

Campus organizations seek to educate, empower during

By Jordan Corley THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college, in addition to the 20-25% of college women and 15% of college men who are forced into unwanted sexual encounters during their college career.

Shannon DeHoff, graduate assistant at the Gender Equity Center, said these statistics from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center shock people every time they hear them.

The only good news, DeHoff said, is these statistics begin to facilitate conversation — especially during April, which serves as Sexual Assault Awareness Month across the nation.

Through the Gender Equity Center, De-Hoff leads three peer education groups: Peers Helping Reaffirm Educate and Empower, Men Against Violence and Greeks Care.

The groups hold sessions for six weeks each semester and provide a safe environment for students to discuss sexual assault and bystander prevention.

Within these groups, various programs are led by peer educators to educate students and encourage discussion of topics like sexual assault, consent, healthy relationships and body image.

DeHoff said there is a combination of mind other people that students who have been directly and indirectly impacted by sexual assault. However, all groups have a common goal of raising awareness to reduce the number of crimes on campus.

that they are kind of alarmed and taken aback," DeHoff said, "especially when we tell them that [the statistics presented] aren't the national statistics. These are the Penn State statistics."

Penceck said students may not be aware that they know someone who has been assaulted, but the odds are that they do.

"We have to be really honest with ourselves," Jennifer Penceck, programming coordinator of the Gender Equity Center, said. "No student is going to graduate not

knowing someone who has been sexually as-

saulted." Another statistic

shared during programs is that more than 90% of those sexually assaulted on college campuses do not report.

DeHoff said this provides a good transition into the discussion of why someone might not come forward and report the assault.

Penceck said this is a primary goal of the Gender Equity Center year-round.

"We try and help rethey have no idea what

they would do in the very same situation," Penceck said.

"So we try to just be kind to one another." Following a program presentation, De-

At Penn State, 27.5% of women are sexu- Hoff said it is common for an audience

"When people hear the statistics, I think language to explain what happened to them," DeHoff said.

She said students will tell her they felt uncomfortable or uneasy after a sexual encounter, but they tried to forget about it and move on.

[After speaking out] we can point people to the resources they need," DeHoff said, "and let them know what their options are if they do want to report something."

Depending on the student's needs, Penn State's Counseling and Psychological Ser-

vices and the Gender Equity Center both provide support for students after an assault.

In light of Sexual Assault Awareness month, the peer educators have also been working in coordination with the University Park Undergraduate Association to create different events during Penn State's Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Week 2019, which takes place from April 8-12.

During 'Honoring Survival: Transforming the Spirit,' peer educators from PHREE and

MAV will speak about their own personal experiences with sexual assault and the students in PHREE provided stories and clothing descriptions for 'What Were You

Wearing? Survivor Art Installation.'

creating programs related to sexual violence on campus.

"The roundtable [is a] discussion with different university officers and administrators around sexual violence," Adeline Mishler , chair of the sexual violence, awareness and prevention roundtable, said.

"We cultivate all of our resources into Sexual Violence Awareness Prevention week."

The roundtable includes representatives from the Gender Equity Center, Stand for State, the Office of Student Conduct, Residence Life, LGBTQA Student Resource Center and student groups such as Greeks Care, PHREE and MAV.

Throughout the entirety of the week, tables will be set up in the HUB-Robeson Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with different educational games, crafts and information regarding sexual assault for students to partake in.

"These events are about awareness," Penceck said. "But we also have to move beyond awareness and into action steps."

Mischler (sophomore- business management) said UPUA is excited for the creation of a new event, Navigating How You Step In, an interactive maze in which students will be presented with different sexual violence scenarios and required to make a decision in the moment.

Their decision will determine which way they move throughout the maze.

"It makes students put themselves in that kind of position to really think about what they would do," Mischler said. The maze will be located in Philanthropy

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Gender Equity Center

ally assaulted and report the crime, plac- member to come forward and tell her they ing the university at the upper end of the realized they had been sexually assaulted lence Prevention and Awareness Round- 10 and 11. national average, which is between 22% after listening to the presentation. and 28%, according to DeHoff.

table in 2013, UPUA has continued to play "A lot of students don't have the an active role in raising awareness and

With the establishment of a Sexual Vio- Row on the first floor of the HUB on April

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PIDA Caucus elects its first UPUA representative

By Lauren Lee THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Caucus selected Avinash Saraiya to serve as its first University Park Undergraduate Association representative on April 3, despite questions that were raised about the way he was elected.

The method by which Suraiya (freshman-pre-medicine) was elected caused controversy at UPUA's first meeting of the 14th Assembly, as previously reported by The Daily Collegian.

UPUA at-large representatives Steven Zhang and YuNa Choi, who are also in the APIDA Caucus, addressed the fact that Suraiya was elected via a GroupMe poll.

The two representatives said many joined and subsequently left the APIDA chat to cast votes, and believed this demonstrated a fault within the way UPUA requires community representatives to be elected.

