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100 YEARS OF WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Veteran faculty, ROTC cadet reflect on milestone

By **Lauren Lee**
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For most angsty teens, a form of rebellion would be skipping class and staying at home while their parents are working. April Santos, however, tried a different tactic.

While her parents were at work, 18-year-old Santos secretly left for Army basic training without telling them.

But joining the Army was not a last-minute decision for Santos. Inspired by her brothers, who were in Texas' National Guard, Santos remembers wanting to join the military from the time she was 6 years old.

Santos was intrigued by her brothers' uniforms and secretly tried them on. After visiting one of her brothers, Santos said she was amazed by all the aircrafts and went home to tell her parents that she wanted to join the military.

"They were like, 'Absolutely not. You're a girl,'" Santos said.

From then on, Santos secretly held onto her dream — without losing sight of it.

Santos, 35, is now a curriculum coordinator at Penn State's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). When she isn't teaching in a classroom, she's in her cubicle in the Wagner Building.

Santos' desk is decorated with objects that define who she is. A flag of her home state, Texas, hangs behind her desk. Photos of her "two sons" — her 14-year-old son Demitrius and her German shepherd puppy — sit on her cabinet.

The 37 medals she achieved during her military career lay neatly organized on a customized shelf. On her cabinet is a miniature bust of DC Comic character Harley Quinn, a nickname she acquired in Iraq. Her unit was commonly referred to as "The Jokers." Santos made history during her time with "The Jokers" when she became the first female commander of the unit.

"It was overwhelming," Santos said.

"When I was little, I remember we had a history lesson and they were like, 'This is the first person to do this.' And I remember saying, 'I want to be the first person to do something.'"

On Oct. 27, Penn State will dedicate the football game against the Iowa State Hawkeyes to celebrate women in the military such as Santos, a testament to the "100 Years of Women in the Armed Forces" milestone.

Eugene McFeely, the senior director of Veterans Affairs and Services at Penn State, said the Military Appreciation Committee chose to celebrate women in the Armed Forces because it was a "very relevant topic today" that "the vast majority can connect with."

'I belonged somewhere'

After finishing flight school, Santos was stationed in Kansas and later deployed to Iraq as a medivac pilot. Santos was in charge of picking up injured soldiers and flying them to the hospital.

One memory that sticks with Santos to this day is when she finished a mission and one soldier brought a note to her window that read: "Hey, thanks for taking care of my friend."

"I felt like I was doing something important, like I belonged somewhere," Santos said, "because the whole time I felt like I wasn't contributing to anything until that moment."

As the only single mom in her unit, Santos had a hard time finding a group of people where she belonged.

Santos said she noticed some of her male peers did not know how to act around her.

Army ROTC Scholarship and Enrollment Officer David Rizzo said Santos is "a great asset" to

the team at Penn State.

"She's been succeeding ever since she joined the military," Rizzo said. "I think she brings a different perspective as a female in the Army, and I think that she's nothing but value added for our cadets to hear about her experiences."

Rizzo has been in charge of enrolling students into the Army ROTC program since 2013. Currently, there are 67 females out of 275 total cadets, Rizzo said, making it 25 percent female.

"Our goal is to reflect the Army when it comes to gender diversity," Rizzo

said.

"The Army is just at 20 percent, so we have a higher percentage rate than the Army itself."

Despite the percentage, Rizzo said the Army ROTC does not specifically target a specific gender to join.

"We don't target females," Rizzo said. "We target high performers."

Although the military is embracing more opportunities for women, Santos does not want the requirements for women to be "easier" or "different" from the men.

