

#### By Leif Greiss

On the night of Oct. 6, 2016, Old Main's lars were lit up top to bottom by a ulti-colored light display, simply read-g: All In. Born, out of

Multi-colored light display, simply text-ing: All In. Born out of conversations students had with President Eric Barron and Vice Provost of Educational Equity Marcus Whitehurst, the initiative 'All In' seeks to expand and celebrate diversity, inclusiv-ity and equity on Penn State campuses and in the community as a whole. "Diversity by its definition is the broad range of all the unique differences that individuals bring to a community." White-hurst said. "Diversity of thought ... race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, disability, political persuasion, eco-nomic status and alike."

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supposed to create a sustained conversation about the barriers to inclusion many students face, and the need for everyone in the community to consider their own actions and behavior in creating a more inclusive climate at Penn State. "We don't see this ['All In'] as the Silver Bullet to the world," Whitehurst said. "What we are trying to do is at least bring edu-cation to our community about the importance of diversity and inclusion, but we do have a programming committee that is comprised of students faculty and staff."

staff." The programming committee is charged with coming up with and finding relevant program-ming at Penn State. Those in-volved with the committee come form all walks of the community and multiple members raised concerns over the initiative's cur-tern state. The student diversity committee before it became the "All In" Pro-gramming Committee, said he constrated was a state and the the state student diversity committee before it became the "All In" Pro-gramming Committee, said he constrated was a state and the state student diversity committee before it became the "All In" Pro-gramming Committee, said he constrated was a state of the propel might see it as, "Sanchez (schman-political science and sociology), said. "I see it as the university taking a stance stay-ing a state of the state of the propel might see it as," Sanchez (schman-political science and sociology), said. "I see it as the university taking a stance stay-ing a state state of the state state a state of the state and sociology." May a state state of the state state in words not limited and the state state state state state in the university play-ing it safe really doesn't benefit their marginalized students and states state are being taken proventiones stances Tex-pect from any university." They ford, former University are state and a sociation for the sociation and the program-tiones in the program state and the sociation of the sociation and the sociation of the sociation and university."

According to Whitehurst, a major in-tent of All In' is to create an environment where that level of diversity is "welcomed and appreciated." President Barron wrote in a blog post, "In Step With All In," said one of the val-ues of the initiative is the depth of the dis-cussion about what inclusivity really is. "Of course, I have my own view of the role of 'All In' — that we would be re-minded that every student at Penn State has earned the right to be here," Barron wrote. "I very much like the tagine 'be who you are — together,' because it im-plies that we are accepting of those who are different from ourselves, even if we choose to disagree with their viewpoints." "All In' has received a majority of its funding from the offices of the president, strategic communications, outreach and the office of educational equity. All these

offices are trying to collaborate with fund-ing for some of these initiatives, with hunch of the funding coming from Presi-dent Barron's office itself. As of February, those various departments have contrib-tied about \$200,000 to 'All In' since its number of the source of the source trained of the source of the praise and criticism within the Penn totate community. Whitehurst, who has been one of the many actors on behalf of the univer-sity toward the implementation of 'All In,' mphasized that the success of the initia-tivith in the quiver an abstract development within the university on top of the finan-cial support already seen. "Many of these initiatives don't require a great deal of funding, they require a change in perspective, a change in atti-

hear different perspectives," Whitehurst said. "What we want is to be more about awareness as opposed to putting money or funds to an initiative. We want hope-fully for individuals to be more open to lis-tening and creating an environment built on respect and understanding." The first ever "'All In' at Penn State: A Commitment to Diversity and Inclu-sion," a conference dedicated to 'All In' and its ideals, was held on April 18 where two individuals were given the "'All In' at Penn State: An Achievement Award for Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion" which came with a \$1,500 stipend for each recipient.

