

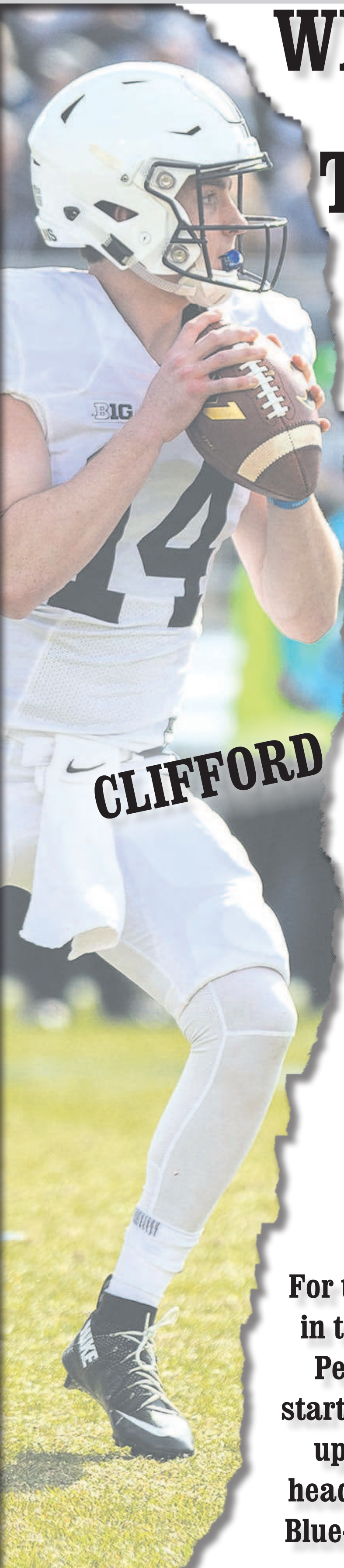
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## After tragedy and off-the-field issues, running back Journey Brown is ready to be a key contributor

By Caleb Wilfinger  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Journey Brown has been nothing if not patient.

From the first day he arrived to campus in 2017, he knew that the starting running back position would not be immediately available to him.

He also thought that perhaps he was not cut out to be a big-time college athlete and if he would ever make it — a sense of doubt that crept in only after Brown endured a personal tragedy.

Despite being a gifted athlete on the field and remaining closer to home by attending Penn State, the Pennsylvania native struggled with a number of personal issues that threatened to take him off the field entirely.

“I would often let personal stuff off the field, like school or people who passed away in my family, fill up my brain on the field,” Brown said. “I would always use football as my off the field escape in high school, and I feel like I lost that to the point where it was more of a business than a game I loved.”

Brown says he started to push through these off-the-field challenges and get back to loving the game last year.

The turning point for him, he says, was when his grandmother passed away.

A fixture in Brown’s upbringing, she has been a part of his journey since the beginning, on and off the field.

“When my grandma passed away, I really started to lock in,” Brown said.

“She was a big part of my life and she always gave me that confidence I needed to succeed. When she died, it made me understand why I play this game,

and that I don’t want to waste this opportunity that I have.”

Trusting himself has been something that Brown has struggled with, but those around him — from his grandmother to his coaches — have always believed in his game.

Running backs coach Ja’Juan Seider has played a significant role in helping Brown adapt to the college game, and has also been there for Brown when the 20-year old had gone through some of his mentally and emotionally taxing off-the-field issues, whether it was with his family or related to school.

“I tend to overthink things sometimes,” Brown said. “I can second guess myself on the field at points, but I’ve cut down on that a lot compared to last year, and I’m starting to trust myself and my abilities more. Coach Seider has helped me out a lot with believing in myself.”

But now, after the subsequent departures of Saquon Barkley and Miles Sanders — two anchors in the backfield over the last few seasons — the running back position is as wide open as it has been in years.

Even though believing in himself has been an ongoing struggle for Brown, his body language and development on the field has gotten the attention of his running backs coach.

“Journey has really been a pleasant surprise,” Seider said. “He’s taking that next stop and I think that the confidence — even though he didn’t play a lot, he got in the game enough to know that we believe in him — is starting to show out here on the field.”

After two years of waiting in the wings and adapting to the college game, Brown is fully

prepared to take advantage of this opportunity.

“I’m getting more comfortable with the offense because our style of play here is a lot different from what I was used to in high school,” Brown said.

“Just learning how to play at this level is the most important skill I’ve picked up [since coming to Penn State]. I think I’ve gotten a lot stronger, faster and smarter on the field.”

It’s fair to assume that sophomore five-star recruit Ricky Slade will get the majority of the carries in the early part of the season, especially since he carries the most in-game experience out of the stable of running backs.

But, even after putting up video-game like numbers in high school, Brown is still a relatively unknown player at the Division I level.

“Obviously, Journey doesn’t have the game experience that Ricky has, but he was always a gifted player,” James Franklin said. “He missed a lot of spring ball last year because of a hamstring injury, but this year the light really seems to be turning on for him this time around. Not only is he becoming more confident within the offense, but his blitz pickup and pass blocking have gotten a lot better as well.”

While most running backs that commit to a major Division I program are used to being looked at as the main option, Brown has grown accustomed to sharing the workload with others at his position.

This running back by committee system that Penn State is likely to employ this fall could have been a point of contention in the locker room, but Brown has bought in to Penn State’s system,

and continues to lead by example.

“We’ve seen some really good things from him,” Franklin said. “He’s a really confident player now, and he was a leader [in the backfield] all offseason for us.”

A native of Meadville, Pennsylvania, Brown was a three-time all-region honoree and broke the Meadville High School rushing record, finishing his career with 7,027 yards and 106 touchdowns.

During a game as a junior in 2015, Brown set a state record for rushing yards in single game after racking up 722 yards with 10 total touchdowns, in a 107-90 win over DuBois.

The redshirt sophomore did all of this while having to share handoffs with his teammates throughout his impressive high school career.

As part of a crowded backfield in Happy Valley, Brown is embracing the challenge of establishing himself as a fixture in Penn State’s offense, while also acknowledging that seeing his teammates succeed is just as rewarding.

“Personally, I like the way our system is set up now,” Brown said. “It’s a lot more fun being a part of a group where everyone touches the ball. It’s more fun for us [the running backs], and it’s also harder on the defense because they can’t just focus on one guy. You’ve got to stop all of us.”

Even with all the gaudy numbers in his high school career, Brown has not had the easiest time as a face in the crowd at one of the premier college football programs in the nation.

Last year, Brown appeared in eight games and got a handful of carries in most of those contests.

Against Illinois, he scored his first career touchdown on a

six-yard rush, against Michigan he had an eight-yard carry and caught a pair of passes out of the backfield and a late-season game against Maryland saw Brown finish with 17 yards on three carries, both of which were career highs.

While it wasn’t much on the surface, that in-game experience did a lot for Brown’s outlook on how difficult it is to succeed at the highest level of college football.

“It just sort of showed me what it’s like when you’re in the game,” he said. “I didn’t have much game experience, but those opportunities prepared me for what I’m going to see from now on. I know how hard the linebacker hits, I know how fast the game moves, and it just makes me realize how much better I’ve gotten in the offseason compared to last year.”

It’s fair to say that Brown might not be an every-down back in this offense, but his talents extend beyond running between the tackles.

A track star and hundred-yard dash specialist in his younger days, his elite speed without the ball can be a weapon for Penn State on special teams as well.

Regardless of how many carries he ends up getting, or how he is implemented in the offense, Brown is a unique talent who could turn out to be a very important player for the Nittany Lions this season.

“We have a lot of talent [in the backfield], and I feel like we all complement each other pretty well,” Brown said. “At this point, it seems like we’ll be sharing the load, but I feel comfortable wherever I’m put it, and I’ll do whatever the team needs to win.”

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# Shaping the Nittany Lions’ O-line

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Two of Penn State’s most vital linemen from a year ago won’t be at the 2019 Blue-White game.

Instead, they’ll be getting ready for the NFL Draft.

Connor McGovern started every game for the Nittany Lions last season while Ryan Bates started all but one.

McGovern leaves an opening at the right guard position, while Bates’ departure raises questions about both tackle position after he made nine starts at left tackle and three at right tackle.

McGovern and Bates both received third-team All-Big Ten honors for their performances last season.

Despite losing two quality linemen to the NFL, the Penn State offensive line is already shaping up as spring ball comes to a close.

Steven Gonzalez opted to return for his final season of eligibility for the Nittany Lions at the left guard spot.

Gonzalez has started in all 13 games for the last two seasons without missing a beat, and has proven to be one of the team’s most reliable linemen in that time.

At center, redshirt junior Michal Menet will return to the spot where he made 12 starts a year ago.

Last season was Menet’s first as a full-time starter for Penn State, and over the course of the year he developed strong chemistry with his left guard.

“We don’t even have to make calls to each other sometimes because we just know what we have to do,” Gonzalez said of the chemistry between him and Menet.

Redshirt junior Will Fries is set to be the starter at right tackle following a season that saw him make seven starts at that spot and four starts at the opposite tackle.

Fries appeared in all 13 games last year and started 11.

“[Menet] is a very vocal leader and so is Will Fries,” Gonzalez said. “A lot of the older guys are really stepping up.”

The right guard and left tackle positions have been up for grabs throughout spring ball, and a couple of names have come out as the leading candidates for the spots.

At left tackle, it is looking like redshirt sophomore Rasheed Walker has distanced himself from the rest.

“He’s the person on offense who has taken the biggest stride over spring ball,” sophomore defensive end Yetur Gross-Matos said.

“Coming in he was really raw and he’s come a long way since he’s been here.”

Walker played in just four games last season as a true freshman but was highly regarded as a recruit, ranked as a four-star prospect by 247Sports and the No. 3 player in all of Maryland in the 2018 class.

“The thing about Rasheed is he’s a freak athlete, he has super quick feet, he can keep up with anyone,” Gonzalez said. “His feet are just so smooth and he has great flexibility.”

