan	K/So.	31	Aaron Mends	LB/Sr.	64	Kyler Schott	OL/Fr.
1	Wes Dvorak	DB/Jr.	32	Djimon Colbert	LB/Fr.	65	Tyler Linderbaum	DL/Fr.
2	Ryan Gersonde	P/So.	33	Riley Moss	DB/Fr.	66	Dalles Jacobus	DL/So.
2	Peyton Mansell	QB/Fr.	34	Kristian Welch	LB/Jr.	66	Levi Paulsen	OL/Jr.
3	Trey Creamer	DB/Fr.	35	Barrington Wade	LB/So.	67	Levi Duwa	OL/Fr.
3	Tyrone Tracy, Jr.	WR/Fr.	36	Mitch Riggs	LB/Fr.	68	Landan Paulsen	OL/Jr.
4	Nate Stanley	QB/Jr.	36	Brady Ross	FB/Jr.	69	Keegan Render	OL/Sr.
4	Josh Turner	DB/Fr.	38	T.J. Hockenson	TE/So.	70	Kyle Sorensen	OL/Fr.
6	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	WR/So.	38	Monte Pottebaum	LB/Fr.	71	Mark Kallenberger	OL/Fr.
7	Spencer Petras	QB/Fr.	39	John Carlson	LB/Fr.	72	Coy Kirkpatrick	OL/Fr.
7	Colten Rastetter	P/Jr.	39	Nate Wieting	TE/Jr.	73	Cody Ince	OL/Fr.
8	Matt Hankins	DB/So.	40	Parker Hesse	DE/Sr.	74	Austin Schulte	DL/So.
8	Kordell Stillmunkes	RB/Fr.	40	Turner Pallissard	FB/Fr.	74	Tristan Wirfs	OL/So.
9	Geno Stone	DB/So.	41	Colton Dinsdale	DB/Jr.	75	Jeff Jenkins	OL/Fr.
10	Mekhi Sargent	RB/So.	41	Drew Thomas	WR/Fr.	76	Dalton Ferguson	OL/Sr.
11	Connor Kapisak	QB/Fr.	42	Shaun Beyer	TE/So.	77	Alaric Jackson	OL/So.
11	Michael Ojemudia	DB/Jr.	43	Dillon Doyle	LB/Fr.	78	Trey Winters	OL/Fr.
12	D.J. Johnson	DB/Fr.	44	Seth Benson	LB/Fr.	79	Jack Plumb	OL/Fr.
12	Brandon Smith	WR/So.	45	Ben Campos	LB/Fr.	80	Devonte Young	WR/Jr.
13	Joe Evans	LB/Fr.	45	Joe Ludwig	FB/Fr.	81	Ben Subbert	TE/Fr.
13	Henry Marchese	WR/Fr.	46	Austin Kelly	FB/Sr.	82	Calvin Lockett	WR/Fr.
14	Kyle Groeneweg	WR/Sr.	46	Logan Klemp	LB/Fr.	83	Blair Brooks	WR/Fr.
15	Dallas Craddieth	DB/Fr.	46	Tommy Kujawa	TE/Fr.	84	Nick Easley	WR/Sr.
16	Terry Roberts	DB/Fr.	47	Nick Anderson	LB/Jr.	84	Austin Spiewak	LS/So.
17	Ryan Schmidt	QB/Jr.	48	Jack Hockaday	LB/Sr.	85	Nate Vejvoda	TE/Jr.
18	Drew Cook	TE/Jr.	48	Bryce Schulte	TE/Fr.	86	Noah Feldman	TE/Fr.
18	John Milani	DB/Jr.	49	Nick Niemann	LB/So.	87	Noah Fant	TE/Jr.
19	Max Cooper	WR/So.	50	Jackson Subbert	LS.Jr.	89	Nico Ragaini	WR/Fr.
19	Mike Timm	LB/Fr.	52	Amani Jones	LB/Jr.	90	Sam Brincks	DE/Sr.
20	Julius Brents	DB/Fr.	53	Garret Jansen	DL/Jr.	91	Miguel Recinos	K/Sr.
21	Ivory Kelly-Martin	RB/So.	54	Matt Fagan	OL/Fr.	91	Brady Reiff	DL/Jr.
22	Samson Evans	WR/Fr.	54	Daviyon Nixon	DT/So.	92	John Waggoner	DL/Fr.
23	Dominique Dafney	WR/Jr.	55	Luke Empen	OL/Fr.	93	Brandon Simon	DE/So.
25	Jayden McDonald	LB/Fr.	56	Brian Sadler	OL/Fr.	94	A.J. Epenesa	DE/So.
26	Kaevon Merriweather	DB/Fr.	57	Chauncey Golston	DE/So.	94	Caleb Shudak	K/So.
27	Amani Hooker	DB/Jr.	58	Jake Newborg	OL/Jr.	95	Cedrick Lattimore	DL/Jr.
28	Jack Koerner	DB/Fr.	59	Nathan Nelson	DE/Fr.	96	Matt Nelson	DE/Sr.
28	Toren Young	RB/So.	59	Ross Reynolds	OL/Sr.	97	Jack Kallenberger	DL/Jr.
30	Henry Geil	RB/Fr.	60	Jake Morrison	DE/Fr.	98	Anthony Nelson	DE/Jr.
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Embracing the youth movement at WR

By Thomas Schlarp THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Certain things get better with time — cheese and wine come to mind.

Other things are better right out of the box — there's no sense in waiting.

For the Penn State receiving corps, it may have to be more of the latter than the former due to pure necessity.

Leading into Saturday's game with Iowa, the hot-button issue all season has been the need for a dependable group of receivers to emerge and aide Trace McSorley.

With a trio of veterans — Juwan Johnson, Brandon Polk and DeAndre Thompkins — atop the depth chart, this clear-cut group appeared an obvious answer.

But seven games into the season, it's been a herd of true and redshirt freshmen wideouts who have led the charge.

Of the 1,228 passing yards out positions: the Z. caught by wide receivers, 53 percent have been from a group of five freshmen receivers.

"All of us redshirt freshmen and true freshmen all have special talents," redshirt freshman receiver Cam Sullivan-Brown said. "We bring different things to the table. I'm impressed at different practices because we always do spectacular things.'

Sullivan-Brown made his first career catch two weeks ago against Michigan State, and last week grabbed a pair of receptions for 33 yards after Johnson went down with an injury.

While Franklin said Johnson is "confident" he'll be ready to return versus the Hawkeyes, and his large frame and blocking abilities will be needed on the edge against the third best defense in the nation, it may officially be time to inject some youth into the most alarming of the three wide-

Drops and all, Thompkins and Polk have been a disappointment at this spot.

The duo have combined to average just 40 yards per game and only accounted for a single reception of 13 yards at Indiana.

"We need more production," Franklin said Tuesday. "I think if you look at some of that, it's drops. But I think if you also look at our offense over, in the past, in terms of what positions and the guys that are playing each position, who produces the most catches and the most yards in our offense, I think the Z is always a little bit behind those other positions."

In particular, Thompkins has been rendered all but nonexistent for a majority of the season.

He's been held catchless in four of seven games.

For context, entering his se-

without a catch just twice in his catch of 10 yards. previous 23 games.

With redshirt freshman KJ Hamler and his team-leading 22 catches for 401 yards already established as the lead explosive threat, exploring the wealth of other young talents seems like the smart thing to do at this point in time. After all, the definition of insanity

is doing the same thing over and over again.

"I talked to all three of [the true freshmen receivers] on Sunday night after practice that this was going to be a big week for them," Franklin said. "Especially with losing some guys last week, those guys need to prepare as if they're going to be starters this week.'

While the status of prizedrecruit Justin Shorter remains enigmatic, both Daniel George and Jahan Dotson saw the field last week, with Dotson picking nior season, Thompkins was held up a first down on his first career the full story.

Aside from perfecting route running and recognizing defenses, one of Franklin's biggest hesitations in using the underclassmen receivers has been their physical ability to hold blocks for Penn State's perimeter run game.

The 5-foot-11, 169-pound Dotson or the 5-foot-11, 177-pounds Mac Hippenhammer may struggle to seal the edge on two of the nation's top run defenses of Iowa and Michigan in the coming weeks.

One thing not holding the youth movement back is a lack of chemistry with McSorley.

While the senior quarterback has played multiple years with guys like Johnson and even shared a high school field with Polk, McSorley has gained confidence from watching players like Dotson excel on the practice field.

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STAYING GROUNDED

Safety Garrett Taylor hasn't changed despite earning a starting spot and becoming an invaluable part of the defense

By Matt Lingerman THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

On the ride home to Richmond, Virginia following a visit to Penn State, Irving Taylor asked his son what he thought of the university. Garrett Taylor, at the time a consensus four-star cornerback at St. Christopher's School, said

just what his father was thinking. "Athletes at Penn State all seem to be so genuine," Irving said. "When I asked what did he think, and he said, 'Well Dad, it just seems to be so genuine at Penn State.' And he fits that."

Some four years later, Garrett Taylor, now a safety, is one of Penn State's most important defensive players. The redshirt junior has found himself among the top-25 of all college players in pass breakups per game and sits just one off the team-high in tackles.

In only seven collegiate starts, Taylor is playing like a seasoned veteran.

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"We're trying to keep him humble," Irving said. "And that's tough in this environment of D-I sports. He's able to stay evenkeeled. He plays with passion, you can see that when he makes a play and see him react, but he's preteven-keeled, which I like."

As a multisport

athlete heading into high school, looked at each other and said, Garrett and his family knew he had the potential to play football at the Division I level. But there was one game during his fresh- a player, the phone began to ring man year which saw Garrett set with offers from schools across himself apart.

He started at corner for St.



Safeties Garrett Taylor (17) and Nick Scott (4) celebrate after Taylor's interception during the game against Michigan State at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 13.

But even with the recent atten- Christopher's as a freshman, and

ton Speight. Christopher's held Speight and company to six points in a win, thanks in large part to Taylor's contributions. "Garrett was

lockdown," а Irving said. "Everything thrown, he was knocking down, defending, he had [Speight] all confused.