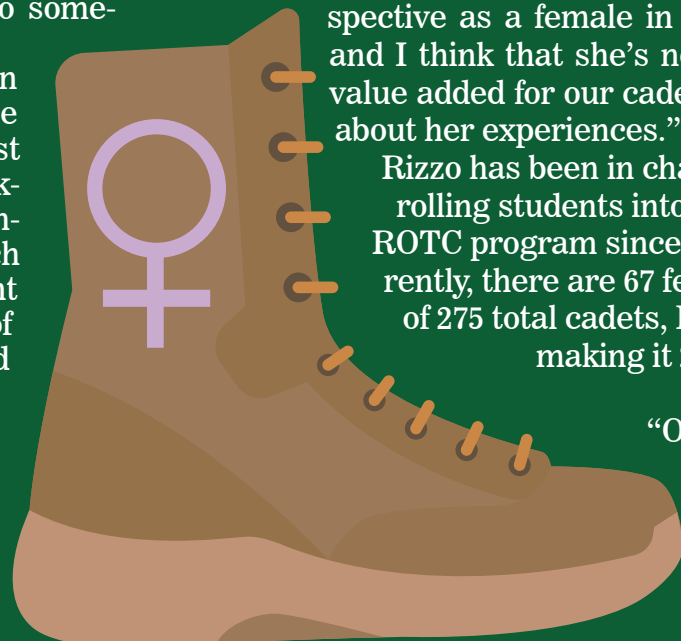
"I think we need more good women to not only show that we're diverse, but we belong here," Santos said. "We add to the fight."

'The wake-up call'

In 1918, women were officially permitted to join the military during World War I. Over 30,000 women would become nurses and support staff during the war.

For Kelly Wolgast, an assistant teaching professor in nursing and assistant dean for online education and outreach at Penn State, there is no greater honor than serving one's country.

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ANYTHING BUT ‘WEAK’



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Pop band AJR performs as a part of Student Programming Association’s fall concert series in Alumni Hall in the HUB-Robeson Center on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Military

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Wolgast, who was an active-duty nurse for 26 years, said her biggest reality check was during her first tour of duty in Frankfurt, Germany. After a month living there in 1985, Wolgast was at the scene of a car bomb terrorist attack.

“As somebody who just graduated college, and just became a nurse and just learning about the world, that was a wake-up call for me that I’m entering into an important profession — not just the profession of nursing, but the profession of the military,” Wolgast said.

The same weekend Wolgast received her bachelor’s degree from Penn State in May 1985, she

earned her commission as a second lieutenant in the Army.

The highlight of her career as a nurse, Wolgast said, was mentoring younger health professionals and commanding troops. As the first female commander of her unit, she found it rewarding to pave the way for other women.

Wolgast went on to serve in Afghanistan as an active duty nurse, describing it as a “difficult” year.

“It was a 24-hour-a-day type of work,” Wolgast said, “always anticipating what will happen and being fully prepared to take care of what’s to come.”

After receiving her master’s degree, Wolgast came to Penn State to teach.

Through her interactions with ROTC students, Wolgast said she has noticed younger generations are “more resilient” and worldly.

Wolgast said she hopes the military will keep reducing the barriers to opportunities for women.

“If you meet the qualifications for the role, then you ought to be afforded the opportunity to compete for that position,” she said. “Diversity is the strength of our nation and of the military.”

Two decades after women were allowed to join the military, there was a shift in the need for women to be trained engineers, as well.

In 1943, around 100 female students enrolled in the Curtiss-Wright “Cadettes” program at Penn State. Aviation manufacturer Curtiss-Wright Corp. paid for women’s technical training in aeronautical engineering in the hopes they would later take jobs at its defense plants.

According to Penn State’s website, programs like the Cadettes “ultimately led to the start of Women in Engineering Program in the College of Engineering,” as female students became more interested in those areas of study.

The future

The Army ROTC program opened up to women nationally in 1972. Twenty-five female cadets joined Penn State’s ROTC program in the first year.

All her life, Penn State fresh-



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April J. Santos poses in her office at the Wagner Building on Friday, Oct. 5.

man Alexa Reider was surrounded by the military and always knew she would join one day.

Her father, a veteran who served in the military for over 20 years and as a commander at Penn State’s ROTC program, would often take her as a toddler to his office.

Her father, who has supported her ever since, helped train Reider (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) for the ROTC’s physical training.

Reider’s father told her it wouldn’t be easy as a girl. However, she knew she would get into the ROTC program — no matter what it took.

Reider said the 100-year mark of women serving in the Armed Forces is an “amazing milestone.” She said there are many careers in the military that need women.

“You need women in science, you need women in military intel-

ligence, you need women in infantry,” Reider said. “I can imagine the amount of torment women had to go through just being there among a male-dominant area. I can’t imagine that it was easier for them.”

While Reider said there is still work to be done for women’s equality, she has noticed an increase in female representation on the U.S. Army website.

Reider said seeing photos of women in the professions she’s interested in shows that people like her are welcome.

As a role model to her two younger sisters, Reider said she’s motivated to work hard in ROTC.