Walker will have to adapt quickly, as he’ll be tasked with protecting his quarterback’s blind side this season, whoever that may be.

For the right guard spot, it isn’t as clear who the starter will be at this point, with multiple guys competing for the job.

An interesting wrinkle thrown into this position battle is the addition of redshirt sophomore CJ Thorpe.

Thorpe appeared in all 13 games last season, but early on in the year he made the switch to



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**Offensive lineman Michal Menet (62)** inspects the Feista Bowl trophy at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017.

defensive tackle to add depth on the d-line.

The Pittsburgh native quickly emerged and received a decent amount of playing time on the d-line, but now he’s back on the offensive side and in the mix for the starting right guard spot.

Mike Miranda is also an option at right guard for the Nittany Lions. Miranda, also a redshirt

sophomore, had a similar season to Thorpe last year in terms of playing time.

“At the guard position CJ and Miranda have really come on and gotten better over the spring,” Gross-Matos said. “I think they’re gonna come back next year stronger.”

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# Tommy Stevens and Sean Clifford battle to become Penn State’s new leader under center

By Dylan Jacobs  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

A year ago, the successor to Trace McSorley looked set in stone. When Tommy Stevens announced he would stay at Penn State instead of transferring, it looked safe to say he would earn the starting spot once his redshirt senior season rolled around. But after a season filled with injuries, Penn State’s situation under center is murky. Redshirt sophomore Sean Clifford impressed in the few games he played in last season, going 5-for-7 with 195 yards and two touchdowns. Back in February, James Franklin mentioned that while Stevens would see the majority of first-team reps, he wasn’t ready to name a starting quarterback. But with Stevens limited in spring practice, it’s been Clifford who has seen the majority of first-team reps heading into Blue-White. And even though the reps aren’t equal, the battle is intense. “Every day there’s competition at every position. If you’re not getting pushed there’s a problem,” Stevens said. “I would even say when Trace was here I was trying to push him every day. Sean’s done a great job. Obviously with the increase in reps he plays well. He’s on scholarship at Penn State for a reason. Talented football player, and I’m happy with the progress of our room as a whole.”

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There’s a reason Tommy Stevens is a fan favorite. As ‘the Lion,’ he made plays in

a variety of ways. Whether it was throwing, running or catching the ball, fans always get excited to see the ball in No. 2’s hands. Franklin is not shy about calling him a special player. “He is as gifted physically as any quarterback as I’ve been around,” Franklin said. “He’s 6-foot-4, 225 pounds. He can run 4.5 [second 40-yard dash]. He’s got a strong arm. He’s got a natural feel for the game.” Stevens had a chance to earn the starting spot when he got to Penn State, but when he lost the battle, there was talk that he would transfer.

“It was obviously not what I pictured myself doing when I signed here,” Stevens said. “When people sign they obviously want to play so that’s been a difficult thing for me. As much as I’m able to do there’s a limit... I’m trying to not let it be about me and trying to make it team-first and whatever I could for the team.” He ultimately decided to stay, and in a few appearances, the Indianapolis native has shown glimpses that he could be a capable starting quarterback. Even with some strong showings like this, Stevens isn’t using this as an advantage. “It means a lot but at the same time my past here at Penn State isn’t going to help us win games,” he said. “Still have to continue to grow each and every day.” But even with strong moments, he has also shown that he still has plenty of work to do. While his accuracy may need

to find consistency, his biggest strength is his running ability. He can fit the mold of what McSorley left behind, providing a leader for a read-option offense. There’s a reason Franklin created a new position for him. His agility makes him a weapon. But at this point in the spring, he’s not moving around that much. Still recovering from the injury he suffered last season, he has been limited this spring. With that, there could be a cause for concern. But Stevens is still trying to do whatever he can. “[I’m] still trying to emphasize little things in the offense...” Stevens said. “Trying to be vocal, as vocal as possible and just being somebody the guys can lean on.” Franklin has been proud of the work Stevens has done even though he’s only on the field for a few drills. “His approach and his maturity has been really good,” Franklin said. “In meetings, taking notes, asking great questions and on the field being locked in.” As a rising senior, Stevens has taken a leadership role this spring, and while he’s in the midst of a position battle, he’s still making sure everyone else gets better. “Tommy’s done a great job of keeping everybody’s standard high,” Clifford said. “That’s one of his strengths, to bring everyone up to his level.

When I throw an incomplection or make a wrong read, he’s not yelling at me but he’s coaching me up on what I can do better on the next play.” Being on the sideline has been tough for Stevens, something that he is not used to. He stated that he was rarely ever hurt before coming to Penn State, questioning people who have doubts about his injury concerns. “I guess I’ve kind of been bothered by the injury-prone stigma,” Stevens said. “Up until this point last year I never missed a practice in high school even. I wouldn’t say durability is an issue. I guess it was just never fixed the first time.” But even with all of these obstacles, he sees the opportunities in front of him. “In all realities it’s exciting to have the chance to be a starting quarterback here at Penn State,” Stevens said.

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Sean Clifford’s path to the starting lineup looked pretty clear. He sits behind McSorley and Stevens for two years and gets the job in 2020. But there’s one aspect of his game that’s making that difficult — his competitiveness. “The thing that I’ve been impressed with is how competitive he is,” Franklin said. “You see it in the weight room, you see it in winter workouts. He’s highly competitive almost to the point when he first got here that he was hard to coach because he was so prideful and so competitive in what he did.” Clifford added: “You could ask anybody on our team and I think they would say I’m one of the most competitive guys on this team. And I’d tell you that I am the



Sean Clifford (14) hands the ball off during the game against Kent State at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018.

most competitive guy on this team, because I am.” The Cincinnati native was a four-year varsity player, something that his high school coach Steve Specht said was extremely rare. He added that a player with the leadership capabilities of McSorley is not easy to replace, but Clifford can easily fill that role. “You can tell Sean was special from a leadership standpoint. He’s the only player I’ve ever coached that was a two-time captain...” Specht told The Daily Collegian. “He’s just so charismatic. He has a unique ability to bring people together. The leadership aspect is probably what coach Franklin and his staff are seeing right now. When you lose a guy like McSorley, that’s tough. But Sean can pick up that slack, that’s for sure.” An area of concern for Clifford is his lack of mobility, especially compared a mobile player like Stevens. But Specht feels that this criticism is not justified. “He’s deceptively fast. He can make you miss,” Specht said. “Tommy might be faster than Sean, but I’ll tell you, he’s an athlete. He’s elusive and faster than you think so I don’t buy that. I saw too much of Sean creating with his legs for four years so I don’t buy that he couldn’t be a dual-threat guy.” During his senior season, Clifford was the team’s leading rusher on the way to a state championship. Franklin has seen more progression in that area from Clifford, making him a more dynamic player. “Because of that competitiveness and because of how prideful he is he went from what people listed him as pro-style quarterback to a guy who’s a legitimate

dual-threat guy that can hurt you in many ways,” Franklin said. “He’s worked so hard at changing his body and getting stronger and getting more explosive.” Even though this area of his game has grown, he knows what makes him a talented quarterback. “I’m not trying to be Mike Vick out there,” Clifford said. “That’s not who I am. I’m Sean Clifford. But if I can add another dynamic of the game I can press defenses in different ways.” Specht and Franklin have talked about how a major area of strength for him is his ability to read defenses. That ability, according to Specht, makes him a unique talent. “I’ve seen quarterbacks with tremendous talent, but I’ve described them as dial-up internet. They didn’t process things fast enough,” Specht said. “Sean has the unique ability to process. Look at what the defense is doing quickly and make quick decisions. We can talk about his arm strength and his release and all that. But what separates the great one’s is the ability to process everything that’s happening quickly, and Sean has been always able to do that.” Even though he had been a three-year varsity at St. Xavier, he had to win a quarterback competition before his senior year. That is why Specht knows that Clifford can handle the pressure. “This is not new to Sean,” he said. “He knows what this is all about. He knows what it takes to compete at this level. From what I know from Sean he would want it no other way.”

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Tommy Stevens (2) runs the ball during the game against Maryland at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018.

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# A NEW LOOK AT WR

Plenty of optimism surrounds Penn State’s young, talented wide receiver corps

By Caleb Wilfinger  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

For the last couple of seasons, Penn State’s wide receiving corps has been dominated by an experienced stable of familiar faces.

However, when the Nittany Lions take the field Saturday for the Blue-White game, there will be a plethora of wideouts looking to make a good impression on the coaching staff and pick up where past targets like DaeSean Hamilton, Saeed Blacknall and Juwan Johnson left off.

Last year, Penn State consistently relied on the playmaking abilities of redshirt sophomore KJ Hamler, and he delivered time and again.

Hamler is a player with game-breaking potential and he showed that throughout the season, finishing with nearly 800 receiving yards and six total touchdowns on his way to being named an honorable-mention All-Big Ten selection as a receiver and kick returner by the coaches and media.

Hamler also broke the Penn State freshman record with 1,417 all-purpose yards last season, topping the previous mark of 1,237 yards set by Saquon Barkley in 2015.

However, during the 2018 season, the Nittany Lions struggled to find any sort of consistent production at the receiver spot, outside of the capabilities of Hamler.

But heading into a fresh



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**Wide receiver KJ Hamler** reacts after successfully earning a first down during the game against Maryland at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018. Then-No.12 Penn State defeated Maryland 38-3.

season, James Franklin believes in his young group of wide receivers and is looking for the new guys to step in and immediately make an impact.

“I like where we are [with the receivers] right now,” Franklin said. “We’ve had a specific plan for all of these guys in the spring, and they all have shown promise.”

There is certainly no shortage

of talent at this position, and the depth chart is filled with players who are anxious to contribute.

There’s Jahan Dotson, who started four games last season and became the first true-freshman receiver to start since Blacknall in 2014.

Dotson showed flashes of his potential in his eight appearances last season, with 10 of his 13 catches resulting in first downs. His best performance of the campaign came against Rutgers, where he hauled in a career-high four catches for 58 yards, including a career-long 35-yard grab in the second quarter of Penn State’s victory.