My wife and I 'You know, this could get interesting."

As Taylor continued to grow as the nation.

these offers, we didn't know if it was recruitment speak or coach speak because everyone kind of tells you the same thing," Irving said. "But everybody was saying the same things about him and bringing up particulars about Garrett, and I told my wife that I think they're seeing things that we can't quite pick up on yet."

Even after an injury forced him to sit out his senior season, Taylor was rated the eighth-best cornerback in the nation and earned trips to the Under-Armour All-American Game and U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

According to 247Sports, Taylor made only one official visit, and it was to Penn State.

He was impressed by the authenticity of the school and program, and signed a letter of intent in February 2015 prior to enrolling four months later.

Although highly-touted, Taylor had to wait his turn once he got to Penn State. He redshirted his freshman season before appearing in 12 games the following year, mostly on special teams.

"When we started getting all school being the star, and they 2018.

go and play amongst a bunch of stars, it can be an adjustment,' Irving said. "But Garrett, he held it very well. Calmly and quietly."

As he converted from corner to safety, Taylor was stuck behind a trio of current-'NFLers in Marcus Allen, Troy Apke and Malik Golden. Playing time in the defensive backfield was hard to come by, especially for someone learning a new position. But that didn't prevent him from making an impact.

'He's a guy that joined the program, came from a great family and great high school program,' coach James Franklin said.

'Wasn't ready a couple years ago and kind of kept getting better and his role continued to improve and his role continued to grow. He's just one of those guys that really gets it and says: Look, I have this amount of time. I've got these opportunities and I'm makes plays at as high a rate as going to maximize them," Franklin added.

er and backup safety, Taylor accumulated 14 tackles and a fumble but he's doing something else... I recovery. He was also named don't know if it's on instinct or if When kids come out of high Academic All-Big Ten in 2017 and

Irving said he and Garrett's mother, Sandy, have worked to instill a sense of servant leadership in Taylor, and his teammates have taken notice of that.

"I think the biggest thing with Garrett is he's been continuing to learn, and he's embraced the process wholeheartedly, which is something you expect from a guy like him," safety Nick Scott said. "He has a leadership presence on special teams and he's embraced his role whenever he's on the field, whether it's at a safety or special teams.'

As spring 2018 rolled around and Penn State saw the departure of Apke and Allen, it was evident Taylor had a chance to fill one of the two safety vacancies.

He was often lauded during spring practices, and as he gained more attention around the program, his leadership and onfield abilities grew hand-in-hand.

"He just always works hard," corner John Reid said in April. 'He always competes. He never doubted himself. He never dropped his head. He just kept looking for ways to improve. Whether that's in film, speed, technique, he always kept going for ways to get better. He was never a guy that gave up at all because he got redshirted his freshman year. He took it as a part of growth and ran with it."

Taylor was named a starter next to Scott prior to the 2018 season and has quickly earned a reputation for being a consummate professional in the locker room and on the field. He downplays the many positives he's brought to his team and takes responsibility for mistakes, even when they aren't his. Just past the midway point of the season, Taylor is a staple of the defense. He seems to always be around the ball and any other Nittany Lion.

"He's been blessed with gifts,' In two years as a special team- Irving said. "I don't know what it is. He goes through his reads,

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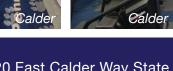




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PLAYERS TO WATCH

Penn State: LB Micah Parsons

The Harrisburg native has been hinting at breakout game for a few weeks now, but it's still yet to come. His snaps continue to increase and it's clear that he is getting more comfortable playing outside linebacker.

lowa: **S Geno Stone**

Geno Stone is far from the biggest name in this game, but he certainly has the biggest chip on his shoulder. The Pa. native called PSU, where he visited nine times his senior year, his "dream school" this week, but the Nittany Lions never offered.

RUNDOWN

THE DAILY COLLEGIAN



Iowa's TE duo is nation's best

By Tyler King THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Penn State's defense has faced plenty of talented players this season, but perhaps none who have taken up this much space – both figuratively and literally - as the two the Nittany Lions will face this weekend.

Iowa's two tight ends, Noah Fant and TJ Hockenson, both of whom stand at 6-foot-5 and approximately 250 pounds, are weapons Hawkeye coach Kirk Ferentz has utilized all season to have his team average 32 points per game in conference play.

The Hawkeye offense has been incredibly efficient as well, which could stem from the team's style, something James Franklin described as a traditional Big Ten offense.

"They're a run-first team, more of what you would call a traditional Big Ten offense: run first, set up the play action pass off of that," Franklin said. "I think probably one of the things more challenging this year than

can line up in a two-back set, they can line in a two-tight-end set, they can line up in a three-widereceiver set, and this year they could line up in what we would term a spread set, like a fourwide-receiver set."

Fant is the name just about every college football fan in the country knows.

Widely regarded as the nation's top tight end, Fant is a projected first-round draft pick and is currently ranked as Pro Football Focus' No. 19 prospect.

Earlier in the week, Franklin and the Nittany Lion defense had some high praise for the junior from Omaha, Nebraska native.

"Fant may be the best receiving tight end in the country," Franklin said.

"He's definitely up there with some of the best tight ends I've played against," Amani Oruwariye added. "I kind of compare him to how Mike Gesicki is. Very receiver-like, for a big body, that can enough to warrant defenses fogo out and make plays on some skilled DB's."

tight ends are on the field they but his six receiving touchdowns so dangerous. are most among all tight ends in the nation.

> It seems like a foregone conclusion that Fant will head for greener pastures in the NFL next season, but the Hawkeyes still have another tight end behind him who's been just as productive to start this season: Hockenson.

A sophomore, Hockenson has one less reception than Fant, but has over 112 more receiving yards on the season.

Fant might draw the most praise, but Hockenson has certainly drawn the attention of the Nittany Lion players.

"Both [T.J] Hockenson and [Noah] Fant are really nice complementary pieces for each other," Oruwariye said. "Hockenson does a really good job, as well. He's extremely physical. He's nasty but makes a bunch of plays for them and brings the mentality to their offense."

While the duo is talented cusing on them individually, it's what Iowa does with them both Fant leads Big Ten tight ends on the field that makes them, in years past is when those two in receptions this season with 26, and the offense as a whole,

The formations the Hawkeyes run with the two tight ends are unique in this current era of college football.

It's an offense that middle linebacker Jan Johnson hasn't faced before.

"I don't think I've gone against a team like this," Johnson said. "What makes them really difficult to cover is they're both around 6-foot-5, big bodied, they can fast and they're physical."

Iowa has always been a runfirst offense, as Franklin described, but these two talented tight ends are always in the back of the mind of the defense.

"It's kind of like they're running the ball, running the ball and then all of a sudden they're going to boot out and sneak a tight end on and over route," Johnson said. "They're in the back of your mind because you're trying to stop the run, stop the run and they're going to catch you when you're not ready."

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Starting job is all Sutherland's for a half

BY THE NUMBERS 300

Trace McSorley has failed to throw for 300 yards this season, after doing so in 10 games over the previous two years.

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Penn State ran five plays out of the Lion package against Indiana. Will we see it versus the program the Nittany Lions debuted it against in 2016?

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Saquon Barkley was responsible for 358 all-purpose yards against Iowa last year, a program record.

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The Nittany Lions hold a four game winning streak against Iowa, with the Hawkeyes' last win coming in 2010 at home.

By Patrick Burns THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

James Franklin has wanted to reward Jonathan Sutherland for a while now.

"We're talking about getting him more involved," Franklin said back in September. "I think he's one of the better tacklers on our defense."

Franklin will finally get the chance to do so this weekend, albeit in less than ideal circumstances. Sutherland is set to start against Iowa Saturday with usual starting safety Garrett Taylor suspended for the first half due to a questionable targeting call last weekend.

And even though Taylor has takeaways in each of his last three games and has developed into one of the most reliable players on Penn State's defense, Sutherland's debut is one that's highly anticipated.

No reserve player has generated more buzz over the past year than the Canadian, who has drawn comparisons to Marcus Allen on numerous occasions and been nicknamed the "Assassin" due to his hard-hitting playstyle.

"I would describe my style of play as being extremely physi-cal and reckless to the football,"

Sutherland told reporters via a watch from the sidelines last year conference call Wednesday. "Just trying to impose my will every time I get a chance to get a snap out there.'

started yet, he's confident he'll slot seamlessly into the first team role.

"I'm pretty sure that the coaches know exactly what they're going to get out of me," the redshirt freshman said. "I like to think that I practice the same way that I play.'

Thus far, Sutherland's fierce playstyle has translated to game action. The Ottawa native has 25 tackles this season, 12 more than any other reserve player, and forced a fumble on special teams against the Hoosiers last weekend.

"That's kind of who he is," Franklin said of the forced fumble. "When he makes his mind up to go make a tackle, there's very little breakdown. Most guys will come under control and chatter their feet and get their hips underneath them and then make the tackle, and with Sutherland, he's more like a missile. He just goes.'

Speaking with the media for the first time since arriving on Wednesday that it wasn't easy to

as a true freshman. "But it really just gave [me] more motivation to work hard, stay focused and stay humble," he said. "Because And while Sutherland hasn't with work, your time will eventually come.'

That time has arrived.

And even though he's received more reps in practice, Sutherland refuses to treat this week differently than any other, a strategy that came in handy in more way than one for the Nittany Lions this week. Before the ejection in Bloomington, it seemed like Taylor, one of the best pass coverage safeties in the Big Ten, would be the perfect man to shadow Hawkeyes' tight end Noah Fant.

Enter Sutherland, who is still a bit of a work in progress as far as the pass game is concerned.

He probably won't be asked to follow around Fant, a likely firstround pick in next year's draft who is widely considered to be the nation's top tight end.

But Sutherland will be asked to cover both Fant and tight end TJ Hockenson, who leads the team in receiving yards, at times.