#### What 'All In' is vs. it isn't

Whitehurst, as well as Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers, said 'All In' is *Continued below.* 

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sity and inclusivity that had al-ready existed before 'All In.' "I think that's a misnomer that some people think that 'All In' because of the name is bringing 'All In' the stuff that we already had at Penn State or highlighting the stuff we already had at Penn State," Wright said. "I think 'All In' the way it evolved as more of an independent program to raise awareness and highlight our diversity in ways that it hadn't been before but as far as has there been additional funding for existing programs that is not there been additional funding for existing programs that is not necessarily how it works. Part of it is you need to ask, you have a budget for our center [Center for Education and Civil Rights] and the budget for 'All In,' and those things don't necessarily overlap."

#### **Programming Committee**

As one of the more concrete creations out of 'All In,' the pro-gramming committee incorpo-rates students from many sig-nificant student organizations on

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In State President Eric Barron poses with students during official kick off of "All In at Penn State: A Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion" or Old Main lawn on Thursday night, Oct. 6, 2016.

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feel safe and welcome ... but I feel a lot of times they kind of get scared from doing anything." Tomas Sanchez Freshman

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university taking a stance saying we are going to stick

communities and

has both flaws and strengths. "Honestly, I think one of the flaws of All In' [is that it] isn't as active as I think students expect it to be," Ford said. "A lot of stu-dents feel as if 'All In' is really more about image and visual ap-peal." However. Ford said to some

peal." However, Ford said to some extent that sort of marketing is a very good thing because the uni-versity wants to be publicly com-mitted to diversity and inclusion — to make sure that the vision is backed up by concrete actions and events.

— to make sure that the vision is backed up by concrete actions and events. Keith Jervis, director of Stu-dent Disability Resources at Penn State who also sits on the All In programming isn't enough to achieve the inclusivity that 'All In' calls for. Jervis called for a greater de-gree of involvement beyond the programming committee for both students and administration alike. Jervis claimed that, beyond the programs and activities host-ed by 'All In,' there needs to be a push to make the initiative an in-tegrated part of the culture. Dwayne Wright (graduate-higher education), graduate as-sistant for Penn State's Center for Education and Civil Rights, said 'All In' is distinct from many programs related to equity, diver-

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campus, with the goal of properly im-plementing the mission of 'All In' in a way that the students have a hand in influencing.

plementing the mission of rain mark way that the students have a hand in influencing. "We do have a good strong col-lective voice of students that are helping to steer us in a direction of creating some programs and ideas that might be relevant for and interest our students across the university," Whitehurst said. Genevieve Logerie, president of Black Caucus, sits on the program-ming committee. Logerie (senior-neuropsychology) said besides programming, the committee is tasked with reaching out to the "grassroots" so that everyone in the community can be reached by All In.'

"Our role is to decide [what] the 'All In' programming committee should be doing next in terms of program-ming," Logerie said. "We are also try-ing to figure out what we should do in terms of university effort aside from the launch to continue it and make it visible."

the launch to continue it and make a visible." Christina Walker (senior-special education), who is on the 'All In' programming committee, said the programming committee is trying to streamline a mission statement for the initiative and create clear objectives that will continue to be acted on throughout the years that 'All In' will be implemented. Nathaniel Pentz, president of the LGBTQA Student Coalition, said many of the students involved with the programming committee have already been involved with issues and organizations related to diver-

sity and inclusion, so becoming a part of 'All In' and the programming committee can present certain challenge "If

committee can present certain chal-lenges. "If you are involved in working in what the university has been doing on a more specific level, to be in-volved then with 'All In' is to go from working on a specific level to working on this broad thing," Pentz said. "So I think a lot of students are already focused on their area of interest and being involved with 'All In' is taking a step back working on a broader, slow-er pace with everything." By being involved with 'All In,' Pentz (senior-sociology) said he had seen many of these students either spreading themselves thin or drop what they were doing to work on 'All In' via the programming committee. To read full story, visit collegian.psu.edu.