The sophomore from Nazareth, Pennsylvania, was praised by Franklin for his natural ability at the position, but there is still plenty of work to be done for the young wideout if he is to develop into a consistent threat at this level.

“I think one of the things he has to do is he has to develop a Big Ten body and then eventually he has to develop an NFL body,” Franklin said.

“There are times where he needs that strength when he is getting pressed manned to get off press coverage. There are times when he needs that when he

makes a nice catch to get some yards after the catch, and break a tackle.”

Similarly, Justin Shorter made his debut as a true freshman last season.

However, he only appeared in four games and caught just three passes for the season.

A five-star prospect, Shorter was the top wide receiver in the 2018 recruiting class and

was ranked eighth nationally by 247Sports.

This is a player with clear talent and explosive ability at the position. But, it’s apparent that while the physical gifts are there, Shorter is still a little raw and has yet to fully adjust to the college game.

“The exciting part is he still has a lot of room for growth,” Franklin said. “He needs to work on block releasing and being more physical, but he shows great flashes. I think Coach Parker has been great for him.”

A couple of notable transfers could make the difference this season for Penn State.

The Nittany Lions picked up a pair of graduate transfers in Weston Carr and George Campbell. A Division II All-American at Azusa Pacific, Carr caught 167 passes for 3,005 yards and 36 touchdowns; 15 of those scores coming in the 2017 season.

Campbell was a five-star prospect coming out of high school in 2015, but his college career never lived up to the hype.

His most prolific season was in 2017, when he caught six passes for 122 yards.

For the Nittany Lions, these acquisitions couldn’t have come at a better time, especially considering the losses they suffered at receiver the past two offseasons.

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**Wide receiver Jahan Dotson (5)** runs with the ball during the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida on Tuesday, Jan. 1.



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**Wide receiver Justin Shorter** runs after a reception during the football game against Rutgers on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018.

# Wild dogs primed to lead the defense

By Benjamin Ferree  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The wild dogs are back for another season and they may be better than ever.

Penn State will have to replace defensive linemen Shareef Miller and Kevin Givens who combined for 12.5 sacks last season. But even with the two departures, the Nittany Lions have plenty of talent along the defensive line to improve on last season’s success.

That talent all starts with Yetur Gross-Matos, who led the team with eight sacks last season in a breakout sophomore campaign.

And according to Gross-Matos, he is bigger, faster, stronger and more explosive this season.

“He’s just one of those guys that when you have a list of all the characteristics that you’re looking for at defensive end, he’s got most of those boxes checked,” James Franklin said. “I think he is going to come into the season with a lot of confidence.”

While Gross-Matos and defensive line coach Sean Spencer both say the next step for the defensive-end is in the mental side of



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**Defensive end Yetur Gross-Matos (99)** fights through a block during the game against Michigan at Michigan Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018. The Wolverines won by a final score of 42-7.

his game, Spencer acknowledges the special talent Gross-Matos has.

“I think the sky is the limit,” Spencer said of Gross-Matos. “The guy has some of the most natural ability I’ve ever been around, especially since I’ve been here.”

Gross-Matos has also developed this spring as a leader. Spencer praised his ability to lead by example and the motor he plays with, running from sideline-to-sideline and never taking a play off every practice.

But the talent doesn’t end there.

Players like Shaka Toney, Fred Hansard, Robert Windsor, Antonio Shelton and PJ Mustipher are all returning and poised to reach new heights.

Spencer praised every player he was asked about. Whether it was the maturity of Windsor, Mustipher’s potential to be “special” or Daniel Joseph being described “as a guy about to skyrocket to the next level.”

Spencer has seen what he wants from his position group this spring. He wanted the experienced guys to get better and the younger guys to grow to the point where they could fit into the rota-

tion — and that’s exactly what’s happened.

But one Nittany Lion has really stood out to players and coaches alike in Jayson Oweh.

To put Oweh’s athletic ability into perspective, Micah Parsons and Gross-Matos both described him as a “freak,” and now his raw, athletic ability is starting to translate onto the field.

“He has that crazy pick-up speed for a defensive end that’s so freakish,” Parsons said. “Jayson is going to be another guy that is going to make a lot of noise this year off the edge.”

“The combination of him and Shaka [Toney] will be dangerous. He’s leading spring ball in stats right now so Jayson is going to be very disruptive.”

Spencer said the switch flipped for Oweh right around bowl practices last season, and since then it has only been rapid growth for the sophomore.

“He’s a problem off that edge,” Spencer said. “I mean it’s scary when he comes off that edge.”

While the defensive tackle position group was a question mark heading into spring ball, Franklin

feels the team is further along at that position than he expected, but it is still getting overshadowed by the pure talent the Nittany Lions have on the edge.

“I think our defensive end group is one of the better defensive end groups in the country,” Franklin said. “In my 24 years, this is the best defensive end group I’ve been around.”

“Obviously losing Shareef is a big loss but I’m talking from top to bottom our D-end group has a chance to be special.”

Last season, Penn State ranked fourth in the nation with 47 sacks and had the highest sacks per game in the country with an average 3.62 per game.

And this season those numbers could just continue to grow, and a big part of that is the job that Spencer has done coaching the unit.

“He is a damn good coach who connects with his kids and is passionate as heck,” Franklin said about Spencer. “He’s borderline crazy, but he has great energy with the players, he’s got great energy in recruiting, he studies his position, he’s a master in the craft of defensive line position and he’s always looking to get better.”

Spencer joked that this connection with his players is because he thinks he is younger than them sometimes, but really the bond really starts in the recruiting process and is about much more than what is happening on the field.

“I was crazy when I recruited them and I’m crazy when I coach them here now but I try to tap into their lives outside of football,” Spencer said. “I think it’s important for us to do that as coaches.”

“I think anytime that you have a player that you recruited that their parents entrusted you with the lives of them that you have to take a great responsibility.”

Spencer is entering his sixth season as the defensive line coach at Penn State, and he’s also not ruling out the possibility this could be the best defensive line group he’s coached.

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**Associate head coach Sean Spencer** answers questions from reporters after practice at the Lasch Football Building on April 10.





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**Running back Ricky Slade (4)** runs the ball during the Citrus Bowl at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida, on Tuesday, Jan. 1. Kentucky won by a final of 27-24.

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## Nittany Lions



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**Tight end Pat Freiermuth (87)** watches the ball fly by his hand during the Citrus Bowl at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida, on Tuesday, Jan. 1.



No.	Name	Position/Elig.
1	K.J. Hamler	WR/Fr.
2	Keaton Ellis	CB/Fr.
2	Tommy Stevens	QB/Sr.
3	Donovan Johnson	CB/So.
3	Ricky Slade	RB/So.
4	Journey Brown	RB/So.
5	Tariq Castro-Fields	CB/So.
5	Jahan Dotson	WR/So.
6	Cam Brown	LB/Sr.
6	Justin Shorter	WR/Fr.
7	Will Levis	QB/Fr.
8	Marquis Wilson	CB/Fr.
9	Ta'Quan Roberson	QB/Fr.
10	Lance Dixon	LB/Fr.
11	Daniel George	WR/Fr.
11	Micah Parsons	LB/So.
12	Mac Hippenhammer	WR/So.
12	Brandon Smith	LB/Fr.
13	Ellis Brooks	LB/So.
14	Sean Clifford	QB/So.
15	Michael Shuster	QB/Jr.
16	John Petrishen	S/Sr.
17	Grayson Kline	TE/Fr.
17	Garrett Taylor	S/Jr.
18	Johnathan Holland	TE/Sr.
18	Shaka Toney	DE/Jr.
19	Trent Gordon	CB/Fr.
19	Isaac Rumery	QB/Fr.
20	Adisa Isaac	DE/Fr.
21	Noah Cain	RB/Fr.
21	Tyler Rudolph	S/Fr.
24	DJ Brown	CB/So.
26	Jonathan Sutherland	S/So.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
27	Aeneas Hawkins	DT/Fr.
27	Cody Romano	S/Fr.
28	Jayson Oweh	DE/Fr.
29	Henry Fessler	WR/Fr.
29	John Reid	CB/Sr.
33	CJ Holmes	RB/So.
34	Shane Simmons	DE/Jr.
35	Justin Neff	S/So.
36	Jan Johnson	LB/Sr.
36	Makai Self	CB/Fr.
37	Drew Hartlaub	S/So.
38	Lamont Wade	S/Jr.
39	Robbie Dwyer	LB/Fr.
40	Nick Eury	RB/Jr.
40	Jesse Luketa	LB/So.
42	Ellison Jordan	DT/Jr.
43	Trevor Baker	TE/Jr.
44	Cameron Pica	WR/So.
45	Charlie Katshir	LB/Fr.
46	Nick Tarburton	DE/FR.
49	Daniel Joseph	DE/Jr.
49	Cade Pollard	P/Fr.
50	Max Chizmar	LB/So.
50	Will Knutsson	OL/Fr.
53	Fred Hansard	DT/So.
53	Rasheed Walker	OL/Fr.
54	Robert Windsor	OL/Sr.
55	Antonio Shelton	DT/Jr.
55	Anthony Whigan	OL/Jr.
58	Evan Presta	DT/So.
59	Kaleb Konigus	OT/Fr.
62	Michael Menet	OL/Jr.
63	Collin De Boef	OL/Fr.
68	Hunter Kelly	OL/DL/Jr.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
69	C.J. Thorpe	OL/Fr.
70	Juice Scruggs	OL/Fr.
71	Will Fries	OL/Jr.
72	Bryce Effner	OL/Fr.
73	Mike Miranda	OL/Fr.
74	Steven Gonzalez	OL/Sr.
75	Des Holmes	OL/So.
80	Justin Weller	WR/So.
81	Cam Sullivan-Brown	WR/So.
82	Zach Kuntz	TE/Fr.
83	Nick Bowers	TE/Sr.
83	Alex Hoenstine	WR/So.
84	Benjamin Wilson	WR/Jr.
85	Issac Lutz	WR/Jr.
86	Alec Berger	WR/So.
86	Brenton Strange	TE/Fr.
87	Pat Freiermuth	TE/So.
88	Dan Chisena	WR/Sr.
88	Judge Culpepper	DT/Fr.
89	Colton Maxwell	WR/Jr.
90	Damion Barber	DT/So.
90	Dafael Checa	K/So.
91	Chris Stoll	SN/So.
92	Jake Pinegar	K/So.
93	Blake Gillikin	P/K/Sr.
93	PJ Mustipher	DT/So.
94	Joe Calcagno	SN/So.
95	Vlad Hilling	K/Fr.
97	Carson Landis	K/P/So.
98	Dan Vesey	DL/LS/So.
99	Yetur Gross-Matos	DE/Jr.
99	Justin Tobin	K/Jr.