"I think they're extremely talented," Sutherland said. "Both of them are capable of coming down and blocking you as well as catchcampus, Sutherland admitted ing passes so I would say they're quite similar."

Fant and Hockenson definitely pose a challenge for the first-time starter.

But as linebacker Cam Brown told the Collegian after the Nittany Lions' victory over Indiana, Iowa's ground and pound style plays right into Sutherland's strengths.

"He's going to like to come to fill the box and hit hard," Brown said. "I'm 100 percent sure he's going to get the job done."

Sutherland said that he still talks with Allen, a guy who knows a thing or two about coming to fill the box and hitting hard.

The now-Pittsburgh Steelers rookie's main piece of advice? Just be yourself.

Sutherland certainly won't lead the blue and white in rowdy postgame celebrations or dance before and after a critical third down. But like Allen, he's as good a bet as any to instill fear in offensive players.

And he's ready to make an impact, with a full head of dreadlocks hanging out of his helmet.

"This is going on my 10th year with my hair," he said. "It's just something that's always been a part of my life and it's become my identity now."

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Tyler King



for: After watching Penn State crawl to victory in Indiana last week, I don't think the Nittany Lions are ready to handle this tough three

What to watch

game stretch that begins this weekend against an underrated lowa team. The forgettable 2018 season continues.

Score: Iowa 30, Penn State 24

Patrick Burns

Burns

What to watch for: This lowa team is as talented on both sides of the ball as its ever been, and it won't make things easy for Penn State. And while the

Hawkeyes' TEs pose a matchup problem for PSU's defense, it's time Trace McSorley had a big day in the air rather than on the ground.

Score: Penn State 31, Iowa 24

Matt Lingerman

Lingerman

the Nittany Lions can't afford to drop a third straight game at home. Young players will carry Penn State against the Noah Fant-led Hawkeyes.

Score: Penn State 24, Iowa 16

Thomas Schlarp



watch for: It'll be close, but I think Penn State fans will go for a third straight game at **Beaver Stadium** without a win. Noah Fant and TJ

Managing Editor: Kara Duriez



What to watch for: After barely making it out of Indiana alive, l'm not convinced Penn State can hang with an even tougher lowa

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team. The Hawkeyes' TEs will be hard for PSU's defense to handle and besides McSorley, the offense won't be able to get it done. Expect another heartbreaker.

Score: Iowa 27, Penn State 24



lowa the win.

Hockenson will have a big day score at least a pair of touchdowns. A late score gives

Score: Iowa 23, Penn State 20



What to watch

for: Penn State

Good things come to those who wait

Johnathan Thomas' success story continues to put a smile on the faces of those around him

By Thomas Schlarp THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Johnathan Thomas already has a No. 1 play on ESPN SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays secured on his resume.

That play came in a high school game in 2013, when Thomas weaved his way through half a dozen would-be tacklers for a 107yard interception return.

In that game, the Peabody, Massachusetts, native racked up 228 rushing yards and two more touchdowns for his St. John's Prep football team. Johnathan Thomas was the top-ranked high school player in the state of Massachusetts. He will probably be the last person on Earth to tell you any one of those things.

"Johnathan's a special guy," his St. John's Prep coach Jim O'Leary said. "He has a special trait about making other people around him better. He's just a great human being.'

The SportsCenter highlight would be the last time the current Penn State fifth-year senior running back would score a touchdown or make a dynamic play on the gridiron for 1,821 days, as Thomas suffered a significant knee injury the following week to bring his high school playing days to a close.

Between a redshirt season returning from injury and two years spent as a linebacker instead of a running back, Thomas' name has been all but completely absent from any stat book.

when the 5-foot-11, So 218-pound return man made the biggest play of the night Saturday in Indiana — a 94-yard kick return that set up a Trace McSorley touchdown to give Penn State its lead for good — the only thing larger than the thousands of emptying seats inside Memorial Stadium were the smiles on his veteran teammates' faces.

"That was awesome," fifth-year senior safety Nick Scott said. "We weren't just happy that it was a 90-yard return. Like if you understand who Johnathan Thomas is and what he means to this team, any time he does something or has some success, that genuinely warms our hearts and makes us happy not just for what happened in the game but for Johnathan Thomas. He's an amazing

SIZE



Running back Johnathan Thomas (20) returns a kick for a touchdown during the game against Indiana at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 20. No. 18 Penn State defeated Indiana 33-28.

teammate, and he's an amazing him," O'Leary said. "But that friend.'

The momentum-swinging play came just five weeks after Thomas had his much-anticipated reunion with the end zone, a 15-yard rush against Kent State two plays after his collegiate-long run of 69 yards.

"I want to give all glory to God because without God, I wouldn't be able to do any of this," Thomas said Saturday. "It's a great feeling. I'm not overwhelmed. It's exciting. I'm glad all this has happened.'

As Thomas sat next to a pole in the Indiana media room, surrounded by a grand total of two reporters as dozens of others flocked to his more notable counterparts, nothing could have been more symbolic of the type of person Thomas is.

The son of a doctor and Massachusetts state trooper that is the personal driver for the governor, it's been ingrained in him to put others before himself.

Just four days after tearing his ACL in high school, Thomas was back on the sidelines cheering his teammates on.

He never missed a practice.

didn't stop him from being a leader and encouraging others. He was always a great teammate. He has always been respectful and thoughtful in his demeanor and how he engages with people. I've had thousands of kids go through this school, and Johnathan is by far one of the best people I've ever had."

Finally healed and ready to hit the Beaver Stadium field after nearly two years off, Thomas ran into another problem - some guy named Saquon Barkley.

Rather than be bitter with disappointment, the patient tailback just kept preparing, kept pushing his teammates, kept waiting for his time to shine one day in the future.

'Patience is a virtue," Thomas said. "I've learned that over these five years. When you want great things to happen, you've got to be able to put your head down and work, and be able to endure the process."

And when Thomas graduated last spring with his second degree in criminology, one couldn't blame the former high school superstar had he wanted to transfer "Sure, the injury disappointed and play at a different school.

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The idea even crossed Thomas' mind before he returned to St. John's Prep as he sat down for a meeting with his former coach.

"He understood what his place and what his role was," O'Leary said. "He could have gone and been the guy at some place, but Johnathan loves Penn State and

loves his teammates. As much as other people may want him to go some other place, he is as loyal as loyal comes."

So Thomas stayed, and as a result, he likely leads the team in smile-inducing plays. Make no mistake, however, that the dynamic plays are getting to the veteran's head.

Any question regarding his return at Indiana was quickly met with him pushing the responsibility for the success of the play on his lead blocker Koa Farmer.

"Even when he's breaking down the team today in the locker room and everyone is congratulating him on his long return," Scott said, "[Johnathan] says that he had nothing to do with that return. It was all on us blocking for him. It's the stuff like that. He's so unselfish. I have the utmost respect for him."

Through five years, one thing is clear about Johnathan Thomas - he is the epitome of patience and altruism and the embodiment of loyalty.

"He may be the most selfless person I've ever met in my entire life," Scott said. "He will always ten times out of ten put the team first, put the people he cares about first. He's absolutely gained the respect of every single person on this team."

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Running back Johnathan Thomas (20) runs the ball during the game against Kent State at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 15.

MY VIEW | MATT LINGERMAN PSU's plateau is a normal stage

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With a top-15 preseason ranking, the return of the program's best ever quarterback and a roster full of players recruited by James Franklin, Penn State came into the 2018 season with high expectations.

Frankly, since upsetting then-No. 2 Ohio State in 2016, high expectations have become the norm as Penn State has returned to being a perennial top-25 program. For that reason, back-to-back losses to Ohio State and Michigan State two years in a row were gutting for fans

While it's an unfortunate reality that the conclusion of Trace McSorley's career won't come with a chance to play for a national championship, that fact, and the Nittany Lions' two losses, shouldn't define their 2018 season. In fact, the next three games on Penn State's schedule — home matchups against No. 18 Iowa and No. 20 Wisconsin, which flank a trip to No. 5 Michigan — will actually tell us more about the direction of the program than any games the Nittany Lions have played thus far. But before examining that trio of top-25 matchups, it's important to look at the program on the whole. Franklin did so when talking with the media after last Wednesday's practice.

"Overall, if you really study everything, I mean everything... Right now when you say this people kind of look at you like you're crazy, but I for what we have done up to date, I think most people would say we're ahead of schedule," Franklin said.

He's right.

It's easy to forget the state of the Penn State football program heading into that Week 8 matchup against the Buckeyes two years ago.

Coming out of the bye, the Nittany Lions had won four games — two of which came over Temple and Minnesota by the skin of their teeth — and had lost to Pitt and Michigan in painful fashion. Penn State was unranked and, it seemed, on its way to another seven or eight win season.

But after some heroics and the help of a couple funny bounces on a night no Penn State fan will soon forget, the Nittany Lions were thrust into the top-25 and would go on to play in the Big Ten title game and Rose Bowl.

Make no mistake, the expectations absolutely should have been severely raised after that marquee win and the string of victories which were rattled off afterward.

But now that they've hit a plateau, it's fair to look at the last few years and realize that, as a whole, Penn State has overperformed. The Nittany Lions went from Big Ten-average to Big Ten-best almost overnight thanks to that win.

But it shouldn't be a surprise the transition from, as Franklin has called it, "great to elite," has taken longer. Growth isn't linear.

Franklin acknowledged that's a hard concept for fans to hear given recent performances, but it's true. And now, with the infamous "fourth-and-5" and Felton Davis III's touchdown behind them, the Nittany Lions have a chance to use the next three games as a true barometer of the direction of the program.

With any hopes of playing for a Big Ten or national title dashed, Penn State is essentially playing for an outside shot at a New Year's Six bowl game.

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VERSUS

McSorley embracing changing role in offense

The quarterback's play-style is completely different from when he took the nation by storm two seasons ago

By Tyler King THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Over the last year, Trace Mc-Sorley has gone from a player who celebrated his touchdowns as if they were 450-foot home runs to a player who rubs his belly with his offensive lineman after crossing the goal line.