Despite this, Suraiya was officially sworn in Wednesday and understands the importance of his new position. And although Saraiya just became a member of APIDA, he was previously a freshman council member in UPUA's 13th Assembly.

"Ever since then, I knew these seats would play a vital role in the future of our organization," Saraiya said.

In addition to helping represent the APIDA community, Suraiya said he also plans to work closely with the Latino Caucus and the Black Caucus representatives and communities.

In the past few weeks, Black Caucus and Latino Caucus also elected their first representatives in the community seats for the upcoming UPUA 14th Assembly.

'Penn State has a status as a PWI, predominately white ties that I'm familiar with, the said. "He is definitely a fighter. reach to international student



Courtesy of Diego Santos

Freshman Avinash Saraiya stands in the HUB-Robeson Center. On April 3, Saraiya was elected the first APIDA representative in UPUA.

institution, so it's very important name UPUA doesn't really mean that certain minoritized groups across campus have a say in what happens in UPUA, as well as above," Saraiya said. "It's very important that our voices are heard and it seems like that's what's going to happen."

With his new seat focusing on APIDA specifically, Suraiya said he hopes to increase relations between UPUA and other communities.

"Especially in much," Suraiya said. "So hopefully working with others to increase that name recognition."

Zhang, who also serves as the vice president of APIDA, said he met Suraiya through his experience as a freshman council member in the 13th Assembly. Zhang nominated Suraiya to become and the other community seats to APIDA Caucus' first representative in UPUA.

"[Avinash] is a very hard-working person," Zhang (freshman- expanding the Paul Robeson communi- economics and political science Cultural Center and more out-

He's someone who when he has communities are the main goals a goal he strives to work towards it and I really respect that about form. him.'

hopes Suraiya will help restructure APIDA so the community will become stronger.

'We're trying to find that spark, and I think he will be really influential in helping the community find the spark," he said.

Zhang said he hopes to see change in APIDA.

"Compared to Black and Latino Caucus, APIDA Caucus has been a lot more [relaxed] and not as active as the other two organizations," Zhang said. "But it's definitely something that we're trying to build up."

Zhang said he became involved with APIDA after noticing how a lot of the APIDA community is not as involved with Penn State as he'd like.

"There are a lot of resources that a lot of the underrepresented communities are missing out on because of a lack of communication between Penn State and these communities," Zhang said.

Choi (freshman-international politics and business), who also serves as the cultural director of APIDA, said the biggest thing she wants Suraiya to carry out while representing APIDA in UPUA is making sure diversity initiatives are carried out.

'Our president and vice president right now have a platform of diversity and inclusion, but I actually want to see that come to fruition," Choi said. "We've worked a lot about that but we need action, so I want to work with Nash make sure that there is actual action taken."

Choi said initiatives such as expanding the Paul Robeson

of the diversity and inclusion plat-

Choi said there are 15 organiza-Moving forward, Zhang said he tions involved in APIDA, including multicultural sororities and fraternities.

> Around 6% of the population at University Park identifies as Asian American, less than 1% identifies as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and 8.6% of students identify as international, according to a 2018 campus diversity report by the Penn State Admissions Office.

However, Choi said there is a lack of involvement from the community with APIDA.

Choi said she hopes reaching out to the international communities would provide them with more resources for job and internship opportunities.

Suraiya said it's important to add representation of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American community to UPUA, as every student can have a different experience while attending Penn State.

"The way that your Penn State experience goes is different based on your demographic," Suraiya said. "So the APIDA community brings in another perspective and it's important that every community has a say in what's going on."

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LOCAL

Pollock Commons to undergo renovations

By Grace Miller THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Students will no longer be able to purchase their late-night snacks and other convenient store items at Pollock's The Mix - until further notice.

Pollock Commons will undergo major renovation this summer, but renovations of The Mix have started as of April 7, according to several signs displayed in the building.

The renovations are set to include a bigger convenience store and a grill with more options even featuring a night menu.

as a whole will be reorganized. The hallway in front of commons desk will be removed, the area with the Dance Mania game will become part of The Mix and more lounge areas will be added. A coffee shop like the one in the recently-renovated Findlay Commons will also be added.

The changes are what Jack Delmonte, blood drive chair within the Pollock Halls Residence Association, called a "big project," which he said is supposed to be completed by the start of the fall 2019 semester.

'I think it's great," Delmonte (freshman-nuclear and mechanical engineering) said. "I go to The Mix all the time, so I think it's awesome that they'll have a greater selection."

He said he's excited for the coffee shop, calling the addition 'awesome.'

"I think everyone's happy about something nicer coming to Pollock because it kind of is a dump of all the residence areas,' Delmonte said.

While he said students seem happy about the renovations, he also noted that many didn't seem to know it was happening until the food truck, "The Rolling Lion," showed up. The Rolling Lion will serve students made-toorder food while the grill is under construction.