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GAME INFO

2019 Blue-White Game  
Time: 3:00 p.m. Saturday  
Place: Beaver Stadium  
TV: BTN (Tape delay - 8 p.m.)

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Penn State:  
TE Pat Friermuth

The true sophomore tight end had a breakout season last year, but now with a new QB at the helm, it'll be interesting to see if the chemistry can continue.

Penn State:  
RB Ricky Slade

Even though it's looking like it'll be a committee tasked to carry the ball next season, Slade should see most of the carries, but will Franklin use him a lot during this game, or let other backs like Brown and Cain get the reps.

Penn State:  
QB Will Levis

The redshirt freshman has seen plenty of reps this spring with the absence of Stevens, and should expect a lot of playing time in this game, hoping to give Penn State a reliable third-string QB once again.

BY THE NUMBERS

15

The Blue-White game is the culmination of 15 spring practices.

1951

The first Blue-White game took place in 1951 with an estimated 500 in attendance.

75,000

This year's installment is expected to bring in 75,000 fans, especially with the pleasant weather expected.

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Sean Clifford, the number one quarterback going into the game, has attempted seven passes in his collegiate career.

Dylan Jacobs



Jacobs

Ta'Quan Roberson and Michael Johnson perform in real competition and who can climb the ranks.



Jonah Rosen/Collegian

James Franklin addresses the media after practice at the Lasch Football Building on Wednesday, April 10.

Early enrollees to watch for

By Ben Ferree  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

While April means the school year is coming to a close for the majority high school seniors, for some top-recruits high school ended in December.

Ten freshmen and one junior college transfer enrolled at Penn State early and got a head start on their careers as Nittany Lions. Here are a few new names to look out for as Penn State takes the field for its annual Blue-White game.

Brandon Smith, LB

Brandon Smith comes to Penn State with high expectations. The Mineral, Virginia, native was the 12th ranked prospect in the nation as well as the top-ranked inside linebacker, according to 247Sports.

Smith was selected to the Under Armour All-America Game, participated in Nike's The Opening, claimed first team honors from USA Today and was the 2018 Gatorade Player of the Year in Virginia, just to name a few of the accomplishments the freshman brings with him to State College.

The linebacker is the latest top recruit at the position to join the Nittany Lions, following in

the footsteps of Micah Parsons last season by enrolling early.

Smith's 6-foot-3 frame will suit up in the No. 12 jersey this season.

Adisa Isaac, DE

Penn State has a lot of talent on the edge, and top-recruit Adisa Isaac will look to add to it.

Isaac was ranked the No. 92 player in the 2019 recruiting class, as well as the fourth-ranked defensive end and the top player in New York by 247Sports.

Just like Smith, Isaac participated in Nike's The Opening and arrives at Penn State with a host of awards.

The Brooklyn native is 6-foot-4 and still has plenty of room to get stronger in order to be a force in the future for the Nittany Lions.

Isaac will wear No. 20 this season.

Noah Cain, RB

The high-profile recruits for the Nittany Lions didn't stop there, as Penn State also secured the signature of IMG product, Noah Cain.

Cain was ranked the 98th-best player in the class including the sixth running back and No. 13 player in Florida by 247Sports.

The Louisiana native played his final two years of high school at IMG Academy and was a cru-

cial pick-up for Penn State as the Nittany Lions continue to recruit the state of Florida.

Cain, like most other recruits in the 2019 class, comes to Penn State with a host of awards, including being selected to the Under Armour All-American Game and Nike's The Opening.

Cain will wear No. 21 this season and will look to add to the recent successes of the Penn State backfield.

Keaton Ellis, DB

While Penn State continues to branch its recruiting efforts out all across the country, one early enrollee is a familiar face in State College.

Keaton Ellis attended State College High School and was ranked the 31st-best cornerback and second-best player in Pennsylvania, according to 247Sports.

While Ellis isn't the most talented player in the 2019 recruiting class for Penn State, the State College native will surely be a fan favorite in Beaver Stadium.

Ellis joined a secondary which has a lot of question marks heading into the upcoming season. Ellis will wear No. 2 this season.

Anthony Whigan, OL

One of Penn State's most important early enrollees isn't

coming from high school, but instead is a junior college (JUCO) transfer.

Anthony Whigan is a 6-foot-5 offensive lineman who played for Lackawanna Community College in Scranton the past two seasons.

Whigan was ranked as the No. 7 JUCO prospect and the No. 1 offensive tackle by 247Sports.

This transfer comes at an important time for Penn State with the departures of Connor McGovern and Ryan Bates, who are both headed to the NFL.

The Great Mills, Maryland, native will wear No. 55 this season.

More enrollees to watch

The other early enrollees for Penn State include linebacker Lance Dixon, who was ranked as the ninth-best outside linebacker in the nation by 247Sports.

Two quarterbacks, Michael Johnson Jr. and Ta'Quan Roberson, also signed early and will likely see a lot of playing time in the Blue-White game.

The early enrollees also include a pair of defensive backs in Tyler Rudolph and Marquis Wilson. Brenton Strange a tight-end, rounds out the early enrollees for Penn State this season.

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Plenty of turnover on defense

By Evan Patrick  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

From Shareef Miller at the defensive end spot to Amani Oruwariye in the secondary, Penn State lost key starters in each area of its defense after last season.

But even with the departure of so many impact players on that side of the ball, the defense isn't lacking depth and is still poised to be one of the Big Ten's best come the fall.

Defensive Line

Shareef Miller and Kevin Givens were vital parts of the defensive line last season on the edge and the interior respectively.

Despite the departure of Miller and Givens, James Franklin has called the defensive line group that he has now as the best he has worked with in his career.

Sophomore Yetur Gross-Matos has improved a lot since last season's end and will look to fill the void left by Miller.

"Spring has gone really

well for me, I've been really dominant," Gross-Matos said. "My progress has been mostly in expanding my knowledge on the defense, not just knowing my role but the people behind me and what they're doing."

Junior Shaka Toney will presumably start at the end opposite of Gross-Matos, but redshirt freshman Jayson Oweh has turned some heads this spring and will likely be in the rotation of pass rushers.

Another underclassman who will have an increased role on the defensive line is tackle PJ Mustipher.

Mustipher and senior Robert Windsor are set to be the two tackles who see the field the most this season.

Linebackers

Koa Farmer is the only notable loss at the second level, but his fellow linebackers showed their worth even at the end of last season and will look to improve on that this year.

Farmer's departure comes just as Penn State welcomes true

freshman Brandon Smith to the same position.

Smith is a five-star recruit, according to 247Sports, and the No. 1 recruit in Virginia for his class, according to ESPN.

The rest of the core linebackers from a season ago are returning. Cam Brown, Jan Johnson and Micah Parsons will see the majority of the playing time at the position.

Parsons played in all 13 games as a freshman after changing positions from defensive end to middle linebacker when he arrived at Penn State and led the team in tackles as a true freshman.

The linebacking group will look to take the next step with another year of experience under its belt.

"Our defense is looking faster than it's ever been before," Parsons said.

"I wanna show people all our versatility, we're all gonna be playing multiple positions."

Secondary

The secondary said goodbye to two key players at the end of last year in safety Nick Scott and

corner Amani Oruwariye.

Scott had three interceptions over the course of last season and received honorable-mention All-Big Ten honors from the media.

Oruwariye was selected first-team All-Big Ten at the end of last season and also had three interceptions to his name.

John Reid returns to the corner spot along with sophomore Tariq Castro-Fields.

Reid, Castro-Fields and redshirt freshman Donovan Johnson will make up the main group of defensive backs, but some of the younger guys have impressed throughout the spring.

"Defensively we've had some guys come in and really make their presence known," coach James Franklin said. "Right away I think the two young corners, Marquise [Wilson] and Keaton [Ellis], those guys have made plays, so I like where we're at."

At the safety spot, Garrett Taylor returns for his senior season, while the other safety position is yet to be determined.

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Benjamin Ferree



Ferree

five this season, so the depth of the offensive line will be something to keep an eye on late into the spring game.

Evan Patrick



Patrick

worked with in his coaching career. It'll be interesting to see the intensity and pace the defense comes out with for Saturday.

Caleb Wilfinger



Wilfinger

two will likely share the workload and on Saturday, we'll catch a glimpse of their talents after an offseason of questions.

Opinions Editor:  
Jake Aferiat



Aferiat

leader in touchdown receptions last season.

What to watch for: The young quarterbacks. Excluding Stevens and Clifford, the other members of the QB room have gotten plenty of praise. We'll see how Will Levis, Ta'Quan Roberson and Michael Johnson perform in real competition and who can climb the ranks.

What to watch for: The offensive line depth. James Franklin said that the third linemen are going to see playing time this season. Penn State will not necessarily have a set starting

What to watch for: Defensive speed. Everyone on the defense has been raving about how fast they are this season, and Franklin has called the defensive line the best he's

What to watch for: Dynamic duo at running back. Ricky Slade and Journey Brown have big shoes to fill. James Franklin has indicated that the

What to watch for: Tight ends. Penn State is two years removed from Mike Gesicki at tight end but have found a bona fide replacement in sophomore Pat Freiermuth who was the team's





Eric Firestone/Collegian

People tailgate and wait in line for the bathroom before the Blue-White game on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

# BLUE-WHITE IS HERE

Everything alumni, students and visitors need to know about events happening this weekend

By Caitlyn Frolo  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

As Blue-White weekend approaches, alumni from all over the country will travel back to University Park for a glimpse at the 2019 Penn State football team.