“To see me doing [ROTC] empowers them to feel like they can do anything they want, even in a male-dominated area,” Reider said.

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Retired Colonel of the U.S. Army, Dr. Kelly Wolgast, discusses serving in the military in the HUB-Robeson Center on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017.

Cybersecurity workshop to educate small businesses

By Greydon Tomkowitz
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Data breaches at major companies like Yahoo!, Target, Uber, Facebook and Equifax may garner major public attention, but it’s small businesses that can be crippled by the smallest cyberattack.

To combat this threat, the Penn State Small Business Development Center will be hosting an informational session for small business owners from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Oct. 18 at 200 Innovation Blvd. in Suite 243. The session will include presenters from the College of Information Sciences and Technology, among other groups, to share practices in cybersecurity for business owners.

Registration for the three-hour workshop provides attendees with presentations from Penn State students and faculty, including Professor Edward Glantz, a College of Information Sciences and Technology professor and program coordinator for Information Systems MPS.

The event will provide attendees with an overview of cybersecurity for business owners with little to no background in the field.

The goal of the event is to instruct small business owners on the proper steps businesses should take, and provide strategic plans including specific policies to implement company-wide.

This is the second year the Small Busi-

ness Development Center — or SBDC — has hosted a cybersecurity information session.

Glantz, who presented at the event in 2017 as well, noted how breaches of small businesses are often overlooked. According to Glantz, Symantec — a cyber security management company — reports that about half of the annual breaches target smaller businesses and organizations.

“Only large company breaches make headlines, which is misleading,” Glantz said via email. “The difference is that surviving a major breach can be much more difficult for the smaller companies.”

Joining Glantz on the docket of presenters this year will be Brice Toth, a research and development engineer in the Applied Research Laboratory at Penn State. Additionally, Caroline Sparrow, Jasyn Burby and Tim Zhang — who are all undergraduates in the College of IST Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations major — will be in attendance.

Caroline Sparrow described cybersecurity as vital to businesses, especially to small businesses.

“Data is money, and data is everywhere,” Sparrow (freshman-cybersecurity analytics and operations) said.

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Make sure you register to vote

People are angry. Whether they identify with a third party or, Democrats, Republicans or independents, everyone seems to be angry about something within our political system these past few years.

If possible, this dissatisfaction seems to have escalated these past couple of months with the nomination of Justice Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

Kavanaugh was accused of sexual assault by Christine Blasey Ford. After testimonies from both Ford and Kavanaugh and a week-long FBI investigation into the incident, supporters of Kavanaugh felt he was exoner-

OUR VIEW

If you participate in civic discourse, make sure you take the next step too

ated while his opposition felt his supporters were overlooking Ford’s account.

People mobilized. There were protests all across the country — including State College — against the confirmation of Kavanaugh. Many participants were women, showing their solidarity with Ford along with their opposition

of Kavanaugh.

There were also pro-Kavanaugh activists like the Concerned Women for America “Women for Kavanaugh” bus tour to show their support for his confirmation.

Regardless, Kavanaugh was just confirmed to the Supreme Court with a 50 – 48 vote in the United States Senate on Oct. 6. While this isn’t the narrowest confirmation in history, it does show how divisive his nomination made the higher chamber of Congress as well as the rest of the country.

The vote pretty much came down to party lines, with only one Republican, Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, voting “present” and one Democrat, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, voting “yes.”

Some, like Manchin, may have cast their votes because of the upcoming mid-term election on Nov. 6. He represents a pro-Kavanaugh state and would have risked his bid.

Others, like Democrat Senator Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, may suffer in their re-election bid since she voted

against Kavanaugh’s confirmation and represents a red state.

Manchin leads his opponent, Republican Patrick Morrisey, by nine points in West Virginia. But Heitkamp’s opponent, Republican Kevin Cramer, leads her by eight points in North Dakota, according to RealClear Politics.

Mid-term elections have historically produced a low voter turnout. According to PBS, in 2014 36.4 percent of eligible voters turned out. That marked the lowest voter turn-out since 1942.

But, that doesn’t seem like the path we’re on for 2018.

Voters are enraged on all sides. We can see this through protests in Washington D.C. and angry social media posts about politics.

These do help our civil discourse. They show how enraged people actually are, and provide a platform for people to express their opinions to each other.