"[I am] kind of bummed out The Pollock Commons building that I'm not going to get those mac and cheese bites, but I'm glad that the freshman next year are going to have something better than I did," Delmonte said.

Rachel Zimmerman, resident of Pollock Halls, said that with the renovations going on, she will probably eat at Redifer Commons more, although she will utilize the food truck.

"I think that it will be really nice to have [The Mix] renovated for people in the future, but I'm kind of sad because I go there every day," Zimmerman (freshmandivision of undergraduate studies) said.

Zimmerman said she thinks the addition of a coffee shop is "cool," but wishes that it would've been added sooner. She also added that she hopes it is similar to a wrap," she said. "[I want] more months, and said she thinks the

ΓΗΕ ΜΙΧ RENOVATION FIND THESE TTL Ken Minamoto/Collegiar The Mix at Pollock Commons before closing for renovations on April 7.

the one in Redifer Commons in South.

"That'll be nice because I feel like living in Pollock now, like if there was a coffee shop, I'd go there a lot," she said.

In regards to the new menu at The Mix, Zimmerman hopes to see a larger variety of options.

"I feel like they should definitely have more vegetarian food because... now, all I can get is like

healthy food definitely because [the service] is nice and it's quick, so I always go there, but it's not healthy at all."

Zimmerman said she is looking forward to a bigger convenience store because previously, students waiting for food often got in the way of other students trying to shop.

Emily Taylor, 29, has worked at Pollock Dining for three

renovations will be beneficial. She called The Mix a "very popular place," and said a wider selection will be good for the students.

"I mean, I think it's good because I know that the store is old," she said. "I've never worked in the back, but I've heard that a lot of stuff is outdated and there's not a lot of room back there.'

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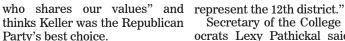
12th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RACE Political orgs weigh in on upcoming election

By Erin Hogge THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

With the May 21 special election nearing, voters in Centre County will soon have to make a decision between a Penn State professor and a lifelong politician.

Democrat Marc Friedenberg and Republican Fred Keller are the two parties' nominees for the 12th Congressional District runoff race, and have been supported by the Penn State College Democrats and College Republicans, respectively.

Reagan McCarthy, the president of the College Republicans, said Keller's nomination means the counties within the 12th Congressional District will "continue



"The Republican Party of Pennsylvania knocked it out of the park by nominating Keller, and he will be nothing short of an ally for the Pennsylvania GOP in Washington," McCarthy (senior-political science) said via email. "His record speaks for itself — Keller's votes in Harrisburg proves that he supports traditional, pragmatic conservative principles, including fiscally responsible economic policy, staunch pro-life values, a strong national defense and the individual liberties given by the Constitution, especially our Second Amendment rights. Together, these values make to be represented by someone Keller the superior candidate to

Secretary of the College Democrats Lexy Pathickal said her Keller win because he champions organization endorsed Friedenberg in the 2018 midterm election when he ran against incumbent Republican Tom Marino for the position.

"[Friedenberg's] devotion to ideals like raising the minimum wage, investing in clean energy, and common sense solutions to gun violence was a driving force that the College Democrats couldn't deny," Pathickal (juniorpolitical science) said via email. We also endorsed Ezra Nanes for State Senate during the midterms, as well as Tom Wolf for Governor and Bob Casey for Senate."

Pathickal said Friedenberg's nomination shows that Pennsylvania's Democratic Party is "going in the right direction."

Friedenberg makes it known that he is the man of the people he declares this as well as following through with his actions,' Pathickal said.

"He will hold legislators ac- [other] he sued them during the financial crisis. He is willing to stand who are continuing to struggle in this economy." The College Republicans usually endorse GOP candidates running for statewide office, esgroup helped former Representative Marino win in a "landslide victory" during the 2018 midterms.

ary due to health-related reasons. ture," Brayden Yoder (freshman [We are] excited to help Fred

our values," McCarthy said.

The socialist ideas that [Friedenberg] embraces with open arms do not resonate with the 12th district. Policies such as Medicare for All, The Green New Deal and tuition-free college are destructive and dangerous to

the economy; I believe that the voters will echo that in May."

The College Democrats said that as a professor, Friedenberg is paving the way for other non-politicians to run for elected office.

"If he were to win, it [would encourage] possible candidates to take the leap of faith against

politicians," career countable like how he held the Pathickal said. "Marc has set this ers in the [United States] seems Wall Street banks accountable as example and his victory would encourage more people with different perspectives to run for up for the working Americans office...I believe [his] strengths and positive actions will speak for itself in his race against [Keller]." Students have differing levels of interest in the race, likely because it is a special pecially in its own district. The election, of which many seem not to be aware. "I think students should be politically active because they are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 21. the next generation of working people and the officials that they

engineering) said. Following the election some-

what closely, Keith Shearer expects Friedenberg's momentum to carry him far in the race.