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# Penn State: one shutter at a time

When I first started typing this, I wasn't sure exactly how I wanted to start. I'm not really good with words



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For me, it all started my soph-omore year in the basement of the James Building where I was being interviewed to become a staff photographer for The Daily Collegian. The former photo editor, Pat Little, was going over my work and didn't seem as impressed with my prints, but he ended up stopping on one single photo out of my entire high school portfolio. It was of half of a house after Hurricane Sandy. He comment-

It was of half of a house after Hurricane Sandy. He comment-ed on how it was the only photo he liked, but was missing a per-son. That's all he said. I thought I had bombed the interview after that and wasn't expecting to hear back, but luckily I did and started taking candidate classes. In just one semester, I had ex-perienced more than anyone on campus. One of my first assignments with my mentor, Nick Thomas, was covering the Misfits con-cert at what used to be Levels nightclub, now the location of

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Envy. What was supposed to be a concert quickly turned into a moshpit and I had to be escorted out by security because punches were being thrown everywhere. After making it out through the crowd, I ran into Nick where he was impressed I made it out alive and didn't lose his candi-

he was impressed I made it out alive and didn't lose his candi-date buddy. It hasn't been easy to be where I am today, but the amount of confidence I've built and the friends I've made has helped me along the way to break my shy quiet nature. People always say that anyone can take a photo, but it's a real skill to know how to connect the viewer and an image. Being a photojournalist has been the greatest thing to ever happen to me because who else can say that they've photographed President Donald Trump, former president Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton throughout the election race? Or being on the field to witness Marcus Allen blocking that infa-mous field goal during the Ohio State game and quickly captur-ing Grant Haley scooping up the football and running towards the end-zone where the amount of screams overpowered the stadium and you could feel the

the end-zone where the amount of screams overpowered the stadium and you could feel the ground shaking? Or how about the time when Penn State football won the Big Ten Championship and all of the photographers, including me, rushed the field? I think back to how I got to where I am and all the people I've met through my career and how fortunate I am to have been able to connect to

so many people, that it still feels unreal. I still don't understand how I've been able to capture the images I've captured and how lucky I am to be where I am.

lucky I am to be where I am. As I reflect on my four years at Penn State, I hate to say goodbye to the place and the friends that made me the person I am today — and also to the Collegian, who I am forever indebted to — but I'm excited to see what the

"Let happenstance take its course and let a whim change your Penn State

future holds for me. I'll remem ber all the late nights I spent at the senior photog desk, chasing the senior photog desk, chasing clowns, covering riots, running around with my best friends and producing the best content for the paper I love. It has truly bee one of the greatest experiences I've been fortunate enough to be a part of and I'm sat to see it come to an end once the final paper is printed. d een

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As the great Kanye West says in "Ultralight Beam", "This is a god dream, This is Every-thing"—it's truly been everything.

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## MY VIEW | WAISS ARAMESH **Confessions of a Social Media Manager**

You ever wonder how differ-ent your life would be if that thing hadn't happened? I saw the uestion written down some-



Aramesh our eyes in the morning to the second we close them at night. So what was that one thing? So what was that one thing? What was the one thing I did that made my Penn State ex-perience what it was? Maybe it wasn't one thing. Maybe it was a bunch of little things. Maybe it was a group of minuscule events that over four years changed the kid who laid down in his dorm bed frustrated as ever to the kid who is now writ-ing this at 2:43 a.m. with a smile on bia foca

You see, the thing is, change is good. It's taken me years to accept that. Change comes is good. It's taken me years to accept that. Change comes with every new experience. Every new song you hear on you try for the first time. Every new joke you hear on the way to class. Every time you find someone who between the con-versation breaks and the fits of laughter, you smile because you realize how much you genuinely enjoy their presence. And that's the kind of stuff you only learn when you grow pt. In a day, in a week, in a month, in a year, maybe even in five years—everything will be different but everything will be different but everything tis now. How could it it? But that's fine. Embraced the new experi-ences that flood in like the morning sun. Can't seize the day? Well then start smaller: seize the minute and then the hour, and then maybe at the end

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of the day, you can lay down and smile because you lived a day worth living for. Below are a list of small pieces of advice that I think could be of use to anyone. Please excuse me as some of them because the source of th