Now in his third year as Penn State's starting quarterback, more than just McSorley's celebration has changed.

Out of necessity, his play style has morphed into something that doesn't resemble the player who threw for 384 yards and four touchdowns to beat Wisconsin in the 2016 Big Ten Championship. Or the player who showed no fear in the second half of the Rose Bowl.

As his new "celly" insinuates, McSorley has become hungry for yards on the ground.

Through seven games, McSorley has run for 554 yards on 98 attempts

That's 63 more than he ran for in 13 games last season and 189 more than his total in 14 games in

On the contrary, McSorley has



Quarterback Trace McSorley (9) runs into the end zone for a touchdown during the game against Indiana at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 20. No. 18 Penn State defeated Indiana 33-28.

thrown 417 less passing yards first seven games of 2017. through first seven games this season than in the Nittany Lions'

Quarterback Trace McSorley (9) celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the game against Indiana on Oct. 20.

Simply put, McSorley has become a running quarterback. So much so that McSorley ranks sixth in the Big Ten in rushing among all players in conference.

Every player has confidence in his abilities, but McSorley admitted he wouldn't have believed he would have these numbers coming into the season.

Honestly, I don't know that I would have believed that, given all the great running backs that are in our league," McSorley said. "That's kind of one of the things

that teams have done a good job as far as trying to take away Miles and some of the RPOs and things that we do."

But even while McSorley mentions taking what the defense gives him, he's also had to scramble more as a result of not having the same chemistry with the younger receivers on this roster as he had with guys like DaeSean Hamilton and Mike Gesicki last season

Just last week, McSorley had over double-digit carries for the

Taylor

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giving him an edge.'

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in our league."

Gone is the player who threw the ball deep down the field, al-Ten quarter-"Honestly, I don't

back who now wears No. 9 in the NFL.

McSorley is being asked to do a lot for this Penn State offense, something he says he can handle, and that was

ers the Nittany Lions lost on offense from last year's team.

But even if McSorley doesn't complain, this much workload is still too much in the eyes of his head coach.

"I think in general my concern right now is Trace is carrying too much of the load on offense, James Franklin told reporters Tuesday.

"That's something that we

need to do a better job of. We need more players having a bigger impact on the game on offense."

When you add McSorley's increased responsibility and his increased number of carriers, that equals more times the fifthyear senior is going to get hit on a week-to-week basis.

"I think as you guys know with Trace, he's really Steady Eddie," Franklin said. "He never really gets too high; he never really gets too low. But he handles things really well."

McSorley has proven to be the ultimate team player, doing whatever his team needs week in and week out.

Last week, what his team really needed was a win and McSorley delivered, but not in the way he had in the first 34 starts of his career.

For almost the entirety of his football career, McSorley has been described as one thing - a winner.

Over the course of his time in Happy Valley, he's proven that to be true.

He's won 27 of his 34 career starts, a Big Ten Championship and has led his team to back-tomost like another undersized Big back New Year's Six bowl games.

But if there's one thing Mc-Sorley has done more than win, it's throw touchdown passes. the

When great running backs clock hit zero at **Trace McSorley** Quarterback McSorley

Memorial Stadium in Indiana last week had his nation-best streak end.

Dating back to his first real game action in the 2015 TaxSlayer Bowl, when he came in for the injured Christian Hackenberg, McSorley had thrown a touchdown pass in every single one of his games.

The key word there is had.

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round, how he is on campus, how he is when it comes to academics."

Even as people on the outside begin to take notice of Taylor's impact, nothing has changed for the 21-year-old.

Academics still come first, and his dad reminds him of that with a text after every game. When the Taylor family travels to State College to see Garrett play, they take him to dinner afterward and talk about everything but football. Irving wants his son to stay balanced, and so far he thinks Tay-



to be expected with the play-

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'We lost the game, and I'm taking ownership," Taylor said after Penn State lost to the Spartans on Oct. 13. "I gotta put points on the board there. I gotta figure out a way to make a play."

he's doing probability in his brain, but it's

just something else that he's doing that's

One of his most notable contributions

to Penn State thus far was a third-quarter interception against Michigan State

which he returned 37 yards and into

Spartan territory, but he wasn't satisfied.

He's never content with himself, and his father says the constant drive toward growth is something he and his wife are proud of.

'There's a Japanese word called 'kaizen," Irving said. "It means continuous improvement. I think that's in Garrett's DNA somewhere. He just wants to figure out how he can do even better. I don't want him to put too much pressure on himself, and he doesn't seem to be."

This week, Taylor has proven he can work toward that continuous improvement whether he's on the field or not.

Due to being called for targeting in the second half of Saturday's game against Indiana, Taylor was ejected and will be forced to miss the first half of his team's Week 9 matchup with No. 18 Iowa

Jonathan Sutherland, his replacement, said Taylor has spent this week mentoring the young safeties to best prepare them for what's to come on Saturday.

As teammates and coaches commend his leadership, it seems as though fans and the media are just now learning what those who spend time around Taylor already knew.

"He's really done a nice job since he's been on campus pretty much in every area, and he's just gradually gotten bet-ter," Franklin said. "He's very respected when it comes to how he works yearlor has done just that.

While Taylor knows his leadership role has increased and acknowledges he's become more vocal, he still leads by example with his preparation and work ethic.

"The guys believe in me, so I've become a little bit more vocal and have been able to kinda give guys advice on the field,' Taylor said. "Guys are taking my word and getting after that, so I feel better there."

Sutherland added that he often watches film and discusses opponents' tendencies with Garrett and has watched him become someone who guides his teammates. The Taylor family doesn't know what's next for their youngest son.

But Irving and Sandy Taylor are also aware of another possible next step, one which Irving describes as "the three letters that kids dreams towards."

If Taylor's play continues to improve and recent history has suggested it will - he'll have a shot at playing at that level. But that's not on his mind right now, because at the moment, Taylor is focused on preparing to play Iowa.

"He still makes boneheaded decisions, whether he dyes his hair or plaits his hair or braids his hair," Irving joked. "But our big mantra this year is to just focus. He's getting a lot more attention than he's gotten in a bit, so don't let it go to his head.

"He's just enjoying the experience," he added. "I don't think he's making it any larger than it needs to be."

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Garrett Taylor (17) runs through the tackle of a Michigan state player after an interception at Beaver Stadium on Saturday Oct. 13th.

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Penn State swimming takes team photo with #NikiStrong in support of freshman swimmer Nikolette Nolte, who was diagnosed with leukemia in September.

Courtesy of Mark Brumbaugh

STAY #NIKISTRONG A campaign for freshman swimmer Nikolette Nolte's battle with leukemia

takes the community and country by storm

By Dylan Jacobs THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Marget Shelly was walking back to her dorm from swim practice when she received a call from her roommate, Nikolette Nolte.

It was a call she was hoping ed way. she'd never get.

home to receive treatment — because her cancer was back.

"I was standing in the parking lot of my dorm and started to cry," Shelly said. "I was like, 'No, this isn't happening, you're fine, you can't leave."

Nolte was diagnosed with lymphoma during high school, but she beat the disease and was able fore so she pretty much knows to join the Penn State swim team this year as a freshman.

and saw bruising in her hips. She made her way to the hospital to have it checked out.

cancer had returned — this time ment it became real.

saying goodbye."

When she got there, the conversation started in an unexpect-

"She was like 'I'm so proud of cruited. Nolte told her she was going you for taking an Uber," Shelly said with a laugh. "That's the first thing she said to me."

That's the mindset Nolte has held throughout this entire process — stay positive.

"Niki started to cheer us up the moment we got in the room, head coach Tim Murphy said. "She's been down this road bewhat's going on... What I've got is that she's staying on top of the A few weeks ago, Nolte felt pain doctors pretty well, but she's responding really well."

The moment Murphy and the rest of the coaching staff got to There, she found out that her the hospital room was the mo-

home, Shelly got in an Uber for hospital that evening," Murphy when they found out, they started all across the country... I think the first time and went to the hos- said. "[There were] just a lot of to think of what to do next. there is a common bond in there pital, saying, "I'm coming to see emotions, mostly from Niki and you. You're not leaving without her family. It kind of happened pretty fast."

to the coaching staff, but it was her character that got her re-

> "They kinda took Niki in as one of their own. I think they've lifted her spirits from afar."

> > **Tim Murphy** Head coach

"When we were recruiting Niki, she just had a presence about her... After her visit here we looked at each other and said 'We want this kind of kid on our movement. team," Murphy said.

At first, they kept their message only within the team, draw-ing "NN" on their arms before Her previous battle was known meets, and decorating the pool area orange for leukemia awareness

From then on, they started to tell friends here at Penn State and at other schools about Nolte, and just like that, a movement began.

#NikiStrong spread across social media, with most teams here and swim programs around the country showing their support.

"I don't think anyone expected this when we started this movement," junior Maddie Hart said. "All of the support from the rest of the swim community has been amazing.

Stanford and many in between, But, everyone knows she apprecithe entire country got behind the ates it.

and everybody knows the sports and the work ethic. They kinda took Niki in as one of their own. I think they've lifted her spirits from afar."

The swim team came together to start a movement and couldn't be happier about how the message has spread, especially through other collegiate programs.

"Just having teams being able to put aside the name on our caps or the colors we represent, to be able to put that aside for something bigger than ourselves," Hart said.

Most of the players have different perspectives on how Nolte is reacting to this.

Some think she is overwhelmed From Purdue, to Arkansas, to and some think she is too humble.

"She's been so happy that 'The swimming community is people have been supporting her This process has been ex- a pretty tight-knit community, so and she is so thankful," freshman

as leukemia. She would need to gin treatment.

"It kind of hit home, the magni-

step away from the team and be- tude that the cancer had returned tremely difficult for most of the the word spread fast," Murphy Teddy Perelli said. in a different form, and that she team, having just started to get said. "The next thing I know I'm Before Nolte could return was going to be taken to another to know Nolte. So, immediately getting shown texts from teams

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Status of small business in ever-changing town

Editor's Note: In a three-part series, The Daily Collegian will examine the landscape for current small businesses. In this first segment, we spoke with several small business owners in the downtown area to gauge what it's like to own a small business in 2018.