"I've been following Friedenberg since the past midterms, Shearer (freshman-information sciences and technology) said.

"His experience with [Penn State] and past

"Turnout among younger voters in the [United States] seems to be increasing, but it is every citizen's job to be informed on the issues and vote for your future."

Keith Shearer

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Courtesy of Courtney Allen

Marc Friedenberg discusses his campaign at the Fraser Centre on Jan. 24.

Marino resigned three weeks into his fifth term this past Janu- elect may directly affect their fu-

"Voting is an incredible opportunity to control the issues that are important."

The candidates will have a debate at 8 a.m. on April 12 at Country Cupboard in Lewisburg.

The voter registration deadline is April 22. Polls will be open from

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Awareness

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Another event located in Room 129 in the HUB is the Stand for State Student Program: Interrupting Sexual and Relationship Violence, which will be held on April 9.

"We usually try to have some sort of bystander intervention training to help combat sexual violence so people can take a stand and step in for friends in need," Mischler said.

Upon completion of the training, students can become Stand for State bystander intervention certified.

This year, UPUA partnered with the Gender Equity Center, Panhellenic Council and the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies to host Mira Sorvino, an Academy Award-winning actress.

Her program, #MeToo: From Weinstein to Worldwide Advocacy, will discuss her experience with sexual assault and creation of the #MeToo movement.

"I think [#MeToo] has provided a way for people to talk about [sexual assault] with each other, that maybe [they] didn't have as much before," Penceck said.

To celebrate the conclusion of the week, UPUA is hosting its third-annual Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention Gala in collaboration with Penn State Lion Ambassadors.

The evening will include performances by A Cappella groups, dance groups and an exhibition from a Penn State art student exploring the dynamics of relationships and sexual violence through a variety of art pieces.

"UPUA is really advocating that the Penn State population be aware of what happens surrounding sexual violence on our campus and in our communities," Mischler said, "and to encourage [students] to become equipped on how [they] can collaborate to effectively alleviate these problems."

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Correction

In one of last week's issues, an article regarding recycling in State College and University Park asserted that Centre County was stockpiling recyclables due to a lack of marketing availability. This is factually incorrect. It also suggested that Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority is currently debating whether to take up single stream recycling. In fact, these debates happened several years ago,

and the recycling center decided against taking it up. The story has been updated online to reflect the correct information. The Daily Collegian apologizes for these errors.

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Mumps outbreak at Penn State highlights need for vaccines

This past week, Penn State confirmed two students were diagnosed with mumps, an announcement which comes a year after 24 cases of the disease broke out last spring semester, further highlighting the need for people of all ages to get vaccinated.

Penn State requires all incoming students to be vaccinated measles, mumps and rubella upon starting at the university, though like with any vaccine, there's no guarantee that the MMR not cause disorders like vaccine will totally prevent the mumps, though it is overwhelmingly successful.

According to the **Centers for Disease** Control and Prevention, a person with one dose of the MMR vaccine has a 78% lower chance of contracting the mumps and a person with two doses of the vaccine has an 88% lower chance of getting the disease.

It should be noted that the students who got mumps could've been vaccinated but

OUR VIEW

For the safety of everyone involved, do the right thing — vaccinate your kids

the effectiveness of the vaccine wore off, as has been known to happen.

But that does not mean people shouldn't get vaccinated.

And despite the resounding effectiveness and a scientific consensus that vaccines do autism, people will still argue to the contrary as a reason not to give their child certain, or any, vaccines.

That irresponsibility raises several important issues, namely, what right does one parent have to endanger not just the lives of other kids by exposing them to these diseases, but their own kids as well?

Arguments will also be made that parents should have the choice and freedom to vaccinate their kids or not

and those decisions should be respected, and sure, generally parents should be able to parent as they see fit.

But when it comes to the health and safety of children beyond your own, it's hard to justify not vaccinating a child, or anyone for that matter.

Even Dr. Ben Carson, a Republican who is currently Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and a former pediatric neurosurgeon, said there is no reason good enough to allow previously eradicated diseases to return.

"Certain communicable diseases have been largely eradicated by immunization policies invented by Dr. Jonas in this country and we should not allow those diseases to return by foregoing safe immu-

nization programs, for philosophical, religious, or other reasons when we have the means to eradicate them," Carson said to Buzzfeed.

And that's a conservative, Republican doctor who's saying that, not a liberal propaganda machine or someone who knows nothing about medicine.

He's saying there's literally no good reason to not vaccinate your kids — although it does get sticky to argue with anyone who chooses strictly based on religious reasons.

Carson also brings up a good point about the eradication of diseases.

The polio vaccine was Salk in 1955, and there hasn't been a United States native case of the disease, which killed

or crippled hundreds of thousands of people, since 1979.

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In 40 years, no one born in this country has gotten the disease and that's all largely because people have been vaccinated against it and it's consequently been eradicated.

So why can't we try to do the same thing with mumps or measles or other communicable diseases?