Hink could be due to anyone. Please excuse me as some of them become personally specific. I want to apologize for sound-ing like a bad, straight-to-Netf-lix, coming-of-age movie but at the end of the day. live life. And live it unapologetically. Go ahead. Get on a bus in New York City and head into the heart of Pennsylvania to a college you plan on transferring from in a year or so. Find your highest highs and your lowest lows and go through the sea-sons in Happy Valley. Wear nice shoes to your first frat party and ruin them. Eat your lunchables in your dorm room and miss ruin them. Eat your lunchables in your dorm room and miss your friends back home. Join an IM football team and make new friends there. Hang out until 5 a.m. with kids that tease you because you like Ed Sheeran too much or because you're too eager to rap Kanye West's "Jesus Walks." Change your minor. Take advantage of your roommate's Keurig. Reconnect with old friends. Rally. Riot. Make cookies and listen to 1989. Get yelled at by some guy at a volleyball game and a long time later be his best friend. Bring your mom to the Pinstripe Bowl and celebrate with her as your two homes seemingly mix into one. Shot-gun a beer with a new friend. Fly to Chicago and go see Mum-ford and Sons. Intern your ass off. Visit the arboretum at dusk. Fall in love. Daylong. Cover protests in cilies you've never in vour dorm room and miss

Fall in love. Daylong. Cover protests in cities you've never been to with people you would later furiously admire. Meet a girl with a wicked shutter finger and a heart of gold who would one day take 90% of your Instagram posts. Spend a sum-mer in The South. Call your mom when you feel like things just aren't going your way. Meet

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ries in between. Fly to 4 states in 16 hours. Play hip-hop music with your friends all the way to Ann Arbor. Jump around with a few thousand people to the beats of Kanye West. Sit down on the grass in Lucas Oil Stadium and feel yourself swell with enormous pride at you and the people you were meant to be trapped in a car for eight hours with. Then go out and catch a pass at 1 a.m. Lose your credit card. Heck, lose your I.D. Shove six wonderful people in a hotel new year in Hollywood. Spend your days road tripping to State with a friend, sitting shotgun and the windows down blast-ing music loud enough that you ing music loud enough that you

and the winkows down blast-ing music loud enough that you can't hear yourselves singing over it. Pass out on a friend's couch after a night of celebrat-ing her amazing accomplishments. Wait in life at The Gaff with your sKwad. Order Adios liquor pitchers before realizing you like Ninja Turtle pitchers a lot better. Crowd onto a dance floor and sing your ass off for three hours and then maybe go to Yallah Taco and inhale a whole burrito in five minutes. And then wake up the next morning to schedule tweets and work for one of the hardest people I've ever met.

one of the hardest people ever met. Maybe. Just maybe. See an advertisement for reporter tryouts on Twitter and spend a good part of your three years in a small office that you've

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experience forever. Four years ago, I was a kid sitting in his dorm room with the door shut wishing away memories that I had left when I stepped on a bus on 34th Street to come to Penn State

to come to Penn State University. If you are that kid, take that chance. Grab that opportunity. Chase that whim. If you're reading this, then my time at The Daily Collegian has either ended or will end very soon. A chapter of my life is over. It is the kind of chapter than you pause on. Maybe go back and reread fondly, but still, nevertheless—you move on. To the characters introduced in this chapter — I am so glad to have met you. And I hope that each and every one of you know that.

know that. Thank you.

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# FROM NEWBIE TO CHAMPIC

Penn State club boxer Taylor Varner never boxed before coming to Penn State — now she owns the ring.

#### By Sam McQuillan

Taylor Varner had never in been a fight before coming to Penn State. "She was like a little baby giraffe," Penn State club boxing coach Osahon CLUB Omo-Osagie said. "That's what BOXING I would call her because she would get in the ring and her legs would look like noodles. She had no balance, no anything." Now, Varner doesn't just have more fights under her belt — she owns the belt. Her performance during this year's National Collegiate Boxing Association national championships on April 8 earned her the women's 147-pound title belt. Varner, a senior, often marvels at how first experience inside the ring. She arrived at Penn State in the sum-mer of 2013, having to complete summer session to enroll at University Park. She was thinking of joining a more convention-al club sport, like crew, or even a sorority. But she saw a flyer for club boxing and thought she might give it a try. "It was the hardest workout of my life," Varner said of her first tryout with the club.