By Maddie Aiken THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

To many, State College no longer emits the same small-business vibe it had for so many years. As town staples like The Diner

and The Apple Tree closed, and corporations like Target and Urban Outfitters made downtown State College their home, many feel the business landscape in the town is changing — and changing fast.

Customer loyalty and Amazon

Tucked beneath Dunkin' Donuts on South Fraser Street, Comic Swap has served comic book fans since 1976. John Secreto has worked at the store for 19 years, including the past eight years as owner.

During that time, Secreto said, people's perspectives of the town have shifted. Many no longer see State College as locally owned or locally friendly.

However, he said places like Comic Swap, which he called "legacy businesses," are important for the community. To Secreto, these businesses greatly contribute to the town's personality.

"There's less of a small business atmosphere," Secreto said. "When you see an Amazon store close by, it overshadows a lot of what small businesses do."



Comic Swap is located downtown on the corner of West College Avenue and Fraser Street.

lenge in recent years for not just Comic Swap, but retail stores across the United States.

"If you sell books, Amazon is your competition," Secreto said,

"but it's not really a fair fight." Secreto said the store also faces challenges specific to State College, including the store's location and rent increases.

ficult to draw in as many custom- ing in the people's lives and community of people."

Dealing with online retailers ers during the summer months. knowing them personally." has become a mounting chal- As a college town, State College transforms from a bustling community to a ghost town in May.

Despite these challenges, Secreto said there are many benefits to owning a small business in State College. The people, Secreto said, are by far the best aspect.

"I have people shopping here ball weekend. who I consider friends now," he said. "Owning your own busi-

Secreto described the comic book community as "close-knit." He said he's glad his store is a familiar point of reference for comic book lovers — whether they are students, community members or former State College residents visiting during Arts Fest or a foot-

Ken Kalbach/Collegiar

"I want this business to be a place where people can come and In addition, Secreto said, it's dif- ness, you get the benefit of be- find their people," he said, "their

'A vibrant town'

Appalachian Outdoors, which opened in 1974, has made several changes to accommodate the ever-changing business environment of State College.

The store, which sells outdoor apparel and gear, faces competition from online shopping and big-box stores, like L.L. Bean.

Owner Geoff Brugler said Appalachian Outdoors actively price checks and sells its products online, as well as in store. Acknowledging that people are "timestarved," Brugler said, the store offers same-day delivery and is open evenings and weekends.

said he Brugler hopes people will "give local business a shot."

"I don't think Amazon contributes a lot to the community," Brugler said. "I don't think L.L. Bean or REI contribute much at all to our community, whereas all of the local businesses do that all the time. The more support we get, the more we are able to support local non-profits and community events."

Despite challenges, Brugler said, the State College community and loyal customers greatly benefit the store. He said State College has to be one of the "best college towns in the country."

"It's a vibrant town. Sure, rents are going up and maybe good staffing is becoming harder to find, but I would take this town over just about any other town in the country," Brugler said. "From quality of life, outdoor opportunities, proximity to a major university, crime rates [and] traffic, there are more benefits than there are drawbacks."

STUDENTS MAKING AN IMPACT



Justin Wanzie (junior-material science) smashes a car to support Penn State Snowboarding Club benefitting THON on the HUB Lawn on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Niki

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One thing is for sure she did not initiate this movement.

"I know she would never ask for this kind of support," Hart said. "She's trying to make it about other things, other than herself because she's such a selfless and strong person."

Not only has she gotten support from swim teams around the country, the Penn State community has gotten involved as well. Many teams have posted team photos on social media holding up signs that say "NikiStrong."

"It's not surprising," Mur-phy said. "Student-athletes at Penn State are extremely proud to be at this university... I think despite the fact Niki probably doesn't know all the student-athletes that have reached out, I think they have a respect for other student-athletes and programs that relate to their challenges in a lot of respects."

The family aspect of Penn State doesn't surprise her teammates either. They live by the mantras that the university promotes, and they've seen that come to fruition.

Now, it's all about getting better and getting back to school. The coaching staff knows how strong Nolte is.

"My initial reaction was that there's no one that can handle it better than her," assistant coach Steve Barnes said. "She's the most positive person that I've ever met. She's always been upbeat."

The team has also started a GoFundMe to help support Nolte and her family financially. Any excess funds would go to THON and the Jessie Rees Foundation, which is in honor of a 12-year-old cancer patient who made 3,000 "JoyJars," jars that contain inspirational messages for kids fighting cancer.

Perelli and the rest of the team's focus for the rest of the season is simple -"We're swimming for her. We're swimming for Niki."

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Students, professors discuss popularity of horror films

By Sebastien Kraft FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Halloween is fast approaching and the frequent destination for an adventure among friends is a dark auditorium at the movie theater.

Horror films are becoming increasingly popular both nationwide and at Penn State, and some students think they have grown more appreciative of the horror genre with age.

According to the aggregate film statistics website Box Office Mojo, 2017 hits "Get Out" and "It" grossed \$176 million and \$327 million in the U.S., respectively. This year, "A Quiet Place" and the newly-released "Halloween" have made \$188 million and \$80 million apiece stateside.

Students must now surmount their childhood fears and find the amusement in cinematic scares.

"I used to really dislike horror movies when I was younger,' James Russin, co-vice president of the Student Film Organization, said. "Over the past few years I've been coming around to them, and in a weird way I think being scared is kind of fun.3

"When I was a kid...I couldn't even get through the first 'Harry Potter,'" Liam Nee said. "The scene with the troll in the dungeon — it scared the hell out of me."

Nee (junior - film and video production) said he now feels excitement when he walks into a examples of kind of both sadism and action genres, commenting horror film, but he doesn't believe the genre should sacrifice plot or story for an audience's entertainment. "I think it has to be done right," Nee said. "You could have a movie with like, 20 to 30 people... with good kills, but if the characters are one-sided or bland and the story's not there, it's not of emotions, the tension-release,



going to be good."

Russin (senior – film and video production) agreed that horror films must still deliver content, rather than simply generate fear.

"You're probably just going to end up laughing at it if there's not a good reason to be scared," he joked.

Kevin J. Hagopian, associate professor of teaching and media studies in the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications, said he believes an audience's ability to emotionally associate with characters is a key part of the horror genre's success.

"I think all narrative

tension-release, tension-release an action film." that a good horror film is made of," he said.

Even if they're not in SFO, students have also noticed widespread enthusiasm toward fearinducing flicks.

have the feeling of being scared, but still be safe considering they're in a movie theater," Rose Warburton (freshman - mechanical engineering) said. "They can experience the rush of adrenaline and the racing heartbeat without ements of the horror genre. being in that position."

orous contrast in the horror (senior—film and video on the relatability and personal perspective that horror offers. "When you're watching an action film, you're watching someone else go through something," Wharton (freshman - engineering) said. "When you're watching a horror film, you're scared for yourself...I don't think people have nightmares from watching lar film editing technique com-

SFO President Nick Sivak also emphasized the distance between the oft-victimized characters in horror films and the audience's desire to keep watching them.

"I think it's probably a thrill "I think that humans like to thing," Sivak (senior - film and video production) said. "I think people like being scared, but in a way that they know it's controlled and fake."

SFO Treasurer Peter Rivera commented on the filmmaking el-

"I think it's also the creativity Julia Wharton has found a hu- to go with horror movies," Rivera production and business management) said. "You can always have a creative film with drama and comedies, and in some instances a sick, kind of depraved creativity you can have with [a horror film]."

monly found in horror films.

"Most of the time it's used pretty terribly, but when it's used right, I think jump scares [can work]," Lazarow (junior - film and video production) said. "It's just like when there's something building up and it literally just like flashes on screen and the music spikes up...just to mess with people."

Rivera also said sound editing is important to complement the jump-scare.

"Another thing I've noticed, too, is the use of sound," Rivera said. "Audio transitions, just like they'll play crackling on a stream before switching to a scene with a fire, so it throws you off."

In recent years, horror has thrived at the box office. Hagopian addressed the economic benefits that accompany horror films.

"They've always been appealing because they're profitable that is they're cheap to make," Hagopian said. "They often have a pretty good budget-to-profit ratio. A film like 'The Quiet Place,' for example, you don't have to worry about coordinating a lot of background action or a lot of huge casts, or even for that matter, a lot of changes of setting and costume."

Hagopian also said the horror genre is also quite popular among aspiring filmmakers.

"I think there's a sense of so-

and masochism on the part of audiences," Hagopian said. "We want to be happy for our characters, but we also want to suffer with them."

Hagopian added that a horror film's emotional unpredictability also helps.

'People enjoy the rollercoaster

Meanwhile, SFO Secretary Jacob Lazarow explained the socalled "jump-scare" — a particu-

cial and cultural allegory that horror movies today are tapping into, real psychological anxieties that have to do with uncertainty," Hagopian said. "I do think that popular narrative cinema in general is best thought of as a different way of engaging the real strains and confusions that we face in real life, and it's just a different way of making sense of them."

Businesses

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Personality and big-box store competition

Bicycle The Shop West on College Avenue has been in State College longer than most businesses or community members — 72 years.

Erik Scott, the owner since 2005, said the store has faced several challenges, including competition from the internet, local retailers and big-box stores, like Walmart and Dick's Sporting Goods. However, Scott said, The Bicycle Shop has grown since he bought it.

Scott said State College's stable economy, which he credited largely to the student population, benefits the store - along with loyal customers.

Small businesses like The Bicycle Shop have their own personalities, Scott said, which set them apart from corporations.

Dogs happily greet Bicycle Shop customers at the door, as some employees bring their furry friends to work. Employees and customers joke around with each other, creating a light-hearted atmosphere.

Large corporations, Scott said, do not have strong, unique personalities.

Looking to the future, Scott said he believes more competitors will move into the State College area.