Credit to Penn State here for not letting students enroll who are not vaccinated and thus not endangering over 40,000 other students.

Take Temple University, one of the largest in Pennsylvania and in a major city, for example.

After 67 cases of mumps were announced by the university, Temple took to following Penn State's lead, and now has the same dosage requirement for admission.

So more schools, and parents, should use Penn State as a model and vaccinate their kids.



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Columnist

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Recently, a former University of Kansas student Albert Wilson was sentenced to 12 years in prison after

being charged

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It has been reported that Wilson and the woman participated in "other sex acts." but never had sexual intercourse, and the evidence — or lack thereof against Wilson has supporters creating a website detailing some questionable aspects of the incident.

This particular case has sparked a considerable amount of controversy online, particularly on Twitter, because Wilson is a black man convicted based off of a young white woman's word.

This is not a new story, especially in states that formerly followed Jim Crow laws.

Systematically, black men would be lynched and black women faced relentless sexual violence, regardless of circumstance.

This systematic oppression, no matter how it is framed by those wishing to hide it, still exists today.

It's especially prevalent in the criminal justice system, through the disproportionate and often unfair sentencing of black men and women compared to that of white men and women with similar charges.

I was obviously not present in the Lawrence College bar where the assault allegedly took place, and so I do not have any ability to pass judgement on what did or did not happen.

It is an unfortunate outcome, no matter who one chooses to believe based on the evidence available. "This systematic

What I can pass judgment on is that it is relevant to many of the larger problems that the United States experiences as a whole, especially when considering sexual assault laws and regulations on college campuses.

Sexual assault on college campuses has been a pervasive legal issue in society since the sexual revolution of the mid-20th century.

The frequency of sexual assault, which is widely accepted to occur to roughly one in five collegiate women before graduation, is perpetuated by the ambiguous institutions and language that are put in place by both the legal system of the

United States and the offices of the university.

Title IX and the Clery Act have failed to clearly define rape or establish effective bureaucracies, both within and outside of the realm of higher education, so much so that the crime of rape itself has been de-legitimized and difficult to prosecute.

The result of this imprecision often leads to those who allegedly committed the sexual being unjustly treated through non-

standardized legal practices and the victims not being legitimized as a result.

This can be seen in this particular case regardless of the verdict.

The alleged rape will make those who believe in Wilson's innocence de-legitimize other, more conclusive rape

cases, which causes low reporting and legitimate conviction.

Those who believe he's guilty will continue to condone the often unfair discrimination present in our justice system.

After all, Brock Turner, a white college-aged man now known by many, was only sentenced to three months in jail after raping an unconscious 22-year-old behind a dumpster. The difference in sentencing is seemingly incomprehensible, though not uncommon given the implicit biases of this country. Guiltiness aside, Wilson has been given an unfair sentence compared to other similar cases, and we cannot ignore that.

The lack of efficiency and effectiveness with regards to these policies is just as prevalent as the systematic injustice that exists in the United States.

For example, it is also reasonable to assume that the Clery Act has motivated campus officials to deter complaints of sexual assault because of bad press, civil suits against the university from the accused and difficulty verifying the crime.

The case of Wilson encompasses a rather large breadth of socio-political issues, many of which are difficult to comment on and even more challenging to attempt to fix.

What can be commented on, however, is the broken system in place when it comes to sexual assault, especially on college campuses, and the systematic racism that has terrifyingly become commonplace in our judicial system.

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Garner uses G-League to chase NBA dream

By Tyler King THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

the conclusion of his record-setting Penn State career, basketball is still Shep Garner's life.

It's been his main focus for as long as he can remember. But outside of the fact you can often find him in a gym somewhere hoisting up shots from well behind the 3-point line, Garner's life is a far cry from what it was a year ago.

For starters, he gets paid.

And secondly, unlike any of his games in a Penn State uniform, one game can make or break his future.

as a member of the Grand Rapids recently began to gain national Drive (the Detroit Pistons' affili- recognition. The G-League curate) has come to an end, but he's rently has 27 teams and will

still acclimating himself to his introduce a 28th in 2019. new life.

"I've been adjusting to how the Just over a year removed from G League goes. It's different than other leagues," Garner said last month. "There's just things that you have to deal with that you're not really prepared for. As you go through it, you get used to it and you're able to bounce back. The biggest thing is just staying ready for when your number is called."

When Garner's number is called, he's showcasing himself in front of NBA executives, and it only takes one impressive performance in front of one scout to earn him a shot in the NBA.

The G-League, formerly known as the D-League, has His first year in the G League been around since 2001, but only

The league could quickly get to a point where all 30 NBA teams have a G-League affiliate. As the G-League continues to progress and brands itself not only as a minor league system for the NBA but also as an alternate for high school graduates that don't want to go play in college, it's going to be an attractive option for players on the outside looking in at the NBA.

"It's an opportunity to play in front of people and try to make your mark — trying to show what you can do in front of NBA execs," Garner told The Daily Collegian.