But, our civic duty is to vote. That’s how we can make change happen.

Yes, encourage people to utilize their First Amendment right to protest and to practice free speech. But, we cannot forget our most powerful voice: Our vote.

If you’re upset, educate yourself on the candidates and figure out whose platform you most identify with.

Educating yourself is the only way you can ensure you’re voting for the person who best aligns with your ideologies instead of just voting along party lines.

Also, make sure you’re prepared. Being college students, the registering to vote and voting process in general can be confusing.

If you are registered at your home address, you can send in an absentee ballot to vote in your home county.

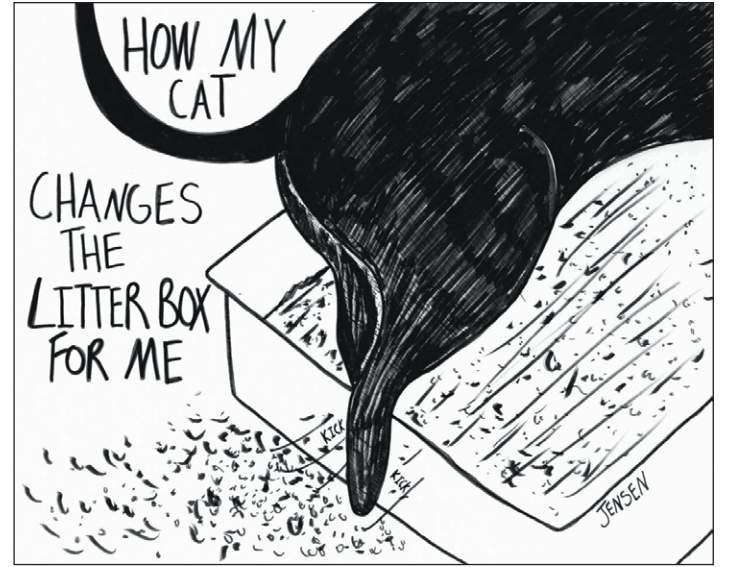
The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is Oct. 30, but you must be registered to vote. You can apply online through vote.org and your county must receive your ballot in the mail by Nov. 2.

There are guides online telling you step-by-step how to apply and how to fill out the ballot if you’re unsure.

If you decide to vote in State College, make sure you are registered by Pennsylvania’s deadline — Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Your polling location will be printed on your voter registration card, so make sure you know where it is and how to find it ahead of Nov. 6.

Many people are upset and that’s OK. But everyone who is engaging in this civic discourse needs to practice their civic duty come this midterm election.



MY VIEW | Tyler Olson

‘Cocaine Mitch’: The man who is trying to keep Washington sane

“I’m here to traffic cocaine and confirm Supreme Court Justices, and I’m all out of cocaine.”

That was the caption on a meme tweeted Friday by Arthur Schwartz, a Trump-wing GOP operative. The meme featured Mitch

McConnell with his trademark turtle-smirk and a large amount of cocaine flying through the air in the background, like in the famous poster for Netflix’s “Narcos.”

McConnell was given the nickname by Don Blankenship, a former oddball, alt-right candidate for West Virginia’s Senate seat in the Republican primary. Blankenship ran an advertisement this spring attacking the Senate Majority Leader, his wife and his in-laws. In that ad he called McConnell “Cocaine Mitch” with absolutely no context.

His campaign later put out a press release, given four Pinocchio’s by the Washington Post fact checkers, claiming McConnell might be involved in international cocaine trafficking because 90 pounds of cocaine was once found on a container ship owned by his father-in-law that was transporting coal from Columbia to the Netherlands.

Yeah, okay. McConnell explicitly backed the eventual victor in the West Virginia primary, Patrick Morrisey, who is currently running behind incumbent Democrat, Joe Manchin.

When the result of the primary was clear, McConnell’s campaign Twitter account tweeted the first version of the “Cocaine Mitch” meme, captioned, “Thanks for playing,

Don.” It was a victory for the Republican establishment over the “Trumptastic” fringe candidate, and a masterful troll.

So how did we get here from there? From McConnell gloating over the dead campaign of “Mr. MAGA” to the same corners of the internet that supported Blankenship celebrating the majority leader and his appropriated nickname?