'It was the hardest workout of my life Varner said of her first tryout with the club. "It was like 90 degrees, really humid... We were running the Eastview Terrace stairs for what felt like a million times, and somehow I just kept coming back. I just loved

She had never boxed before, and She had never boxed before she wasn't even old enough to make the decision on her own 17 years old, she still needed a parent's signature for the program's consent forms. Early on, coaches told her in order for her to really com-pete, she'd have m. At

pete, she'd have to drop several weight classes.

This meant she would have to lose nearly

40 pounds, going from around 180 to the 140s, putting her in a welterweight class

All pointias, going norm a owner how to have the second se together, and she would run before practice and after

practice, just putting in the work." After logging in countless hours toward improving in both team practices and on her own, Varner saw her hard work final-ly pay off. On Feb. 6, 2016, she beat West Point's Sarah Gold in the Penn State home boxing show for her first win. boxing show for her first win.

boxing show for her first win. "I think it was more important to me to become what I am today to prove to myself that I can do anything I set my mind to," Varner said. "Especially when I first start-ed and when I lost a lot in a row, it was just really important to show everyone who I'd lost to and to show my coaches, who have always believed in me so much, just how much I'd improved." Varner made it to the national championships for the first time her junior year, when she lost

national championships for the first time her junior year, when she lost in the finals to Navy's Samantha Gleaser on a 3-2 split decision from the judges. "That's when I realized how much wrated it "Verner soid ealized how much inted it," Varner sai was one point away hie "T

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get-ting [the national champion ship]. The heart-break of the split-decision loss fueled her to train with sights set on all out victory go-ing forward. It either com plete domina tion or failure for Varner. Leaving it too close to call and in one judge's hands just wasn't an option this an option this time around. One year later, she was triumph. The outcome could not have been more convincing, as she bested University of Las Vegas Ne-vada's Domi-nique Smith, nique Smith

"It just made it so much more worth it," "Arner said. While "TAYLOR VARNER" may be scribbled in ink on the chalky white bricks of the White Building's basement where the team trains, right next to the names of some other past Penn State national champions, it is still difficult at times for the national champ to fathom just how leadership in the scherome

good she has become. "It's kind of unreal. I still idolize the people in other weight classes who are national champs," Varner said. "It's re-ally weird to think of myself as being as good as these other people, if not better." Varner's humble attitude earned hor

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ship award during last year's nation-al champion-ship, to go along with the silver medal from her split. from her split-decision loss. Varner's role with the club with the club goes beyond just being one of its best boxers. She's also one of its most impor-tant leaders, as she was voted team captain in 2015. "She's great

"She's great as a leader. She's the enforcer on the team, teammate Ian Vernon said. "[She] makes sure everyone is doing what is doing what they're supposed to be doing." To Varner, help-ing others is not just the right thing to do; it's the smart thing to do. She believes a boxer is only as good as his or her competition. That's why she always makes sure her teammates, who she competes against on a daily basis, are as skilled as they can be.

they can be

She is also the club's first-ever female president. That dual responsibility means she is not just in charge of leading,

to do, site sim tolund time to make this team great and bring home a belt." Despite her busy schedule of training and leadership roles as team captain and club president, Varner has found time to maintain above a 3.0 GPA, serve as a fun-draising chair for THON and be an active member of the National Honor Society. Following her national championship victory in April, Varner traveled to Cam-bridge for a week to aid a professor in engineering research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. With so much on her plate, boxing serves as her escape from it all. "When I step in the ring, or when I'm hit-ting the bag or just at practice in general,

ting the bag or just at practice in general, I have a focus, and I didn't realize [at first] what it was. I just loved how it makes me feel," Varner said. "But I think as I've gotten older I've realized it just lets me be fo cused and relaxed."