A schedule of events for the weekend may be necessary to make time for a visit to the Lion Shrine, Berkey Creamery and everything in between.

The weekend is full of events for people with all interests, ranging from sporting events to theater performances.

Here is everything to know about the 2019 Blue-White weekend.

### The game

Beaver Stadium will open its gates 90 minutes before kickoff,

and fans can enter through all four main gates.

Admission into the stadium is free and general admission seating will be in place.

The game, which is the last organized practice of the spring for the football team, will begin at 3 p.m.

### Parking

Beaver Stadium parking lots for the game will open at 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

Season ticket and parking permit holders should have already received a Blue-White parking pass with their tickets from the fall 2018 season.

Fans attending the game who do not already have a parking permit will be charged \$20 for parking.

Those who want to purchase a

\$20 pass in advance can go to the Bryce Jordan Center ticket office during regular hours until 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 12.

Overnight Recreational Vehicles (ORV) with passes from the previous season will be charged \$60 and can park starting at 8 a.m. Friday. ORV's without passes will be charged \$100.

Fans who bring their ORV's on game day and have a previous season pass will be admitted for free, while those without passes will be charged \$40 for day of parking.

All parking on game day is cash only.

### Game day events

The Blue-White Boardwalk Fan Fest will open at 10 a.m. Saturday and is located on Curtin Road near the stadium.

The festival will include carnival games, free carnival rides, photo opportunities, caricature artists, food vendors and more.

Penn State student-athletes will host a variety of fun games at the fest from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. A stage show will run from 10 a.m. to the end of team arrival.

The Penn State All-Sports Museum will also hold children friendly activities from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

An athletics equipment sale, including Blue-White apparel and game-used apparel and equipment, will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Pegula Ice Arena.

Autograph sessions with the Nittany Lions will be held from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. at all gates of Beaver Stadium. Players will be permitted to sign one item per person.

### After the game

Penn State alumni and fans have plenty of options to keep the fun of the day's festivities going into the evening.

Alumni can make time to visit some of their favorite places on campus, like Old Main, or explore to see how things have changed since they graduated.

A selection of sporting events will be held in the evening after Blue-White.

Downtown State College offers shopping for Penn State gear and staple dining options like The Corner Room or The Tavern.

The Creamery will operate during normal hours — 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. — for those who come back for a scoop of Alumni Swirl.

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## ADDITIONAL EVENTS ON CAMPUS THIS WEEKEND

### Friday, April 12:

Women's tennis vs. Indiana, 4:30 p.m.

Softball vs. Rutgers, 6 p.m.

Baseball vs. Nebraska, 6:30 p.m.

Penn State School of Theatre's, "To Kill a Mockingbird", 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 13:

Men's golf Rutherford Invitational, 8 a.m.

Softball vs. Rutgers, 5 p.m.

Baseball vs. Nebraska, 6 p.m.

### Sunday, April 14:

Paterno Family Beaver Stadium Run, 11 a.m.

Men's golf Rutherford Invitational, 8 a.m.

Women's tennis vs. Purdue, 11 a.m.

Softball vs. Rutgers, 12 p.m.

### Sunday, April 14 Cont'd:

Baseball vs. Nebraska, 12 p.m.

Annual Spring Figure Skating Show, Pegula Ice Arena, 5 p.m.

Performance of "Night Train 57" at Eisenhower Auditorium, 4 p.m.

# Tailgate to trash bag: Students hope to make big impact

By Gabriella Hornack  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

With Blue-White weekend in full swing, Penn State fans everywhere are preparing to pack up their RV's stocked with food, friends and recyclables galore. However, as fans leave their lots to flood the stadium, one thing is often left behind — garbage.

Jan Babcock's rhetoric and civil life class was quick to take notice to the environmental damage tailgaters were imposing on Beaver Stadium.

Babcock, an assistant teaching professor of English, and her class will be partnering with the Tailgate Ambassadors and the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority in hopes of "promoting environmentally responsible tailgating practices," according to the Tailgate Ambassador's website.

"This semester I really wanted to encourage students to venture out into the local community and get more involved," Babcock said. "So, rather than just projects, I offered the opportunity to do different walks and events that ultimately benefit someone else."

Students will start their shifts around 8 a.m. in order to catch as many tailgaters as they can before the 3 p.m. kickoff. They will each be equipped with backpacks full of blue and white trash bags to hand out at different lots.

Amy Schirf, the education coordinator with the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority, stressed the importance of proper disposal practices.

Those tailgating should place their bottles and cans in the blue trash bags and their miscellaneous trash in the clear bags, Schirf said. Upon filling each bag, fans can tie the bags up and leave them at their respective tailgate stations for future pickup.

"I think the more [tailgaters] know and are aware of proper trash and recycling practices during the football games, the better off everyone as a community will be," Schirf said. "This could be a precursor to the games in the fall. If we can get a grip on things for this game, it might make the fall a bit easier to manage."

Inspired by the idea of giving back, Catherine Esbenschade chose to create a promotional video for the recycling efforts at the Blue-White game.



John Stinely/Collegian

The Wade family, of Clariton, Pennsylvania, have a family picnic before the Blue-White game at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

"We thought this would be the perfect place to do this because there's always so much trash left after tailgates and hits so close to home," Esbenschade (freshman-psychology and Spanish) said. "We're all on this campus together. We all need to take some responsibility for what we are doing. Through this project, we thought it would be the best way to relate it back to the

largest population we could, all while doing good work for our school as well."

Esbenschade said she has been learning these lessons since she was little.

"We have to take care of the Earth or else it's not going to pan out well," Esbenschade said. "People should take it seriously because we are all here for the same four years and we need to

make the most of our time. The quicker you learn the habits, the easier it is to put them into your daily lifestyle."

Students also had the opportunity to focus their advocacy projects on a variety of different events such as the Autism Speaks Walk, the Watershed Cleanup Day or the Paterno Family Beaver Stadium Run.

As this is the first year a Blue-White game advocacy project has been explored, Babcock was surprised to notice student interest was increasingly high.

"I was pleasantly surprised that students took to this option instead of just wanting to do an in-class assignment," Babcock said. "I think this generation is more apt to get out, volunteer and get out of the classroom. It really helps when professors promote civic life ideals."

Babcock said she is hopeful that her class will embrace what CCRRA is trying to market to season ticket holders, out-of-state fans and Penn State students.

"It's not about judging," Babcock said. "We're not there to say don't have fun at the Blue-White game. It's truly just about sustainability, recycling and cleaning up after ourselves to help the community."

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## AG DAY FOR ALL, Y'ALL



From left, Ashley Anderson (junior- animal science) demonstrates roping with the Club Western Equestrian Team, and a dog sits on a saddle during Ag Day on the lawn of Berkey Creamery on Wednesday, April 10.



Lily LaRegina/Collegian

# Findlay Commons wins design award

**By Gabriella Hornack**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Upperclassmen and alumni may remember Findlay Commons being anything but spectacular. But with renovations over the past few years, it has been transformed into anything but common. Penn State recently accepted the 2019 Association of College Unions International Fa-

cility Design Award of Excellence for its innovative renovation work in Findlay Commons of East Food District — proving the hassle and inconvenience of renovation periods really does pay off.

WTW Architects, the Pittsburgh-based firm responsible for the renovations, submitted this project as merited by the ACUI charter. Penn State and WTW Architects were presented with

the award in tandem at the annual national conference in Indianapolis, occurring from March 24-28.

Jim Richard, senior director of Enterprise Services for Housing and Food Services, played a key role in the original renovations. At the time, he served as the director of Residential Dining, making the project under his purview. Richard’s main goal was to work closely with architects to oversee Penn State’s vision amid the architectural development.

“We needed to expand services,” Richard said. “We were woefully lacking in study and work space, especially given the density of population here at East Halls. We hadn’t really touched the building in 25 years, so we really needed to take the opportunity to update both the food services and the way we use the space.”

Prior to the renovations, Market East was a small convenience store called Good 2 Go, which was only a mere 500 square feet. It soon was expanded to the 3,200 square foot layout that current freshmen are used to. Another addition is the grand staircase that overlooks the new dormitory Earle Hall. Previously, it was of

“exit-only” use, resulting in limited pedestrian traffic flow.

Other renovations include the vestibules giving view to new residence halls and the large marquee signs atop the staircase.

“The major change was in the effort of the student experience and common space,” Richard said. “This is basically the hub of East Halls, and we wanted to emphasize that benefit for students.”

In renovating the common space, WTW Architects – in partnership with ResLife – added a variety of seating options, study spaces and even an acoustic-tiled stage as an entertainment area. The architects also added rolling grating that allows the upstairs seating areas to be open 24/7, even when the food services are closed.

“In addition, obviously food services changed quite a bit,” Richard said. “Foods change. Trends change. Students’ palates come to school evermore educated now than they were before.”

Brooke Jodon, assistant director of Findlay Dining Commons, said she has seen the progression of food demand over the 18 years she’s been employed at Penn State.

“I think what I have seen

change the most is the eating patterns of our guests,” Jodon said. “I feel like it has gone from wanting to eat an all-you-care-to-eat meal to wanting to be able to sit and eat something quick on the run. Quick service has definitely changed the eating patterns of our guests.”

Before the renovations, Findlay housed an all-you-care-to-eat large buffet with an Asian Grill, Deli and Big Onion pizza shop off to the side. It was soon replaced by faster alternatives with more menu items per restaurant.

Isobel Mannino said she has enjoyed the overall appearance of Findlay Commons throughout her freshman year. However, she explained that maybe they “missed their mark” when it comes to vegetarian options.