Because McConnell knows how to get things done. He’s all walk and no talk. He’s the Bill Belichick of politics. Those people who’ve been infatuated with Trump since the primary because he’s an, “outsider who knows how to get things done,” are realizing Trump doesn’t know how to get things done. Partially because he’s an outsider, partially because he’s a dolt and a liar who doesn’t belong within a hundred miles of the presidency.

Make no mistake, Gorsuch and Kavanaugh are not Trump’s Supreme Court justices. They were chosen for him by conservatives who do not trust him and moved through the Senate despite Trump’s words, actions and mere existence.

“I swear to God, there was a time I thought he would pick Judge Judy,” Sen. Lindsay Graham, one of Kavanaugh’s staunchest defenders, told the Washington Post.

But even after Trump picked the uber-qualified Kavanaugh, he couldn’t help but shoot his own nominee in the foot with his comments mocking Christine Blasey Ford at a rally in Mississippi.

McConnell is solely responsible for having the political guts to hold the late Justice Antonin Scalia’s seat open for Gorsuch. And no, what he did was not stealing a seat. As McConnell mentioned in his press conference after the Kavanaugh confirmation, the last time a Senate

filled a SCOTUS spot for a president of a different party was 1888.

I’ve never considered myself a big McConnell fan. I want term limits on Congress and he’s been in office since 1985. Sometimes I wish he’d been more confrontational going against Harry Reid and President Barack Obama from 2008-2016. But he possesses a few qualities that make him an effective statesman in a D.C. environment that’s getting more insane by the day.

The first is expertise. I have no problem with someone running for office, as Trump did, with no political experience. Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse, who I’ve written about before, is a great example. He’s a former professor and university president who decided that he could do the most good representing his state in Washington. But he actually understands the issues that come before the Senate. Donald Trump and folks like Blankenship may have been former businessmen, but they make clear they have no idea what they’re talking about every time they open their mouths.

The next is sanity. Even as the Republican Party faced turnover and upheaval, and a strong lurch to the right, McConnell served as an anchor in the middle to ensure the GOP remained the big tent party. He took constructive ideas from the TEA Party wing and ignored the bad ones. He minimized the MAGA bunch but is still managing to make the best of a bad situation by working with the president to achieve substantive conservative goals like tax and regulatory reform.

At the same time, Democratic leaders have allowed the uber-left to take their party hostage. The pink hats and Handmaid’s Tale costumes. The incoherent wailing. The harassment squads who think it’s okay to stalk peo-

ple wherever they go, screaming at them while they’re having dinner with their families.

All of this craziness, more than any genius campaign strategy or landmark legislation, is what’s making a second term for Trump even a remote possibility.

Finally, McConnell has political resolve. Some people might have cut and run on Kavanaugh after the sexual misconduct accusations came out, all of which Kavanaugh denies. There are plenty of other qualified individuals on Trump’s list. But McConnell stood behind the judge as the Judiciary Committee sought the truth.

When investigators found no corroboration for any of the allegations, and fantastical new stories made apparent it was all a desperate character assassination, McConnell was vindicated and Kavanaugh was confirmed.

McConnell didn’t just prove that he was right and he did more than just effectively fill another SCOTUS seat. Most importantly, he preserved at least some semblance of due process and political norms in the Supreme Court confirmation process. Had Kavanaugh been voted down or withdrawn from the process, it would have been an invitation for similarly baseless stories to come out about every nominee, for any position, for either party, forever.

He’s not perfect. He’s still a politician who does politician things. But in a world gone mad, I’m glad we have “Cocaine Mitch,” the right person at the right time, to keep some semblance of order.

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Penn State shocks No. 2 Maryland

By Justin Morganstein
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Some of the nation's top talent was on full display at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex as the No. 7 ranked Nittany Lions took on No. 2 ranked Maryland in the Nittany Lions' biggest regular season matchup to date.

The Nittany Lions were vying for a top seed in the Big Ten tournament and a shared spot close to the top of the Big Ten rankings.

A loss would have pretty much wrapped up any chance Penn State had in securing the coveted No. 1 seed for the Big Ten tournament and a chance to host the first round games.

So for Penn State, its season hung in the balance.

The Nittany Lions were keenly aware of this and played one of their best performances of the season as the team took upset Maryland 3-1 in a game which the Terps entered 13-0 and 4-0 in conference.

With the win, Penn State moved to 9-3 on the season and now have a 4-1 conference record.