But the G-League still is just a minor league system. There's no glamour to it whatsoever. Some players don't even have names on the back of their jerseys. The in-game entertainment is littered with T-shirt tosses, trivia games and high-flying mascots dunking off of mini trampolines.

Most importantly, it's one of the few instances in all of sports where everyone in attendance would prefer to be somewhere else.

Everyone — players, coaches, when it popped up on his Twitter broadcasters — all have a bigger feed. goal in mind: the NBA.

He was able to catch Penn State's road matchup at Michigan on Jan. 3 during one of his own off days. And a few weeks ago, Garner made the trip back to Happy Valley for the Nittany Lions' senior day win over Illinois.

Garner was honored at halftime, along with a few dozen other former players, during the game against Illinois. No player received more of an ovation than Garner.

"I love Penn State, and I know they love me back," Garner said. "I had a great four years there. I think I left a great legacy there, and it's great to have that support from you school — somewhere that you gave your blood, sweat and tears to."

Not many Nittany Lions get the chance to play professionally when their time playing in the Bryce Jordan Center is up. Any time a former Penn State player makes it to the next level, the fans show their support.

Two fans wore custom Garner G-League jerseys to a handful of games this season and Garner said it brought a smile to his face

game, but his role was different. His job was to first and foremost be a leader, but also to hit open shots and compete on the defensive end.

Now in the G-League, Garner's mentality is the same.

"I know what I'm here for. I know what they brought me in for and that's to shoot the ball," Garner said. "My role is going to go in there and hit open shots. That's what I'm prepared to do. I've been working real hard and just waiting for my opportunity and anytime I get it, I'm ready to play.'

Garner has certainly embraced his role as a shooter. This season, over 75% of his shots came from beyond the arc and over 77% of his made 3-pointers have been assisted.

But as the old saying goes, you live by the three and die by the three. That's the perfect way to describe Garner's first season of professional basketball.

His shot shooting has led to games like his career-high 23 points on Dec. 29 in Wisconsin.

"I blew up. I had a huge game out there," Garner said of his career-best performance. "We were losing, I caught fire, and we came back and won."



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Former Penn State men's basketball player Shep Garner shoots the ball during a G-League game as a member of the Grand Rapids Drive.

"It's just a stepping stone," Garner said. "You use it for what it's worth. It's not the worst thing in the world. You still get paid. You're still a professional basketball player. You're still playing against some of the best players in the world. Mostly, it's a good opportunity.'

It's also a grind.

There's 50 regular-season games in the G-League played over the course of a few short months and not a lot of free time in between.

"We get in; we watch film; we go to practice and get ready for a game," Garner said. "It's a lot of games like back-to-back-to-back. You might get one day off, maybe two days off, you might get a practice in. It's a lot of just maintaining your body, staying strong."

Even though Garner doesn't get a lot of off days, he still has time for his alma mater.

"I really appreciate the fans following me as much as they do," Garner said. "It definitely doesn't go unseen or unnoticed.'

No one has to tell Shep Garner what his role is.

The self-aware guard from Chester, Pennsylvania, knows he'll likely never be a player that averages 25 points per game. In his final two seasons at Penn State, he stepped to the side and let Tony Carr and Lamar Stevens be the go-to scorers on offense.

'My last two years, I felt as if being a part of something special was more important than me trying to score 25 points a game," Garner said. "When you're doing it with people that you grew up with and do it with you friends and your brothers, it's a little bit more special.'

Garner still started every game and played over 30 minutes per

But on the flip slide, he's had games like the one on Jan. 25 when he went 2-of-9 from 3-point range. It's just the reality of Garner's new situation.

It might lead to him getting a 10-day contract on an NBA team, but it also might lead to a career in Europe, where several other former Nittany Lions have prolonged their own professional careers.

For now, he's going to chase his dream of playing in the NBA for as long as he can.

"Europe isn't going anywhere," he said. "I can chase that whenever I want. I just thought I can take advantage of what was right in front of me, and that's what I'm doing. This is what's in front of me.'

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Penn State tops Ohio State

By Shane Connelly THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

In front of a whiteout crowd in Panzer Stadium, No. 1 Penn State earned its sixth-straight win over No. 7 Ohio State.



The Nittany Li-Buckeyes by score of 13-8.

Penn State is now 2-0 in Big Ten Buckeyes 4-1 in the quarter. play. The Nittany Lions travel to Ann Arbor to take on Michigan on Saturday, April 13 for their third game of the conference schedule.

Not the typical start

Penn State has made a habit of building insurmountable firstquarter lead, but it wasn't the case against Ohio State.

but from then on neither team could pull away.

Gerard Arceri struggled at the faceoff X in the opening quarter, going 1-for-7 against Justin Inacio

vert when the it had possession, shooting 100 percent from the field off of just three shots.

By comparison, Ohio State equaled the Nittany Lions' goal total on nine more attempts.