In order to prevent herself from dwell-ing on all her responsibilities, Varner tried yoga and meditation, but found those ac-tivities often left her with too much time to think. Instead, she said, the fast pace of boxing is what really helps her stop think-ing about everything less that is going on. "It's kind of like meditation but in a dif-ferent form, because you're only focusing on one thing." Varner said. Varner's tale is one that Omo-Osagie said he will use to motivate new fighters for generations. "Her journey," Omo-Osagie said. "It is a story that, as long as I'm coaching. I'll be telling other fighters, because it should motivate In order to prevent herself from dwell

bi journey, OnicoSagie sain, I'll is a story that, as long as I'm coachin, I'll be telling other fighters, because it should motivate and inspire other people that things may not come easy, but you've got to work for it, and it'll feel that much better in the end." Varner will graduate in May with a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineer-ing, and while her time with boxing may be over at Penn State, she has plans to con-tinue fighting after she leaves. She intends to join a local gym in the Massachusetts area, where she will con-tinue to train to become the best fighter she can be. "I always tell kids you get out of this what you put in," Omo-Osagie said. "If you're willing to sacrifice and put in the hard work, you will see the results, and she's a testament to that because she was someone who los five fights and now she's standing here with a national champion-chin bed for gurgersen there." standing here with a national champion-ship belt a few years later."

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# Projecting where Godwin will go in NFL Draft

## By Tyler King

Before the calendar turned to 2017, Chris Godwin was an under-the-radar NFL prospect who was likely to return to FOOTBALL FOOTBALL Fundational provided on the second That all changed on the second on the second transformation of the second on the second

That all changed on Jan. 2 af-ter his eye-opening performance in the Nittany Lions' 52-49 loss against USC in the Rose Bowl. The Middletown, Delaware na-tive had his best game as a mem-ber of the Nittany Lions, reeling in a season-high 9 receptions for a career-high 187 yards and two touchdowns, displaying every fac-et of his game in "The Grandaddy of Them All."

of Them All." The outstanding performance by Godwin changed his future football career forever. Soon after the Rose Bowl, Godwin announced he was forgo-ing his final year of eligibility and entering the NFL Draft. At that time, Godwin was a projected fourth-round draft pick with a few experts putting him in the third round of their mock draft. But Godwin again impressed scouts, at the combine, raising his draft stock.

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#### **Physical Tools**

the biggest question surrounding Godwin was his speed, but he an-swered those with an impressive 40-yard dash at the combine. NFL Draft analyst Mike Mayock said Godwin ran faster than he expected from what he had previously seen on tape. Godwin's speed took some by surprise, mainly because he hasn't had many opportunities to show off his downfield speed in the Nittany Lions' offense. Despite being the team's clear No. 1 receiving target, Godwin rarely ran deep routes. He was typically an over-the-middle target as he used his excellent route running ability to get open in the middle of the field. Godwin also showed during his time as a Nittany Lion that he has the ability to go up and win one-on-one battles in the end cone. His 36" vertical at the combine was 12th among receiv-ers, proving he can be a red zone taget at the next level. In his last season at Penn State, Godwin showed off his vertical by

I repeat the next level. When the traget at the next level. In his last season at Penn State, Godwin showed off his vertical by beating the defenders for a catch in the end zone. Outside of his two touchdowns in the Rose Bowl, Godwin's most impressive touchdown catch came in the team's upset victory over Ohio State. Late in the first half, Penn State quarterback Trace McSor-ley lofted a pass into the end zone. Godwin positioned himself well against potential first-round pick against potential first-round pick Gareon Conley and hauled in the

thrown his way not only on the field, but also at the combine. During his breakout perfor-mance in the Rose Bowl, Godwin showed off his hand-eye coordi-nation on his second touchdown of the game in which the ball was tipped by the USC corner-back and juggled by Godwin a few times before he eventually secured the ball and waltzed into the end zone.