Both squads got off to a swift pace in the opening minutes, exchanging scoring chances and of-fense zone possession, but good defense and goaltending kept this one scoreless for the majority of the first half.

Much of Penn State's strong defensive effort was courtesy of Cori Conley.

As a defender, Conley may not fill the stat sheet every game, but will often do anything in her power and go the extra mile to help the Nittany Lions win games.

In fact, she essentially places any given game for the Nittany Lions on her shoulders and that's what coach Char Morett-Curtiss feels makes her unique.

"[Conley] is just a gamer and



Christopher Sanders/Collegian

Forward Moira Putsch (18) battles for the ball with Maryland's Carrie Hanks (3) during the game at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016.

hates to lose," Morett-Curtiss said. "It makes her one of the best defenders in the country."

The offense on the other hand, stagnated heavily and couldn't get or convert on any true scoring chances until 10 minutes left in the first half.

A well designed odd-man rush led to a tap in goal for Abby Meyers which would give the Nittany Lions the early lead they needed.

After coming back out in the second half, it was clear that Penn State needed to force the pressure and keep its foot on the accelerator to maintain the lead and prevent Maryland

from coming back.

Instead of choosing to sit back protect the lead and be conservative, Morett-Curtiss' game plan was clear — remain aggressive and look to create valuable chances on offense.

"[Coach] is always looking to give us some things to work on at halftime," All-American goaltender Jenny Rizzo said. "She just told us that we need to just keep doing what we're doing but gave us some ways to improve as well."

The Nittany Lions did just that and came out blazing as the team fired off the first five shots of the

half and saw extended time and quality of possession in their offensive end early in the second.

Rizzo put on another worthy performance against the Terps as she made seven critical saves and was a steady, calming force in the Nittany Lions' backfield.

The Nittany Lions stayed in pursuit of a two goal lead throughout the entire second half and they finally got that chance with a little less than 19 minutes to go in the contest.

Moira Putsch's penalty corner allowed freshman leading scorer Anna Simon to find the back of the net and get her eighth

goal of the season.

Then, Putsch herself got in on the action and off a set play from another penalty corner, she was able to extend the Nittany Lion lead to three against her former school, ultimately putting the game out of reach for the Terps.

After a late Maryland goal off of a penalty corner, Penn State was able to stave of the Terps and pick up the 3-1 upset win.

But for the Nittany Lions, they took the characterization of the win being an upset personally.

"It was just a mentality," Dutch-born senior forward Aurelia Meijer said.

"We were almost angry coming into this game and we used that anger as good energy."

It was one of the most complete games of the seasons for the Nittany Lions as they combined offensive explosiveness, fundamentally sound defense and solid goaltending to prove the Nittany Lions are legitimate Big Ten and NCAA tournament contenders, and can play with any of the nation's top teams.

That was all a product of the preparation, as the passing and communicating were crisp throughout, which ultimately led to sustained pressure in the Maryland offensive.

This pressure made the Terps, who haven't been used to coming back from deficits like they faced today, uncomfortable.

"[Maryland] is a great team and we fought through a lot today, but we really kept our composure throughout," Morett-Curtiss said.

Penn State will only be able to celebrate this win for a short amount of time though, as the Nittany Lions have another top-10 matchup this week when they travel to Iowa City on Friday, Oct. 12 to take on the No. 10 ranked Hawkeyes.

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MY VIEW | TYLER KING

Experiencing the playoff selection process firsthand

Ranking football teams is an art, not a science.

That is the first sentence on the College Football Playoff Selection Committee Protocol.

When I first arrived at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Dallas, Texas, last

Monday for a College Football Playoff mock selection, I was handed my binder for the next two days.

The first page of this binder was the protocol that is given to every member of the prestigious committee that determines which four teams will compete for the national championship every season.

This document, which is just over eight pages and available to the public, can tell someone a lot about how the committee actually goes through the long, arduous process of selecting the top 25 teams.

But the only real way to get a feel for it is to experience the process first-hand.

I was lucky enough to have such an experience last week when student journalists from around the country, myself included, were invited down to take part in the second-annual mock selection.

Going through the entire process changed my opinion on the playoff as a whole, and I now have immense respect for the committee members and the amount of time and deliberation they put in to deciding the top-25 each week.

One of the coolest parts of the experience was seeing some of the neat traditions the committee has.