“I’m not a huge fan of the food because I feel that I don’t have as many options as people who aren’t vegetarians. I have to eat the same thing every day, but it’s not horrible compared to other schools I’ve visited,” Mannino (freshman-psychology) said. “I think they could work on the quality in the coming years and give even more of a variety of foods.”

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Two people walk out of Findlay Commons on Wednesday, April 10.

# PSU Harrisburg professor and alumni research gender’s impact on serial killers

**By Grace Miller**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Marissa Harrison is always game for a good study.

This explains why Harrison, associate professor of psychology at Penn State Harrisburg and an evolutionary psychologist, was part of a team of people who did intensive research about serial killers.

The research began when a student approached her and asked if she would help her with an independent study of the topic, and later found that there wasn’t much information about female serial killers. As a result, they began to study and document patterns of female serial killers and compare them to males.

“[Female serial killers] tend to kill the people around them and they tend to collect profit,” Harrison said. “In other words, you’ll have female serial killers that are married and they kill their husband and take the insurance money, get married again, do the same thing. They call

them black widows.”

After studying these attributes, Harrison started to notice it seemed like they were “gathering.”

“Then I said, ‘I wonder if men are hunters,’” Harrison said. “I looked into other people’s research and sure enough, male serial killers tend to hunt their victims almost quite literally.”

Harrison explained that the hunter attribute can be seen through the way that they stalk strangers and keep “trophies” from their victims.

Although, Harrison wanted to do her own data to create a “direct comparison” between male and female serial killers.

Along with others, she conducted something called the “mass media method,” which involved looking at reliable news networks, collecting information and comparing the information for sex differences.

Harrison started to notice that male serial killers were better known.

“If [people] know of a female

serial killer, they’ve probably heard of [Aileen Wuornos], and she’s not like the other female serial killers, so I think the portrayal is incomplete.”

The disparity in public status of male and female serial killers is evident in media, according to Harrison.

She noted that people tend to think that women aren’t capable of serial murders.

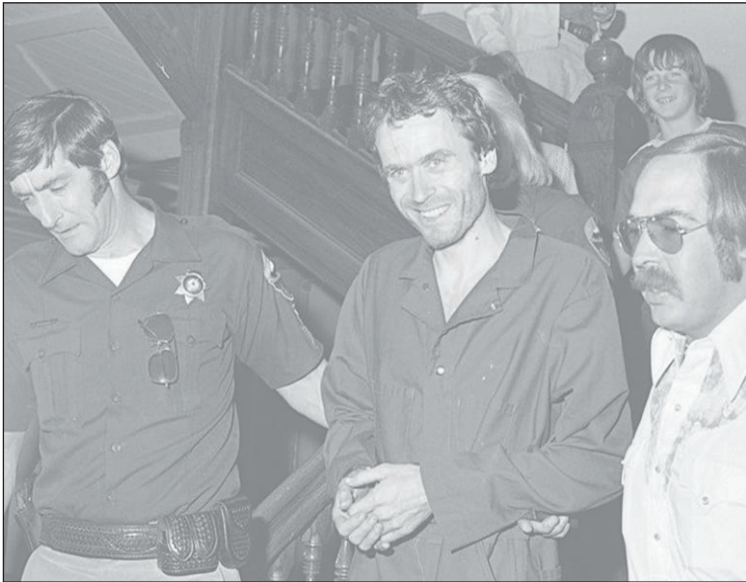
In reality, Harrison said, one out of every six serial killers identifies as a woman.

“There really is a stark difference,” Harrison said. “I mean, the end is the same. The killing is just as horrific, but it seems like they have such different motives.”

Despite doing extensive research, Harrison said she never gets used to the stories.

“I do not become desensitized,” Harrison said. “Every time I read, it’s like, ‘These are people. These are kids. This is somebody walking home at night just trying to get home.’”

While Harrison said she focused her research mainly on



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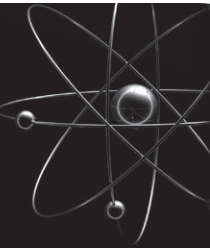
Serial killer Ted Bundy being escorted from a Pitkin County, Colorado courtroom in 1977.

females, her partner Adam Gott primarily focused on male serial killers. Gott, 33, graduated with his master’s from Penn State. While in the master’s program, his thesis project was about substance abuse and the “dark triad” of personality traits.

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# Despite Texas Tech ruling, affirmative action is still needed

With the new order from President Donald Trump’s administration mandating Texas Tech’s medical school to stop considering race in the admissions process — a dangerous precedent and message is being sent.

The move comes after an agreement, first reported by the Wall Street Journal, was reached by both Texas Tech and the Department of Education.

The agreement orders Texas Tech to stop using race when considering applicants, and if it turns out the school wishes to use race or national origin in the basis of admission, it must pen a letter to the Department of Education and justify the decision.

This move away from affirmative action in admissions is both misguided and disconcerting.

For starters, the shift seems to paint the picture that affirmative action is no longer necessary and that racism no longer exists or that minorities still aren’t at a disadvantage compared to their white counterparts,

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## Even in 2019, racism is still prevalent and underscores need for affirmative action

which is simply false.

The FBI reported the number of hate crimes increased in 2017 and 59.6% of hate crimes were a result of bias against a certain race or ethnicity and of that 59.6%, nearly 83% of hate crimes were perpetrated against non-white individuals.

There is still a prevalent disparity in terms of the median household incomes of black and African American earners, Latino earners and their white counterparts.

Per the U.S. Census Bureau, the median income for whites in 2017 was \$68,145 compared to \$50,486 for Hispanics and \$40,258 for blacks and African-Americans, which again shows instances of disparity faced by minorities compared to their white counterparts.

Also literally nothing points to this country somehow being less racist — in fact, these statistics seem to point to the contrary, along with the fact that in many states, the percentage of minority students admitted isn’t in line with that state’s minority population — though it must be noted that far from every minority student admitted to college got there as a result of affirmative action.

The other fact is many people feel as though affirmative action puts white students at a disadvantage because they’re not the beneficiaries of the policies.

Affirmative action students also still have to go through the same process as white students and still have to apply to the same schools, and once there,

many of them excel and surpass their white counterparts.

This agreement between Texas Tech and the Department of Education also strikes down regulations put in place under President Obama that actually encouraged race-neutral decisions unless there was a compelling reason to consider race otherwise.

When questioned by the United States House of Representatives, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos claimed to not be aware of much of the precedent set and of many of the specifics of important Supreme Court cases, saying only “It’s valuable for every student to be in a school setting that has great diversity. I think it’s valuable for every student.”

That’s a very boiler-plate response and doesn’t shed any insight as to if she’s aware of specific details or policies that are either currently in place or used to be in place.

But, the odds that someone in her position is genuinely that aloof and unaware are pretty low, so her non-answers and lack of specifics are that much more insidious and detrimental because she can’t be pressed on policy and expected to answer.

Racism is systemic in all areas of life, and higher education is no different.

Now, with the rollback of affirmative action standards it gives a cover to racists in admissions departments to ignore these important policies and not promote diversity all while receiving cover.

The odds that this occurs at Penn State are slim, but the one thing that is for certain is that if the university wants to continue broadening its diversity measures — it should ignore this advice from the Department of Education.

MY VIEW | Madeline Messa

# Stilettos or not, stand with Men Against Violence

The message “no means no, yes means yes” sounded through a megaphone and was echoed by a crowd marching across campus Wednesday.

The call for consent, along with other chants, was part of an event for the University Park Undergraduate Association’s Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

The fifth-annual Men Against Violence Walk invited anyone to participate in its promotions that said, “We all have a hand in ending sexual violence. Let’s walk the walk.”

The inclusive efforts could also be seen in the walk’s transformation.

It was previously called “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” and involved men strutting in stilettos to draw attention to its cause.

The clacking of red heels against pavement was like a scene from “The Wizard of Oz,” except Pollock Road replaced the yellow brick road.

The sneakers worn by walkers this year may have been less striking, but they were determined to be the preferred

option when the heels were criticized for perpetuating gender roles.

Conversely, the walk is meant to protest sexual violence of any kind, regardless of who the victims and the assailants are.

While education tends to focus on assault by men toward women, the fact is men can be victims, too.

According to the Gender Equity Center, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their college career.

The misrepresentation of assault likely factors into the statistic that 90% of campus assaults go unreported.

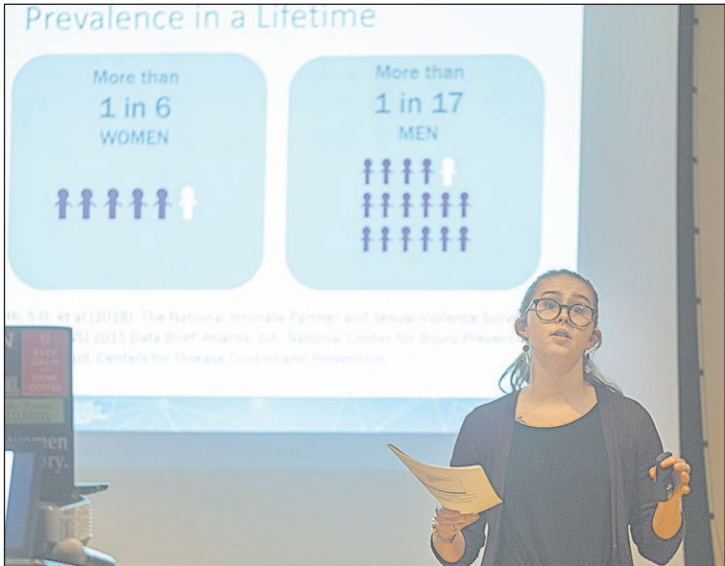
Resources at Penn State are abundant and are clear about where reports can be made, but students can be discouraged by unwarranted shame or a feeling like they might not be taken seriously.

It is appalling when society tacks blame on victims, adding an extra dimension of suffering and accusing them of being at fault for the harm enacted on them.

A thief would not be justified by stealing from someone who had change jingling in their pocket, so why is it okay to shrug off sexual assault as deserved based on a person’s clothing?