As for The Bicycle Shop, he

said e-bike sales and his desire to expand the store's fitness line will hopefully continue the store's success.

Maintaining local roots

Shulman Curt has been Hotel partner at State College for four years. However, as someone who grew up in State College, Shulman has experienced firsthand the shift in the State College business atmosphere.

He recalled Christmas shopping at the

department store Danks, which closed in 1995, with his grandmother. Panera Bread currently occupies Danks' old location.

father. And Shulman's who State is now a partner at Hotel College, owned the Gingerbread Man sports bar, which closed in 2014.

"It was a much more diverse downtown." Shulman said.

Hotel State College consists of six different restaurants, bars and clubs downtown — including The Corner Room, Spats at the Grill and Pickle's Tap Room.

The businesses connect with a broader community of past and present State College residents, Shulman said.

"We have ties to the community. Our roots are deeper," Shulman said. "People don't come back here and get excited to go to a chain restaurant. They get excited to come back and experience what they had in college — or in my experience, growing

Shulman said he remembers eating breakfast at The Corner Room when he was young. He said memories like his are unique to businesses with history in the State College area.

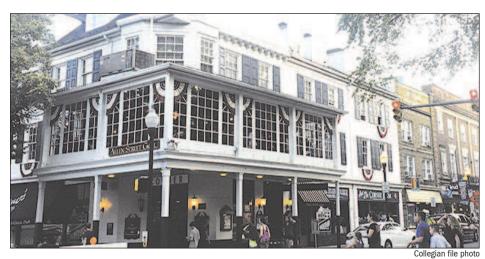
However, Hotel State College still faces challenges with competition as chain restaurants and bars move in to the community, though much is outside of the downtown area.

While he said college students have been "great" to Hotel State College, it's hard to appeal to locals.

As the market changes, Shulman said, he cannot tell if the shift is for better or worse as more businesses close their doors and new high rises move into State College

"The only thing I hope is we can find ways to tie into the local community and not just the university," he said. "I think it's important."

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The Corner Room is located on South Allen Street and West College Avenue.

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Partial awards available for Spring 2019.

The deadline to submit an application is November 12. The deadline for Summer 2019 and Academic Year 2019-2020 applications is February 1, 2019.

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BeeGate: The disappointing class gift

On Oct. 24, the Penn State Class of 2019 decided how to leave its mark on campus. And it chose a gate.

Out of three options, the Class of 2019 voted to gift an entrance gate to the new Pollinators' Garden that will be constructed in the Arboretum, starting in 2019. The garden had already been designed to attract bees to naturally pollinate and sustain the environment.

It is unclear how a large entrance gate — courtesy of this graduating class — will help bees do this.

In comparison to the other two options to choose from, it doesn't make much sense why we chose this entrance gate. It beat out the opportunity for the creation of a LGBTQA+ Student Resource Center Emergency Fund, as well as the establishment of a WorkLink Scholarship.

WorkLink will still be a pro-

OUR VIEW

The Class Gift of 2019 ignored two meaningful gift options in favor of an entrance gate

gram beginning in Fall 2019 that will help students living with disabilities learn independent living and work place skills during their college experience. However, the gift would have established a scholarship fund for students in the program.

Both of those gifts had the potential to provide assistance to future Penn State students, and the graduating class would have provided more help and opportunities to young adults. Now, instead, there will be a hunk of concrete or other material outside of the Pollinators' Garden for however many decades it lasts.

At the announcement ceremony, the gift choice was framed as the Class of 2019 showing its commitment to sustainability in the environment. Maybe this would be true if the gift was the actual garden but it's not.

If anything, a man-made structure built in the middle of an area created for environmental protection isn't helping. Granted, we are not sure what the gate will exactly look like, though. But, we do know it is not going to look like an emergency fund or a scholarship that could have benefited future students like how the gift from the Class of 2016 did. Three years ago, that class decided to make a donation to Counseling and Psychological Services, or CAPS.

This gift was a meaningful and important legacy that class left for future generations to utilize. Sure, their name isn't inscribed on a bench or on Willard Plaza where everyone who passes it can see it, but it's arguably more beneficial to students in the long run.

We're not against bee pollination. It's very clear bees need the support of humans, as they support and sustain us.

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But, they don't need an elaborate entrance gate to their garden. We don't think they are particularly materialistic creatures.

We're disappointed, but not surprised by the choice of class gift. Maybe some students voted for it because they thought it was funny since #SaveTheBees, or maybe we just split our votes between the other two options.

We'll never know why the Class of 2019 ended up choosing this structure as its legacy instead of something more meaningful, but it happened. We went from a purposeful gift, to an empty gift, a gateway gift.

Class of 2020, do better. Because we don't get what all of the buzz is about with this entrance gate.

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MY VIEW | Madeline Messa

State College housing is more stressful than it should be



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freshman year. Even then, incoming students are urged to attend a campus other than University Park because the amount of people accepted outnumbers the dorm openings.

I was offered discounted tuition before I first came here in exchange for going to a different campus because the dorms were overbooked. I picked Penn State for the location and for the college experience — both of which might be lost if I took the deal.

Friends from my high school who went to other colleges told me it was insane that I had to figure out my living situation nearly a year in advance. They are assured to have on-campus housing for the entire time they pursue their degrees. Unlike supplemental dorms and single rooms that three people are forcibly squished into — the second of which I was in as a sophomore — they have suites and renovated apartments.

The university needs to take better care of its students by at least offering them a space to stay for the duration of their time in school. Instead, there is pressure to search for and sign onto an expensive, rundown apartment that is offcampus and comes without a meal plan.

Students need places to reside in in State College, and the apartment complexes are taking advantage of this. According to data collected by Apartment List, the median cost for a two-bedroom apartment in the United States is \$1,180 per month. The median cost in Pennsylvania is \$1,021 per month.

Here in State College, however, you would be hardpressed to find one near campus under \$2,000 a month. And, even worse, many of the apartments require tenants to sign year-long leases even though the vast majority of them will not be staying there in the summer.

College students that are already taking out loans they will likely be playing catch-up with for years are expected to rent a place that has its rent hiked up closer to that of an apartment in the Bronx, which averages at \$2,167 monthly, than to the national average.

If you want your own bedroom, be prepared to fork over a grand every thirty days. If you can't come up with roommates, you can get stuck doing just that.

If you don't personally know anyone who can room with you, off to the internet you go to track down strangers who are in the same dilemma as you. And it isn't uncommon for someone to back out of their lease at the last minute and leave you with the heightened bill.

This column may come off as a complaint, and maybe it is

one. There is a point I have in it, though: I implore the university and the apartment complexes to show respect for the students they house.

They take advantage of students who cannot afford, but are obligated, to pay the price of a New York City studio for a place to live in close proximity to their classes. It's true we all need a place to live, but it is also true that the majority of us can barely afford to find one in the local area.

Penn State should construct more dorms and accept fewer freshmen to University Park, or it should at least help students get set up with an apartment or home when they are encouraged to move off campus. Apartment complexes should set aside their greed and lower their rates to be affordable, or at least to not be insulting, to the students they advertise to.

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GRIDIRON TO HARDWOOD

Former Villanova quarterback following his dream with Penn State men's basketball

By Tyler King THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Next to Kyle McCloskey's name on the roster reads the word 'freshman.' But very few

MEN'S BASKETBALL

freshmen playing college basketball have had a journey quite like his. Deep down,

McCloskey always knew he wanted to be a basketball player. But his success in another sport football — had others pushing him toward a path he never fully bought into.

"I've always loved basketball, it's always been my first love," McCloskey said. "But people had whispered in my ear saying, "Maybe you should play football," and I let it get to me.'

McCloskey committed to play football at Villanova during the summer before his senior year at Germantown Academy outside of Philadelphia.

Even while averaging over 20 points per game as a senior, manv thought McCloskey's future belonged on the gridiron, where he was rated at a three-star prospect by 247sports.

That led to a few offers from smaller Division I programs, but ultimately McCloskey opted to remain in the suburbs of Philadelphia and play for the Wildcats.

He had some success in his first season, appearing in four games, with two starts and throwing for three touchdown passes.

But McCloskey just wasn't enjoying what he was doing.

"Last year when I was playing, I just realized that this isn't what I need to be doing and this isn't what I love," McCloskey said. "In my heart I've really always been a basketball player.'

McCloskey mulled it over with McCloskey said.



Kyle McCloskey (10) shoots at open practice during Penn State men's basketball media day on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

his family and in early December, he announced he was leaving the Villanova football team in order to pursue his dream of playing college basketball. Even though it's early on, he has no regrets.

"When I made that decision it was a hard decision, but I knew it was the right one. I can't be more happy with the decision,"

Growing up in a Penn State family, Happy Valley was always like a second home to McCloskey. His dad was a member of the 1982 national championship football team, while his mom and older sister were both letterwinners in track and field.

But when he was going through decision-making process, his

are in obvious need of psy-

McCloskey wanted to remain as Chambers and the coaching staff impartial as possible to ensure he made the right decision.

State], it wasn't because of my Penn State connections," McCloskey said. "It was because I believed this was the right place for me and having it be Penn State is the cherry on top, really.'

Even with how familiar Mc-Closkey was with Penn State, he was still facing a tough transition moving to a different school to play a sport he hadn't played competitively since high school. But when McCloskey arrived, waiting for him was the perfect person to help him make the transition – his roommate John Harrar.

Harrar, who was a big contributor to Penn State's NIT Championship run last season, made a similar decision while still in high school. Toward the end of his senior season, Harrar was second guessing his commitment to play football at Army, ultimately deciding to decommit and play basketball instead.

"John's one of my best friends here and we obviously have that connection, where we both went through similar decisions," Mc-Closkey said.

The two grew close throughout the summer and Harrar has a lot of respect for the way McCloskey plays

Kyle plays exactly like me but at a guard position. He tries to be the hardest worker on the court," Harrar said. "It's funny, when we go on the field for the recruiting weekends we both just want to hit each other and start playing football again." ***

Aside from being good friends, the progress Harrar made during his first season with the Nittany Lions gives McCloskey confidence he can do the same.