We were in the actual room where the committee members discuss and make their final decisions.

In the room, there is a symbolic iron to represent the committee taking the time to "iron out of the details."

Also at the entrance to the room is a hat rack where each committee member has a symbolic white hat with his or her name on it to represent the

unbiased nature of the process by having everyone "leave their hat at the door."

Although it was condensed down to about five hours, we went through the process just as the actual committee does, even down to the specific recusals for each individual member of the committee.

We each picked a member of the current standing committee to represent and, being the only Big Ten student in attendance, I chose to play the role of Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith.

Our mock selection committee was not tasked with ranking teams for this season.

Our job was to select the final top-25 for the end of the 2013 season heading into the bowl season.

In other words, our job was to select what the playoff would have looked like in 2013, which was the last year of the BCS.

The process of ranking the top 25 teams isn't as simple as going 1-25 and agreeing on each team individually as you go along.

It's actually a seven-round voting process with each round having a "listing" and "ranking" step.

The first step is for each committee member to list his or hers top 30 teams, in no particular order.

Each team that is listed by three committee members is then put into the pool for the top-25 and the ranking process can begin.

The first of the six voting rounds consists of each committee member listing his or her top six teams in no particular order and the six teams with the most votes being placed into a pool that will decide the top three teams.

Now, because I was acting as Gene Smith, I was recused from placing Ohio State in my top six, as well as being able to contribute to the discussions about the teams.

Once we had the pool of six teams, we discussed each team at length, comparing several different factors.

This included looking at teams' game logs, statistics and strength of schedule.

The following two rounds were the same. We listed as our next six teams, in no particular order, to be added to the pool to determine teams 4-6 and 7-9.

Afterward, the final three rounds consisted of adding our next eight teams, in no particular order, to determine four teams at a time.

During each round, we thoroughly discussed each team and had several heated arguments, specifically discussing the value of appearing in conference championships and the value of wins over teams with a .500 or better record.

Another interesting part of the process is the ability for the committee to go back and re-rank teams if more than three members wish to do so.

We did this once during our mock selection, as we placed No. 8 Missouri ahead of No. 9 South Carolina in our original rankings, but we wound up swapping the two due to the Gamecocks' head-to-head win over the Tigers.

Ultimately, the playoff we came up with after hours of debating and analyzing the teams was as follows:

No. 1 Florida State vs. No. 4 Alabama in the Orange Bowl and No. 2 Auburn vs. No. 3 Michigan State in the Cotton Bowl.

The first team to miss out was No. 5 Ohio State, who suffered just one loss during the season and that was to Michigan State in the Big Ten Championship.

Now, the committee is also in charge of putting together the remaining four New Year's Six bowls, but the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl have specific requirements for their games and ultimately have final say.

The rest of the New Year's Six slate was as follows:

No. 5 vs. No. 7 Stanford in the Rose Bowl, No. 6 Baylor vs. No. 8 South Carolina in the Sugar Bowl, No. 9 Missouri vs. No. 10 Oklahoma in the Peach Bowl and No. 11 Arizona State vs. No. 15 UCF in the Fiesta Bowl.

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Forward Ludvig Larsson (12) faces off against a Brock player during the exhibition game at Pegula Ice Arena on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Takeaways from PSU's exhibition vs. Brock

By Benjamin Ferree
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

MEN'S
HOCKEY

Penn State took the ice for the first time this season on Saturday at Pegula Ice Arena for an exhibition game against Brock University.

Brandon Biro scored twice to lead the Nittany Lions to a 3-2 victory.

Here are three takeaways from the first time the Nittany Lions hit the ice this season ahead of their first game of the season against Clarkson Thursday.

Injury bug bites again

Nikita Pavlychev netted the first goal of Penn State's season at the 11:55 mark of the first period, but the goal came at a cost.

Away from the play, Denis Smirnov suffered a large hit which left the Russian down on the ice. Smirnov was taken to the locker room and never returned to the game.

"We are being precautionary," coach Guy Gadowsky said of Smirnov.

The junior is one of Penn State's most electric forwards, including leading the nation in points during his freshman campaign. Smirnov accumulated 27 points and led the team in goals with 15 last season.

Smirnov also missed eight games at the beginning of last season.

Max Sauvé slotted into Smirnov's position on the left

wing following the injury and the speed of Sauvé was on display immediately.