Prevention starts with education.

Unfortunately, only 24 states



**Shannon DeHoff** talks about the how frequent stalking happens during the Romanticizing Stalking in the HUB-Robenson on Tuesday Jan. 22.

required public schools to teach sex education as of 2016. Guidelines concerning how it is taught are lax, allowing each school to decide whether to do so properly or to present abstinence as the only option.

Sexual assault is partially a symptom of a flawed educational system.

This means the very resource tasked with preventing violence is sometimes an antecedent of it. Awareness is key to prevention, so education needs to be accurate.

Schools need to teach a clear definition of consent, explain there is no shame in reporting a crime and use statistics to prove sexual assault does not discriminate when claiming victims.

Otherwise these harmful

trends that are part of the status quo will continue.

Men Against Violence is a force to dissuade the patriarchal stereotype of assault, encouraging all impacted by assault to be considered.

Walks against sexual violence are evolving, and sex education needs to do the same.

With or without stilettos, Men Against Violence invite everyone to move toward a more educated world one step at a time. We should not hesitate to join them.

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# 'THE LEADER'

*In his fourth year as Penn State's backstop, Ryan Sloniger is the quiet motor which has the Nittany Lions in reach of a Big Ten tournament berth*

By Jason Shulman  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Facing adversity is something Ryan Sloniger has grown accustomed to over the course of his collegiate career at Penn State.

## BASEBALL

Hard times have fallen on the Nittany Lions' ball club over the last few years, combining for a 33-71 record in 2017 and 2018, while missing the Big Ten tournament for the sixth and seventh consecutive seasons.

But with their best start over the first six games — a stretch during which they went undefeated — since 1980, this year has a different vibe to it than the previous ones.



Not only is Penn State statistically more efficient hitting and pitching, the locker room appears more united than ever, led by a senior class with a narrow taste of success from its freshman year, when the program finished 28-27, just one game shy of the Big Ten tournament.

Among that group, Sloniger has grasped the concepts it takes to build a winning culture.

"Those times my freshman and sophomore year playing as much as I did really set me up for a good year last year and really where I'm at right now; like I struggled here to start the year and got off to a little bit of a slow start," Sloniger admitted. "The things I learned then to keep pushing and stay positive is really what's kept me going here and getting me back on track."

Sloniger is right.

The senior catcher has gotten off to a slower start than anticipated, batting only .222 so far this season, after enjoying a breakout junior campaign when he batted .306 while leading the team in RBIs (31), putting him on the MLB Draft radar.

As of recently, all evidence points to him bouncing back to his junior year form, batting 7-for-20 (.350) with three doubles over his last six games.

But from the moment you get a chance to speak with Sloniger, you realize he just gets it. He understands life isn't always straightforward and painless, that growth comes from the ability to rebound past difficult obstacles.

"Those couple of years where we really struggled, you learn a lot more that way than you do from winning," Sloniger said. "The guys that have been here the last couple of years, those losses stick with you longer than the big wins."

"Just for me, we're always going to be given tough times and everything, but being able to learn and build from that adversity, that really tells to who you are whenever you come back from those times," he added.

This approach to baseball, but more importantly life, has mag-



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**Ryan Sloniger** slides into home plate to score the game-winning run against UMass Lowell on March 17.

nified his confidence to the point where nothing can stop him from attaining his goals and aspirations.

"Personally I fully believe I'm the best player and best hitter on the field every time I go out there," Sloniger said. "If you don't believe that you're never going to be successful in anything, and I know I'm a guy that can carry our offense and get us going as a team."

His belief is warranted in all aspects of his game, with validation of his production being observed through his increase in every statistical offensive category from his sophomore year to junior year; perhaps most impressively his power swing in going from one homerun to a team-leading five home runs and a .292 slugging percentage to .494.

Sixth-year head coach Rob Cooper has witnessed Sloniger's development from the moment he stepped on campus his freshman year, and had nothing but praise for his continuation and progression through the strenuous hurdles he's come across.

"I think his confidence took a hit but what he's done, he's getting back to that confidence knowing that he's a good player," Cooper said. "The thing that makes it great is all of our guys know that 'Slony' is going to give his best effort every single day, so when he talks about stuff like that they're going to listen and respect him."



Residing from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania — only 75 miles from State College — the highly touted prospect (second-ranked catcher in the state, 28th nationally) chose to attend Penn State for reasons beyond his own personal desire.

Every game, his family sits in a suite near the press box watching onward as he steps up to the plate or crouches behind it, something he doesn't take for granted.

"My dad (Jim) has missed two series in my entire career just 'cause he wasn't able to make it and they were both road trips," Sloniger said. "For me knowing that they're always here, I come up and see them after every game and we go out to eat and stuff, it means a ton to me."

In fact, Punxsutawney has a special place in his heart. He credits many of his achievements to the lessons that have enhanced his upbringing, which is why his favorite collegiate memory thus far involves his hometown.

"My town in general means a lot to me, every year I've been

situational hitting philosophy and always had a plan at the plate."

"Defensively, what I loved about Ryan was the fact that he commanded the game like a good catcher should," Dickey added. "His presence behind the plate basically eliminated most teams' running games."

There's no doubt Sloniger left his mark on his old high school, setting the all-time hits record (109) on his senior night, while also maintaining the record for RBIs (88) and doubles (35).

But what really stood out to his former coach was his willingness to mentor and guide the under-

classmen seeking to make an immediate impact on his ball club.

"Ryan always bought into everything we were trying to do, and it rubbed off on the younger guys coming up," Dickey said. "When one of your best players is also 100 percent in on what you're doing as a coach, it has a positive impact on everyone."



He's carried those invaluable leadership skills he developed from his younger days to Penn State.

Sloniger's team-first outlook knowing he has to share playing time behind the plate with recent transfers Shea Sbranti (senior - San Joaquin Delta College) and Jacob Padilla (junior - Murray State College) has played a role in mitigating the hardships that come with transferring across the country.

"In high school I had the opportunity to really learn how to be a good leader; then I carried that here," Sloniger said. "For the people that know me I'm a real

**"Now it's our chance... we were close as freshman and now we got one more shot at it."**

**Ryan Sloniger**  
Catcher



# Chambers and players adjust to new draft rules

By Matt Lingerman  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The month of April is cruel to college basketball fans.

Just after reaching the sport's peak, we fall off a cliff and into a ravine devoid of hoops for nearly six months.

But the basketball hangover is even worse for coaches, and for programs like Penn State, the abrupt end of the Big Dance means uncertainty and something of a tightrope act — especially given the NCAA's recent rule changes regarding the NBA Draft.

"We definitely want to take advantage of the opportunity, with the NCAA and these new rules, for them to go out and hire an agent and go try to live your dream," coach Pat Chambers said. "We're going to support them in that, and we're going to be with every step of the way."

The amendments Chambers was referencing were conditions sent down by the governing body of college athletics prior to

the 2018-2019 season which give players more leeway when it comes to assessing their professional values. Most notably, players can now hire agents or advisers without surrendering their collegiate eligibility, and those players who do leave early but go undrafted may return to their college programs.

Prior to the rule changes, players could only return to school if they didn't hire professional guidance and removed their names from the player pool no more than 10 days following the NBA Draft Combine.

So, in short, these alterations are highly beneficial to athletes, but will also force reactions from college programs. Penn State is a prime example of the balancing act which the next few months will require.

On the one hand, Chambers wants his players to be able to pursue their dreams of earning a living playing basketball. He wasn't shy about that sentiment in his season wrap-up press conference Tuesday, during which it was revealed Lamar Stevens and Mike Watkins would test the

waters of the NBA Draft.

"If they ask me questions, I'm gonna make sure I give them the right answers and be very truthful and honest," Chambers said. "I think that's the best thing I can do as their head coach."

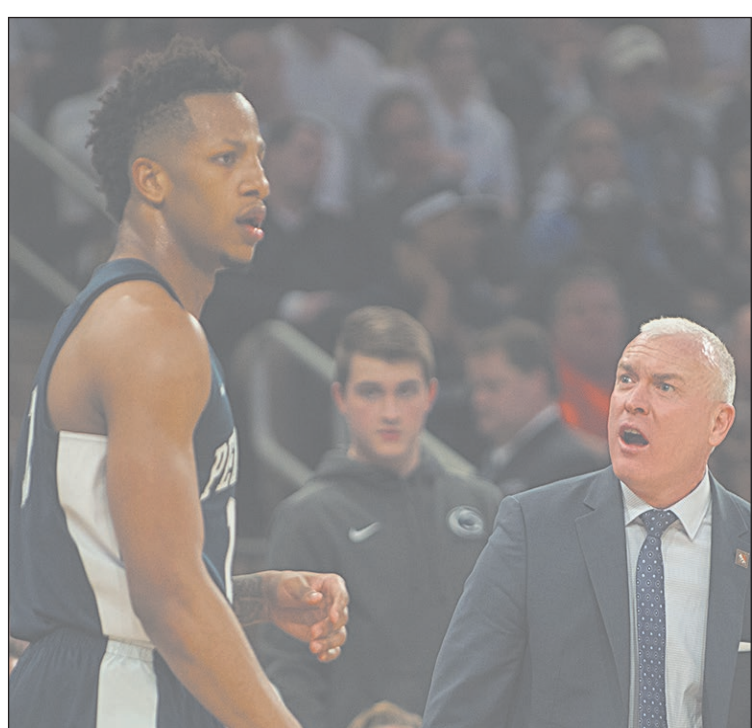
"But I also want to be extremely supportive. I'm not trying to sway them right now. I want them to feed into what they're trying to accomplish."

But at the same time, Chambers' main job is to make Penn State as competitive as it can be, and there is no question bringing back Stevens and Watkins is a key component to that.

The reality of the situation is that if Stevens returns, he's a preseason Big Ten Player of the Year candidate, and Penn State is a team which would be disappointed if it misses the NCAA Tournament.

But if the duo departs, what is Chambers left with?