By the time the second quarter rolled around, Arceri found his ons defeated the rhythm. He went 5-for-6 at the faceoff X. Penn State benefited from Arceri's uptick and outscored the

Return to form for Grant Ament

After missing a game against Cleveland State due to a lowerbody injury, Grant Ament returned to the lineup for Penn State's win over Maryland.

Ament admitted that he was The Nittany Lions struck first, not fully healthy for the game, and it affected his play. He went down with an injury in the second quarter, but was able to make it back to the field and complete the game.

He finished with just two as-Penn State was able to con- sists and zero goals off of four the full story.

shots, resulting in a season-low for points.

Against Ohio State, Ament appeared to show no signs of lingering injury. He doubled his points total from last week in the first half alone.

Overall, the attackman finished the day with eight points off two goals and six assists.

Cole Willard comes up big for the second game in a row

Cole Willard entered the game with just two goals on the season, but he has made his presence felt since the start of Penn State's Big Ten schedule.

Willard was crucial to the Nittany Lions' victory against Maryland.

Following a long drought that lasted the entire second quarter, the sophomore was substituted in and converted a goal.

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Nick Spillane (13) and Ohio State's Joey Salisbury (39) try to gain possession of a loose ball during the game on April 7.

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Cups of colored powder cover a table during the Hindu festival, Holi, hosted by the Indian Culture and Language Club and South Asian Student Association.



Kids throw powder on Arya Anand (sophomore- political science) during the Hindu festival, Holi, hosted by the Indian Culture and Language Club and South Asian Student Association on Sunday, April 7.



Krittika Shahani (freshman-computer science) smiles after getting powder thrown at her during the Hindu festival, Holi, hosted by the Indian Culture and Language Club and South Asian Student Association on Sunday, April 7.

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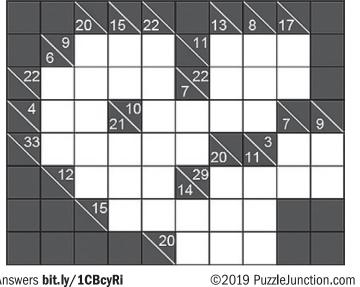
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ARIES (3/21-4/19) ********* You are unusually verbal and clear. You have the ability to depower a very controlling person, if you so choose. His or her arguments do not quite make sense, which you see clearly. Try to help this person work better with you and others. Tonight: Off to a favorite hanout favorite hangout.

TAURUS (4/20-5/20) *** You cannot deny that You have a possessive streak, which can get you into difficult situations. Decide what might make you feel more secure and help you let go of a need to be possessive. Do just that. Tonight: Take a mini shopping trip.

GEMINI (5/21-6/20) ***** You have what it takes, and you know it. Before you explode onto the scene, try to clear out some loose ends and get through your workday. You will feel even more empowered as a result. Tonight: Zero in on what vou want.

CANCER (6/21-7/22) ★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. A meeting could prove very important and help you gain a better sense of where others are coming from. To your surprise, a difficult associate demonstrates the ability to be malleable. Tonight: Do not reveal your plans!

LEO (7/23-8/22) **** Take charge when others seem to be unable to take the lead. You accomplish a lot. Others respect you, allowing your suggestions to be taken seriously. You want to look at the long term. A meeting proves to be important. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (8/23-9/22) ***** Reach out to a person who helps you use a broader vision of what could happen if you take action. Read between the lines when dealing with someone at a distance. A child or new friend could become demanding. Tonight: Take it easy.

LIBRA (9/23-10/22) **** Have a long-overdue LIBHA (9/23-10/22) ***** Have a long-overdu discussion with a key person in your life. You might be tied to this person financially. A family member demonstrates more flexibility than in the recent past. Do not feel uneasy about a fast change. Tonight: Where your mind can relax.

SCORPIO (10/23-11/21) **** Defer to a partner who needs feedback from you. Listen to a suggestion more openly than you normally do. You might decide to change your plans or make an adjustment in order to be more available to this approximation and the part due to the part of t this person. Tonight: Be a duo.

SAGITTARIUS (11/22-12/21) **** You gain because of your diligent follow-through, which impacts your work, your relationships and your day-to-day schedule. Others respond well to a question that might have financial implications. Tonight: Lighten up with a loved one or friend.

CAPRICORN (12/22-1/19) ***** You are able to be more flexible than usual. You can be quite rigid. Do not be surprised at another person's re-action. How you visualize the possibilities at present has a lot to do with your easiness. Others enjoy being around you. Tonight: Do not push.

AQUARIUS (1/20-2/18) *** Pressure builds, and you might have difficulty covering various demanding areas of your life. Understand what might be going on at home with a roommate or loved one. Tap into your ingenuity to find the solution. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

PISCES (2/19-3/20) ★★★★ Return calls and emails. You might want to adjust your schedule as a result of a conversation. Make sure that you are hearing the whole story. Your efforts toward a loved one can make a big difference. Tonight: Settle in at home.