"When I saw how coach

took John in and transformed him as a player and made him 'In the end when I chose [Penn into a serious contributor last year, I realized this was the place that I wanted to be," McCloskey said. "We have similar stories and I know [the coaches] can do the same for me. Having John as a friend and a leader throughout that process was really incredible."

Another reason McCloskey chose Penn State was the team's defense-first nature. McCloskey described himself as a player who likes to do all the little things like grab offensive rebounds, play defense, dive on the floor for loose balls, etc.

But as a walk-on, McCloskey might not be expected to contribute right away, especially since it's been quite some time since he's played in a live game. But don't tell him that.

"I bring instant energy whenever I come in and really can contribute to bring a spark," Mc-Closkey said. "I've also worked really hard over the summer on my jump shot and my three-point shot specifically. I believe I've done a really good job, at least in practice, in getting to my spots and making open shots when I have them.

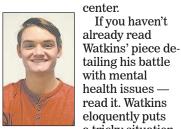
A huge reason why Penn State's defense has been as good as it has is Josh Reaves, a player McCloskey admitted he really looks up to.

"[Reaves] is an amazing athlete and I want to get to his level of athleticism," McCloskey said. "Knowing that one of the most successful players at this school is Reaves, who I really like to model myself after, was a huge attraction to be able to come here and learn under him."

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MY VIEW | MATT LINGERMAN As Watkins helps himself, the conversation will help others

Last week, we were given a look at Mike Watkins the person rather than Mike Watkins the



been gifted with athleticism, he doesn't have personal struggles which affect his life. Beyond that I'm glad he of-

think, simply due to the fact he's

chological assistance but will almost certainly not be given it in a timely matter. chology course I took In a nsv last fall, we learned about the lack of mental health treatment in low-income areas, whether it be due to an untrue connotation of mental weakness or financial reasons. In places like the neighborhood Watkins grew up in, a lack of psychological assistance is becoming an epidemic. Obviously, this is a bigger issue than I'm capable of taking on, but I'm grateful Watkins wrote about it because it's in need of addressing. It's also caused me to wonder how many other people in positions of prominence are suffering from problems like Watkins'



a tricky situation into perspective.

For context, Watkins was recently cited for his involvement in a fight, his third incident with police since he became a Penn State student. To many outside the program, it seemed like the run-in could be Watkins' last strike. But when asked about it at media day last week, coach Pat Chambers was steadfast in his response.

Watkins is going to remain a member of the basketball program, because the alternative is that he'll "wind up back on the street," according to Chambers.

I was sitting 15 feet from Chambers when he said this, and I felt everyone's gaze intensify on Chambers. His response was completely genuine.

Then, a few days later, Watkins released the article which clarified and corroborated his coach's statement. In it he discussed at length his struggles with mental health, the experiences which have shaped his life and where he intends to go from here.

I'm extremely thankful to have read Watkins' words, for a few reasons.

First, it reminded me, as have the stories of an increasing number of athletes, that players are people first.

Mike Watkins stands at 6-foot-He draws attention every time he steps into a room and, compared to most, seems like a superhuman. It's easy to forget that there's a person behind the emphatic blocks and two-handed flushes we've grown accustomed to seeing out of him.

But his article forced me to recall that he is a person — and not only a person, but one who is at a trying point of his life as a college student and one who has had a more challenging upbringing than many. It's unfair to

fered an explanation.

In the piece he mentions that it's not an excuse for his actions, but I certainly consider it a viable contributor.

The bottom line is this: Mike Watkins doesn't want to risk his chance at playing college basketball and getting a Penn State education so he can get in a fight off campus. But external factors play a real impact on that decision-making.

I'm not saying he should be off the hook, but rather that we need to keep that reality in mind when judging his actions and hope he is given the assistance he needs.

Finally, as a student pursuing a minor in psychology and who has been fascinated with the field since taking a class in high school, I'm thankful Watkins described not only how difficult it was to admit his perceived vulnerability, but also assert that there is a lack of attention being shown to mental health awareness - especially in crime-ridden areas like the one Watkins described.

My mom is a public school teacher in Philadelphia, and she often tells me of students who

Even as mental health literacy increases, there is still a stigma surrounding it.

I will never claim to have the answers to the problems Watkins described. But I am thankful he brought them the attention they deserve and I'm hopeful he will continue to be a mouthpiece for the change needed as he tries to stay on track.

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Forward Mike Watkins (24) attempts to dunk during game against Ohio State at the Bryce Jordan Center on Thursday, Feb. 15.



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Forward Alina Ortega Jurado (17) dribbles the ball at the women's soccer game vs. Minnesota at Jeffrev Field on Sunday. Oct. 21.

Perfect senior day for Ortega Jurado

By Matthew Knaub THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

One Penn State player's senior day experience was extra special.

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had

Alina Ortega Jurado, a native WOMEN'S of SOCCER Germany,

her parents attend one of her matches for just the second time in her Nittany Lions career on Sunday.

As a result, Ortega Jurado was able to walk out onto the field with her parents during the senior day pregame ceremony, just like her fellow upperclassmen teammates.

"It's a big thing," Ortega Ju-rado said. "The last time they were here was three years ago. It doesn't really feel that way because time flies but it's just something special.'

Ortega Jurado's parents, Maria Mercedes Jurado Cabrera and Valentin Ortega Sañudo, traversed an ocean to come watch their daughter play in one of her final matches at Jeffrey Field.

They echoed a similar sentiment to their daughter's, explaining the significance of the day.

"It was very, very great for us because it's a special day for us and for Alina," Jurado Cabrera said. "We couldn't really share her time here before, and it's nice to share that day now, together."

Ortega Jurado lived in Germany for her entire childhood, where she was a member of the German U-15, U-17 and U-19 Women's National Teams prior to coming to Happy Valley.

'They were super supportive of me, they knew that I wanted to do this," Ortega Jurado said about her parents.

Ortega Jurado said if given the choice, she wouldn't change a thing. She would study and play soccer four more years at Penn State if possible, but that doesn't mean the move didn't pose any challenges at the beginning.

"It's always hard when you come in from a different country,' Ortega Jurado said. "You don't really know what to expect."

The senior has played significant minutes in all four years of her career, including being a starter this season and in 2016.

However, coach Erica Dambach believes quite the transformation has occurred since her freshman season in 2015.

"I believe Alina [Ortega Jurado] has developed more in this program in these four years than any other play that we've had in our program," Dambach said. "Her growth as a teammate, as a person, as a player, has been just spectacular to be a part of."

Her parents agreed with Dambach, and said she has matured both as a player and a person, as well as become more confident over her career as a Nittany Lion.

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LOCAL

Men's hockey set for first real test of season

By Ben Ferree THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

In the first two weekends of the college hockey season, everything has gone according to plan for No. 10 Penn

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Lions are a program-best 4-0 after handling Clarkson and taking care of business against Niagara. But on Friday, Penn State is set to face its toughest test so far when No. 13 Princeton enters Pegula Ice Arena.

State, head coach Guy Gadowsky coached at Princeton for seven seasons. Gadowsky turned in the first round by Ohio State. around a program that won just eight games in the two seasons, to a team that won 22 games in a single season and earned two straight bids to the NCAA Tournament.

Gadowsky is not the only member of the Penn State coaching staff who has ties to Princeton, though, as associate head coach Keith Fisher and assistant coach Matt Lindsay both followed Gadowsky from the Ivy League school to 'Hockey Valley.

there and like Penn State there are extremely high character individuals," Gadowsky said.

Although these coaches will be facing their former school, it doesn't make this game special for Gadowsky.

This is a game where if we can have success it is going to be a really good RPI win and that's all I care about," Gadowsky said. "The fact that it's Princeton doesn't mean one thing."

Friday will be the opening game of the season for Princeton after the Tigers went 19-13-4 and won Prior to coaching at Penn the ECAC Tournament last season. Princeton made the NCAA Tournament and was defeated 4-2

This will only be the third meeting between these two schools. with them splitting the previous two matchups. Penn State won the only game in Pegula in 2015.

The Penn State blue line was a position group full of uncertainty coming into this season after the departures of Trevor Hamilton and Erik Autio, in addition to senior Kevin Kerr dealing with an injury that has prevented him from playing so far this season.

But through the first two week-"I think our whole staff that ends, the Nittany Lions defense

very proud of what happened to do in order to win games. But it will be up against one of the most potent attacks in all of college hockey against Princeton. The Tigers are returning their two highest point earners from last season.

> Max Véronneau leads the way for the Princeton offense and is one of the favorites to win the Hobey Baker Award this season. Véronneau had 17 goals and 55 points last season, which ranked second in the nation.

> Princeton also returns Ryan Kuffner, who was second on the team last season with 52 points. which ranked fourth in the nation. Kuffner also found the back of the net 29 times, which was the second most in the country.

> 'To have two guys that have been so successful coming back for their senior years is unheard of right now," Gadowsky said. "They are an excellent team and this is a really good opportunity for us."

Although the defense will be put to the test this weekend, the Nittany Lions' offense will be matched against a very inexperienced Princeton defense that graduated multiple players from Princeton. last season's team.

came from Princeton, we are has been solid doing what it needs fense ranked 36th in the nation in season Ferland had a save per-



Penn State Goalkeeper Peyton Jones (31) looks on during game against Clarkson University at Pegula Ice Arena on Friday, Oct. 12.

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goals allowed per game with 3.06. Penn State's forwards have wasted no time put points on the board. Seven Nittany Lions currently have five or more points in just four games. Thirteen Penn State players have already found the back of the net.

Ryan Ferland will be tasked with shutting down this potent Penn State attack in goal for

Ferland is coming off a very Last season, the Tiger's de- streaky freshman season. Last

centage of .912 and allowed 2.91 goals against per game, but Ferland often played his best in the biggest moments for the Tigers last season.

Peyton Jones will start in goal Friday for Penn State, according to Gadowsky. Jones, the starter the past two seasons, has been splitting time with fellow goaltender Chris Funkey over the past two weekends.