Two-and-a-half of his starting five from a season which saw the Nittany Lions overcome an 0-10 start to conference play only to claw their way back to earning a first round Big Ten tournament



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**Pat Chambers** yells at Lamar Stevens during the NIT Championship game against Utah on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at Madison Square Garden.

bye will have left the program, leaving a group of talented but inexperienced players to pick up the pieces.

Chambers harped on the idea of his team using its experiences to build in the future, but if three of his most experienced players left, there's a void which is nearly impossible to fill.

With that said, as a player

quiet guy, like out here I don't say a ton. I'm more like off to the side, with Padilla I love helping him as much as possible, Shea last year."

From a distance, Cooper takes notice of players tending to gravitate towards Sloniger and the blue-collared work ethic he brings to the table each and every day.

"He takes a lot of pride in being a baseball player, it means a lot to him, more importantly he really does a good job with the young guys," Cooper said. "He's a guy that's going to go out of his way to make sure guys are doing well, he's going to check on them, he's going to teach them the game, he's going to be the guy when I get on a guy or something bad happens, he's going to go put his arm around him."



Although Sloniger plans to stick with playing baseball for as long as time permits, he aspires to take on a coaching role sometime in the future, listing Cooper and Dickey as inspirations. Both will be the first to talk about how prosperous he would be in leading a ball club.

"I'm going to be honest with you, I think that if Ryan Sloniger wants to go into coaching, if he wants to go into business, if he wants to do talk radio, the guy's going to do a great job," Cooper said. "Number one, he knows how to treat people, number two he can get along with people, he can listen but he can also get his point across and connect with people."

Not only has Sloniger exemplified what it means to be a student of the game, he's discreetly eyeballed Cooper's coaching tactics and the effects it has had on the entirety of Penn State's program.

"He really wants to build relationships with us and he did that from the first time I've visited here as a junior in high school to still now," Sloniger said. "I think that's something that in anything you do, especially in coaching, you have to build those relationships with your players, and to build that trust."

But now, it's come down to one final chance for Sloniger to help lead his team into its preseason goal of making the Big Ten tournament for the first time in eight seasons, and perhaps advancing even further to the College World Series.

Those are some lofty goals for a team fielding only four or five upperclassmen into its starting lineup on most nights, but Sloniger knows the key is for everyone — especially the underclassmen — to willingly fulfill their responsibilities.

"Now it's our chance... we were close as freshman and now we got one more shot at it, Sloniger said. "That's something that makes us as a team really special is just holding guys accountable and it's really player-driven."

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# Lieb brothers bid farewell

*As the twins say goodbye to their collegiate careers, they prepare for their futures apart*

**By Ryan Lam**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The Lieb brothers have been the cornerstone of the of the men’s tennis program since their arrival in State College.

They were highly-touted recruits coming out of juniors – Ben was the No. 1 player in Pennsylvania and Zach the No. 4.

But as their careers reach their ends, soon a new chapter will be-

gin. And for the first time, they won’t be writing it together.

“Me and Ben have been doing stuff together for the first 22 years of our lives, so obviously there’s a big change coming, but I don’t think that will change anything in our relationship,” Zach Lieb said.

Their upbringing had everything to do with the success they had on the court, as the twin brothers got their start right outside Philadelphia.

“We held our rackets since we’re four and we grew up in a pretty tennis-crazy family,” Zach Lieb said. “Our dad and older brother played in the college level. It’s special to continue the legacy and it’s winding down now. Just trying to live it up and continue on with the guys.”

Ben and Zach were also never the type to stay inside. Ben recalled they were always playing outside, be it tennis or other sports, and had to be dragged off the

court in their backyard.

Tennis is a sport that requires a head start as junior tournaments are fierce and players can always use the muscle memory and constant repetition. It was no surprise the Lieb brothers enjoyed success in their careers.

“Our first tournament was when we were eight and it has helped us making the transition to our junior and collegiate career much easier,” Zach Lieb said.

“Even when we’re in the juniors, we always played in the same tournaments, staying and cheering for each other and played doubles together. [We] had success winning two national titles playing doubles,” Ben Lieb added.

The inseparable bond they shared throughout their lives also meant that there will always be someone in the corner for each other, both in game and in life.

“It definitely helps having your twin brother with you throughout the process,” Ben Lieb said. “It’s cool to have your twin brother with you in college playing together, living in the dorms and a house together. We’ve been doing things together for a while now so we’ve gotten used to it and found success as well.”

Coach Jeff Zinn can’t be more ecstatic on landing the duo from Newtown Square, Pennsylvania.

“We need Pennsylvania kids. That’s the only way we’re going

to survive because you have to have the best kids from PA come and they did. That tells the other kids that look up to the Lieb brothers, ‘Hey, look what they’re doing at Penn State. I can be like them,’” Zinn said.

He was also extremely grateful for the brothers’ contributions over the four years.

“First and foremost, they’re terrific young men. They came in as boys, they’re leaving as young men. They bought into everything that we talked about. They weathered [the change in culture], never complained and never not done what we’ve asked,” Zinn said.

Despite being offered scholarships from schools like Louisville, the Lieb brothers knew they were a “package deal,” and going to Penn State was a no brainer for different reasons.

“Growing up in PA, there’s no reason to not want to go to Penn



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**Ben Lieb** returns the ball during the doubles match against Wisconsin at the Tennis Center on March 31.

State in terms of academics and athletics,” Ben said. They committed to coach Zinn and coach Tobin right after their visit.

“What makes it so special is tennis is such an international sport these days and to represent the state of PA being Philly guys on such an international stage like tennis is one of the reasons why I, and I think Ben as well, picked to go to Penn State,” Zach added.

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**Noah Sutter (left) and Zach Lieb** high five at a match against James Madison University.



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39 Wife of Osiris  
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13 Sharp curves  
19 Chicken  
21 Colliery  
25 Stalwart  
27 Berserk  
28 Wisecrack  
29 Bear dipper  
30 Monogram (Abbr.)  
31 Sergeant's words  
34 Maiden name  
36 Cheekbone  
37 Porters  
38 View as  
40 Moss capsule  
42 Commissary  
45 Egypt. desert  
49 River dividers  
51 Gr. letter  
52 Sandy  
53 Yellow-orange  
54 French pancake  
55 Novices  
59 Area unit  
61 Bum around  
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63 Equal  
65 Time zone  
66 Director Howard  
67 I love (Lat.)

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## Bigar's Stars

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**ARIES** (3/21-4/19) ★★★★★ You might be waffling inside, but others see a person willing to take a risk. Unexpected developments could slow you down, especially if your finances are involved. You must think before you take any action. Tonight: Happy to hang with a friend.

**TAURUS** (4/20-5/20) ★★★★★ You might be a loose cannon on deck to many friends and associates. Your stable and steady comportment seems to have fallen to the way-side. A partner could be somewhat remote. Be more sensitive to this person. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

**GEMINI** (5/21-6/20) ★★★★★ You remain directed, knowing where you are heading. Nevertheless, an uproar could capture your thoughts. You cannot change what is, but you can change your response to the situation. Do not allow your finances to get involved in the uproar. Tonight: Your treat.

**CANCER** (6/21-7/22) ★★★★★ You could be unusually emotional and goal-directed. Others see this attitude but question how long you will stay that way. Your moods might change suddenly, even if someone questions you about something else. Tonight: All grins.

**LEO** (7/23-8/22) ★★★★★ Take your time coming to a conclusion. You might not be as positive as normal. There could be a tendency to distort different elements involved. Try not to make a judgment today. Do that later. You need to relax first. Tonight: Get extra R and R.

**VIRGO** (8/23-9/22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Get to the bottom of a problem, and do not let someone else distract you. Remain more sure-footed in dealing with a changeable situation. News could be distracting, and not necessarily reliable. Tonight: Find your friends.

**LIBRA** (9/23-10/22) ★★★★★ Take a stand if need be. Understand what is going on with a boss or respected elder. Listen to this person's suggestions, but do not feel as if you must follow them. Be gracious, but do what you feel is needed. Tonight: A necessary appearance.

**SCORPIO** (10/23-11/21) ★★★★★ Reach out for another person at a distance. You know a lot more than you realize. Getting advice never hurts, though. Information is forthcoming. You need to reach out for another person. You discover yet another perspective. Tonight: Break past a limitation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (11/22-12/21) HHH Dealing with a partner who could be overly serious might put an edge on your day. You might not be ready for fast changes and more unpredictability in your life. Nevertheless, you greet the situation with decorum. Tonight: Weighing the pros and cons of a situation.

**CAPRICORN** (12/22-1/19) ★★★★★ Defer to another person who cares about you, yet has strong opinions. Do not totally allow someone else to make your decisions, though. You might not be happy with the end results. Someone might not reveal all that is known. Tonight: Relax, and make weekend plans.

**AQUARIUS** (1/20-2/18) ★★★★★ Your fun-loving temperament plugs into daily life. Yes, you could feel strongly about a personal matter. You might not choose to share what is going on within. You put on a good face for the world. Try not to go to excess. Tonight: Express your caring.

**PISCES** (2/19-3/20) ★★ Your creativity emerges as you visit with a like soul. You could be friends, work associates or loved ones. Some unexpected news comes forward. Do not allow it to interfere with your day. Go with opportunity. Tonight: As you like it.



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# 2019 Season Schedule

 <b>Sat. Aug. 31</b> <b>Idaho</b>	 <b>Sat. Oct. 19</b> <b>Michigan</b>
 <b>Sat. Sept. 7</b> <b>Buffalo</b>	 <b>Sat. Oct. 26</b> <b>@ MSU</b>
 <b>Sat. Sept. 14</b> <b>Pittsburgh</b>	 <b>Sat. Nov. 9</b> <b>@Minnesota</b>
 <b>Fri. Sept. 27</b> <b>@ Maryland</b>	 <b>Sat. Nov. 16</b> <b>Indiana</b>
 <b>Sat. Oct. 5</b> <b>Purdue</b>	 <b>Sat. Nov. 23</b> <b>@ OSU</b>
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