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#### Potential Landing Spots

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with Godwin's projecting to be selected in the second to third rounds, there are a few teams in that range that are in need of a wide receiver, two of which are popular among Penn State fans. One destination for Godwin is the team he was selected by in the Collegian's two-round mock draft—the Pittsburgh Steelers. This would please a lot of Penn State fans as they could continue to cheer on Godwin as a member of their favorite team, much like they do former Nittany Lions tight end Jesse James, who is also a member of the Steelers. Godwin would fit right in with Pittsburgh as the Steelers could use an impact player to play opnonit of Automic Person Marcine

use an impact player to play opposite of Antonio Brown. Mar-tavis Bryant was just rejusted. opposite of Antonio Brown. Mar-tavis Bryant was just reinstated after his year-long suspension, but he's still a major question mark for the team. Godwin would have a chance to start right away and give the Steelers just another weapon on offense.



Wide Receiver Chris Godwin runs a drill during Penn State Pro Day at Holuba Hall on Thursday, March 16

The second team is the one Godwin grew up closest to, the Philadelphia Eagles. This would also make many Penn Staters happy, although the Eagles don't have the same history of draft-ing former Nittany Lions as the Steelers do.

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receiver on the outside. The final landing spot that makes sense for Godwin is the Los Angeles Rams. The Rams will make their first selection in the second round af-ter trading up to find their fran-chise quarterback, Jared Goff, a year ago. Now, the Rams need to focus on giving Goff weapons on the edge because we saw how lacking in talent the Rams were last season.

lacking in tatent the Rams were last season. Godwin could develop chemistry with Goff in the coming years and potentially give them a dangerous quarterback-wide receiver tandem.

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CAMPUS

## **Downtown State Theatre**

#### April 27

7 p.m. Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead 8 p.m. Next Stage Theatre Company

presents Rain Dance

#### April 28

8 p.m. Next Stage Theatre Company presents Rain Dance

#### April 29

8 p.m. Next Stage Theatre Company presents Rain Dance

#### April 30

3 p.m. Next Stage Theatre Company presents Rain Dance 7 p.m. CPDW presents Mystical

#### Creatures May 2

4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Monday Movie Series: Loving

7 p.m. State of The Story presents Other Side of the Circle: Stories of Diversity & Difference

#### May 6

7:30 p.m. Nittany Knights present New Beginnings

## **Bryce Jordan Center**

#### Spring 2017 Commencement

Friday, May 5

8 p.m. - College of Engineering Saturday, May 6

9 a.m. - Eberly College of Science

12 p.m. - College of Communications

3 p.m. - College of Health and

Human Development

6:30 p.m. - College of the Liberal Arts

#### Sunday, May 7

9 a.m. - Smeal College of Business 12:30 p.m. - College of Education 3:30 p.m. - College of Agricultural

#### Sciences

6:30 p.m. - The Graduate School

# Penn State Sports

Friday, April 28 Softball vs. Maryland 6 p.m. College Park, Maryland

Baseball vs. Iowa 7:05 p.m. Iowa City, Iowa

Men's Golf Big Ten Championship All Day Lutherville, Maryland

#### Saturday, April 29 Softball

vs. Maryland 1 p.m. College Park, Maryland

Baseball vs. Iowa 3:05 p.m. Iowa City, Iowa

Sunday, April 30 Women's Lacrosse vs. Michigan 11 a.m. Ann Arbor, Michigan

Men's Lacrosse vs. Michigan 2 n.m. Michigan Stadium









### SUMMER WARS ay 9 PM // Freeman Auditorium red by Penn State Anime Organization

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WALL-E & THE IRON GIANT

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**ONE PIECE FILM: STRONG WORLD** 

**ALIEN & ALIENS** Movie Night Double Feature! day 10 PM // Freeman Auditoriun

Saturday movies are presented as a study break by Union and Student Activities Free admission with PSU Student Photo ID

FOOD SPECIALS

BALLOON ARTIST LOUIS PAUL FRI/SAT 9 PM - 1 AM

Sbarro on Friday and Burger King on Saturday! @ ground floor.

Balloons like you've never seen! @ first floor.

MANGA NIGHT FRI 9 PM - 11 PI

Sponsored by Penn State Anime Organization. room 306

For a full schedule visit http://spa.psu.edu/latenight.html // All events are in the HUB-Robeson Center unless noted otherwise // Penn State-UPark Student Photo ID required at most events

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