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Bigar's Stars By JACQUELINE BIGAR

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You will want more contact with a partner than usual. You are trying to resolve an issue to everyone's satisfaction. Checking in with others to discuss key points is smart. Understanding what motivates you to head in a certain direction might not appeal to some. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star\star\star\star\star$ Despite a fit of anger or frustration, you can be found smiling most of the day. As long as you relax, the cards will fall in the right direction for you. Reach out to someone at a distance whom you don't often slow down to speak to or share news with. Tonight: Make it easy

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your perky attitude and happy style draw friends toward you. You might wonder what would be the best thing for you to do under a certain set of circumstances. A partner is likely to give you strong feedback. Try to stay on topic as much as possible. Tonight: At a favorite spot

CANCER (June 21 July 22)

★★★★ You might want to come to terms with a loved one or dear friend. Reach out to this person. Though there could be a minute or two of anger, eventually you will be able to talk through what has been a problem. Allow more give-and-take with this person. Tonight: Around friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star\star\star$ Others always seem to notice you, but at the present moment you might feel as if you are being noticed too much, especially professionally. Don't get nervous, but try to be less social than usual. You could gain from this moment in a big way. Tonight: Do something just for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** A partner could be more provocative than usual. Avoid triggering a disagreement if possible. Frustrations might be high, but if you stay flexible, you will flow through a situation with ease. Be willing to work with the unfamiliar and the unknown. Tonight: Try something new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star\star$ One-on-one relating takes you to a new level of understanding. You might wonder whether you will be able to fulfill a commitment involving a loved one. Anger and/or frustration could bubble up if you are not careful in how you deal with this person. Tonight: Be a duo

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

 $\star\star\star\star$ Defer to a partner. Attempt to get the feedback you need. You'll discover the significance of getting information as well as the need to apply it. Be willing to take a stand, if need be. Others appreciate you stepping up to the plate. Tonight: Listen to what a loved one is sharing.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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 $\star\star\star\star$ Be willing to take a risk. Know that even with the Full Moon, you could be bored and dragging. Recognize how a child or loved one often inspires you to take risks. You might decide to be your own cheerleader today. Go for what you want. Tonight: Let the fun take over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star\star\star\star$ Being reasonable always seems to help. You usually come up with the right response. Back out of a problem that does not interest you. Be clear about your motivation. Open up a conversation about a self-imposed restriction. Get feedback. Tonight: Go where your friends are. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star\star\star$ You sense that you can't get more information by asking questions or by snooping around. Others are likely to divulge more than you had anticipated. A friendship could feel more draining to you now than it has in the past. Take a step back, if possible. Tonight: Just do not be alone PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You will stay on top of a project. Others might be surprised by how smoothly things are running. Trust that you will know when you have had enough. Explore an idea that you have thought about and now want to talk through. Tonight: Dream up some wonderful weekend plans

Kakuro (Cross Sums)

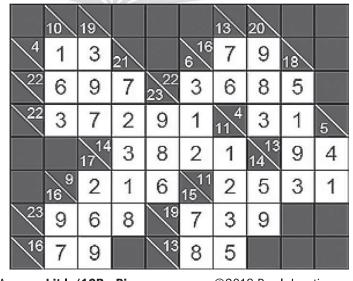
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SPORTS

PSU still searching for perfect lineup

By Jim Krueger THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Chase Berger fits the mold of a captain very well.

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The forward is equal parts **MEN'S** HOCKEY

valuable player and when addressing the press.

He's well-spoken, polite, never hesitant to deflect attention away from himself and always eager to compliment his fellow teammates.

Yet after Penn State's 4-1 win over Niagara Saturday, a win where Berger played in his fourth different line pairing in four games, Berger talked about his ever changing line situation.

"It would be nice to get a little more of a consistent thing," Berger said.

While it's wrong to assume what other people are thinking, the ever-positive center seemed a little annoyed.

He would have a reason to be dissatisfied with his current situation.

While two lines have their own unique culture, the rest of the forwards, including the captain Berger, have yet to find a stable solution.

Berger probably has to sit next to Alex Limoges and listen to him laud about his permanent linemates Liam Folkes and Evan and Berger should find a perma-Barratt

He has to hear about the Brandon Biro-Ludvig Larsson-Nate to have no problem taking his of the headlines were about how Sucese line and how well they time when tinkering with two of well Larsson fit into to the high thing for Penn State.



Ken Minamoto/For the Collegian **Chase Berger (9)** protects the puck against Niagara player Jared Brandt (16) during the men's hockey game against Niagara at Pegula Ice Arena on Oct. 19. The No. 10 Nittany Lions defeated Niagara 8-2.

play together.

Yet Berger, a senior and team captain, has been on a line with Denis Smirnov, Aarne Talvitie, Alec Marsh, Sam Sternchein, Blake Gober and Adam Pilewicz at any given point.

In four games, no two lines have been the same.

While some of this is due to the injuries to Smirnov and Marsh, nent home soon.

Coach Guy Gadowsky seems

his lines early on.

'That's what we've wanted to Sucese. do," Gadowsky said. "You might see us tinker with things again in ra, the main story was the continthe coming weeks as well."

This shows the stark contrast between the two sets of the four lines of forwards so far this season.

Most of the attention thus far have gone to the Barratt line and the Larsson line, the two which seem to be set in stone.

After the Clarkson series, all

chemistry pairing of Biro and

Following the sweep of Niagaued dominance of Folkes, Barratt and Limoges, who would not stop talking about how much fun they have playing with each other.

Through all of this, it is easy to forget about the very talented forwards like Berger, Smirnov, Talvitie and Nikita Pavlychev, who have yet to find a reliable set of striking partners.

This may not be such a bad

While many of these forwards have been moving around a lot, the offense is performing well, even those who are not a part of the two showcase lines.

Though the St. Louis, native might want something more consistent, the freshman Talvitie has enjoyed the opportunity to get playing time with a wide variety of forwards.

"At first it was a bit difficult but I think that it's good that we switch the lines and the coach is trying to find the matches," Talvitie said.

While Talvitie might be enjoying it at the moment, he, like Berger, expressed his desire to play in a permanent line in the future.

It seems the man Talvitie wants to be a permanent fixture with is none other than the captain himself.

"I've enjoyed playing with Chase. I think we've got a lot of opportunities and scored a couple of goals together," the Espoo, Finland, native said.

Meanwhile, while Berger is working toward a permanent line like some of his counterparts and he has enjoyed playing with the diverse group of quality Penn State forwards.

"We've been talking a lot about what's going to work best for the team. I've been playing with a lot of smart players, so it hasn't been too bad," Berger said.

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Gabby O'Gorman makes a forehand shot during the women's tennis match against Illinois on Sunday, April 22.

PSU has unique culture on court

By Matt Bereche THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Tennis is a major sport around the world, with some of the sport's premiere athletes hailing from different said. "Whether it be a differ- I'm ready for that." ent perspective or a different culture."

Aside from the cultural differ- players. ence, each of them brings a differ-

Wikberg said her game style is different compared to other

She had been playing on clay

Rose's squad has tough road ahead

By Caleb Wilfinger THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

A lot has changed in the last month for No. 4 Penn State.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

On Sept. 23, the Nittany Lions surrendered second their straight loss to open the Big Ten conference season at 0-2 for

the first time since 2000. Since then, Penn State has dropped only three total sets in eight matches, all of which have resulted in victories.

The highlight of the team's eight-match win streak came two weeks ago, when the Nittany Lions rallied after dropping the first set to prevail over No. 17 Purdue, and followed that up with a signature victory over

blocks for the Nittany Lions if they are to capture an 18th Big Ten regular season championship and their second in as many years. Penn State will take on Indiana on Friday and Purdue on Saturday in a 24-hour span, with the latter certainly posing a few challenges for the blue and white.

"I expect to see a lot of great serving from them," junior libero Kendall White said.

"One thing that really struck me from the first time we played them was how well that they served, and I think that caught us a little off guard."

There is a familiarity with these two sides, but Rose doesn't believe it gives either an advantage.

"I think both teams are familiar with each other due to our previous meeting," he said. "Purdue is always a really good

WOMEN'S **TENNIS**

Penn State knows this well.

countries - and

The Nittany Lions currently have four international players on their team.

Sophomores Gabby O'Gorman, Frederikke Svarre, Hanna Wikberg and freshman Olivia Ryan are all adjusting to life in Happy Valley and America.

"All four of them bring some-

ent style and personality, whether it be on the court or off.

O'Gorman, а native of Gunnedah, Australia, said her and Ryan, a Victoria, Australia, native bring humor to the team.

'I think we're pretty easy going," Ryan said, laughing with O'Gorman.

Svarre, a Copenhagen, Denmark, native and Wikberg, a Stockholm, Sweden, native both bring a different perspective to the court.

"I'm used to playing in the wind "All four of them bring some-thing unique," coach Chris Cagle and the cold back home," Svarre said. "So, if there's bad weather

courts at home over the summer rather than hard courts yearlong like the players here.

Since joining the Nittany Lions, the four players have learned some things about tennis from each other and especially from the American players.

"Here they play with a little more of a faster pace."

Aggressiveness on the court is a difference that other players have picked up as well since coming here.

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then-No. 5 Nebraska in a five set thriller at Rec Hall.

This streak has solidified Penn State as one of the teams to beat in arguably the most difficult conference in the nation, but coach Russ Rose is not quite sold yet on the team's high ranking.

"Personally, I don't think that we're the No. 4 team in the country. I haven't ranked us as high as we've been ranked all year long," Rose said.

With 10 games remaining in the conference season, there are still plenty of potential road-

program and I fully expect a tough match that could go either way.

The schedule will not get any easier for Penn State in the coming weeks.

The Nittany Lions are still slated to face five more teams in the top-20 of this week's AVCA Coaches Poll before the end of the regular season starting with a road trip out to Lincoln to take on Nebraska and ending with a trip to Champaign to play No. 6 Illinois.

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