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Humans versus Zombies part X

By Lilly Forsyth THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

A hint of orange peeked out behind a bush as a zombie approached, unaware of its impending demise. With a quick flick of the trigger, the human hit his target before moving to his next.

The 10th-annual Humans versus Zombie Invitational hosted by the Urban Gaming Club turned Happy Valley into a "wasteland" on April 6 as 428 participants with Nerf blasters struggled to make it to the final mission.

This number of participants broke previous records, adding black leather jacket and dark lipa special element to the entire event.

"It's very humbling," former president Daniel Downes said of the numbers. "It's really genuinely humbling to see a bunch of nerds and all kinds of people who all get together and do this for fun.'

Preparation for the event began last year. Downes knew he wanted this year's event to be special given the anniversary.

For the first time, the invitational was a two-part ordeal, with the humans versus zombie

portion on Saturday and a player visited the separated versus player portion on Sunday. "We're just trying to bring PVP

more to campus and introduce that aspect of the game," adviser Joshua Frantz said.

Frantz explained that Southern Maryland's and Blair County's Houses of Nerf helped organized the large-scale event.

a dozen mediators in charge of over 400 gamers. He explained this proportion was "overwhelming," but he expressed having no regrets.

Kelsey Harman, dressed in a mad. Say hello to your bikstick, portraved a "biker queen" zombie for the event. However, after the humans failed to defeat her character during the second mission of the day, she returned with vengeance as an invincible character.

"As an [non-player character] who then became a rageful zombie... I imagined I was this biker queen who got wronged and thought, 'Okay, now it's time for me to get my revenge," Harman (freshman-recreation, park and tourism management) said. After the failure. Harman

headquarters of both the humans and zombies to get a feel for the atmosphere. She said the humans had been worried about how their misstep would affect them, while the zombies were thrilled.

'When [Alex] Archer Downes was one of roughly told them 'Oh, by the way, remember the fact that they failed the mission because they missed a [non-player character]?"" Harman said. "Well, she's er queen.""

The exciting atmosphere from the zombies reminded Harman of her prior experience in the Blue Band.

"Rushing out of that tunnel at a Beaver Stadium white out, I have never felt that kind of adrenaline in my life," she said, "until walking down those stairs as an NPC turned unstunnable tank. This is peak awesome."

Involved with the club

since 2012, Harman had the opportunity to interact in the games in different roles, moving up from a human to a key character in the storyline. She was not masses. shy about her enthusiasm for the event and club.

"The beautiful part about HvZ is that no matter what side you're on, your adrenaline is going," she said. "I've been doing this for way too long."

Her continued interaction with the club has allowed Harman to build relationships with many of the players. Harman joked that she could probably provide 250 of the players' first and last names and remember which event she first met them.

According to the theme, the apocalypse had hit University Park and the gamers were trying to survive in a post-apocalyptic era

"This is kind of our love letter to that [science-fiction and fantasy] genre, stereotypes and tropes, even in cheesy ways sometimes,' Downes said.

Gamers dressed accordingly as some wore smudged face



Alyssa Szczypien (senior - linguistics), a student from Binghamton University, cheers during a game of Humans vs. Zombies on Saturday, April 6.

of duct tape and a piece of a gym mat. A man in a ghillie, or camouflage, suit stood out from the

Over 20 universities and various individuals from across the nation made up the two populations. Zombies were identified by an orange headband and green armband, while humans only wore green armbands.

According to event leadership, this passion sometimes translates into more risky behavior which results in minor injuries.

"[The biggest issues are] one, people going where they shouldn't go," Frantz said, "and going over obstacles in an inappropriate way in an attempt to be cool."

Downes added that jumping over chain-link fences is another common occurrence that results in players getting their feet stuck and becoming injured. He also alluded to a mishap that involved a sheet-layer cake that was destroyed.

Beyond the small bumps and bruises acquired throughout the day was the action itself. Players paint and capes while one person traveled all across campus, toting

carried a makeshift shield made various Nerf blasters and foam weapons. Breathing heavily, Kai-Uwe Konrad ran into the Osmond Building before plopping ungraciously into the closest seat. Underneath a white construction hat labeled "Brain Protector," Konrad's sweaty face looked exhausted.

Konrad (freshman-economics and mathematics) had served as a human "map" for the Red Squad, a group from Athens, Ohio, whom he described as 'good shots.'

Konrad carried a triple-spring blaster that carried 60 rounds and had a pump action mechanism, a device he described is for those interested in playing "fairly accurately."

Hours away from the close of the invitational, Downes summarized the goal of the event and club in a few phrases:

You get to come out, shoot your friends, have fun and just forget about exams for a few hours. That's what we get to bring to the community."

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Eric Firestine/Collegiar Michael Needs, right, is "stabbed" by Captain Xavier from the back during a game of Humans vs. Zombies on Saturday, April 6.





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