"I thought he had a really good game," Gadowsky said. "He seemed pretty comfortable not just with his speed but he made a couple plays with poise."

If Smirnov's injury is significant it could mean a lot more playing time for Sauvé, placing two freshman, Sauvé and Aarne Talvitie, alongside captain Chase Berger on Penn State's third line.

Penn State is already currently without the services of senior defenseman Kevin Kerr due to an injury.

Larsson dominates from the dot

One of Penn State's additions this season was graduate transfer Ludvig Larsson from Merrimack where the center starred for the Warriors.

Larsson made his debut in a Penn State uniform Saturday and provided a multitude of victories in the faceoff circle.

The Swede took 19 face offs and won 16 of them. Brock held a 26-22 advantage in face offs taken by players not named Larsson.

"When you start with the puck it's a huge advantage and then when you start with the puck and get to give it to Biro or [Nate] Sucece it's an even bigger advantage," Gadowsky said. "I really thought that line was really good."

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Return home a welcome one for PSU

By Ben Jenkins
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

After a well-documented difficult start to the Big Ten season, No. 9 Penn State returned to University Park with a 2-2 conference record looking to jump above .500 in the conference for the first time this season.

So the trip home to Rec Hall came at the perfect time.

While difficult trips to Minnesota and Ohio State saw the young Nittany Lions drop their first two matches of the conference season, the team looked much better one week later, sweeping the state of Michigan by earning wins against both the Spartans and Wolverines to move to 2-2 in conference.

With a clash against the reigning national champion Nebraska looming on the horizon on Oct. 13, having success against Maryland and Ohio State this weekend was incredibly important for Penn State moving forward.

Not only did the home team come out and win both matches — they dominated them,

coming away with two straight set victories.

On Friday night, Penn State blew past Maryland in a 3-0 sweep, defeating the Terrapins by scores of 25-16, 25-15 and 25-16. Freshman Jonni Parker led the way offensively for the Nittany Lions, finishing with 11 kills, hitting .524. She also accumulated seven digs, three blocks, an assist and an ace.

As a team, Penn State only hit .250, something coach Russ Rose was not thrilled about following the match. The long-time coach of the Nittany Lions feels that the team will continue to struggle if the offensive performance doesn't improve.

He also stressed the importance of balance and the ability for the Nittany Lions to be able to spread the wealth on offensive, something Penn State was able to do against Maryland with some key bench contributions.

"The kids are practicing all the time, and every now and then you get a little distance and you have an opportunity to play the other players and that's what we had a chance to do," Rose said.

His team must've been listen-

ing, as the Nittany Lions got their revenge on Ohio State Saturday night, beating the Buckeyes 3-0 behind an all-around strong offensive performance highlighted by the stellar night from senior Nia Reed.

"I thought there was great energy in the gym and it was great to have such an enthusiastic crowd," Rose said.

"We're very appreciative of the people that support the program and I thought it gave the players a little more energy at the start.

After missing the first match-up with Ohio State in Columbus, Reed exploded for a career-best 15 kills, hitting .500.



Setter Bryanna Weiskircher (21) celebrates during a game against Ohio State at Rec Hall on Saturday, Oct. 6. No. 9 Penn State won the game 3-0.

Overall, the team answered Rose's displeasure from a night earlier.

"We did some really good things," Rose said. "It's always good to be home."

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Correction

Last week's issue misidentified women's soccer coach Erica Dambach. The actual person in the photo was Kara Lowery, director of operations and performance leadership for the team. The Daily Collegian apologizes for the error.



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31 Beethoven's "Moonlight" ___
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43 Rice wine used in Japanese cooking
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54 Sketched
55 Asian language
57 Starch from cuckoo-pint root
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63 Reo maker
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67 Resting on
68 Magazine release
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71 He loved Lucy
72 The "E" of B.P.O.E.

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12 Monthly util. bill
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27 Atomic weapon
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30 Tumbler
32 Uncle's wife
33 Wrath
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39 Bar mitzvah, e.g.

41 Friend
44 "A Doll's House" wife
46 Nobility
49 Ghoulish
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53 Red seaweed
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56 Choir voice
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The rules are easy to learn: A number above the diagonal line in a black square is the sum of the white squares to the right of it. A number below the diagonal line is the sum of the white squares in the sequence below it. You may only use the digits 1 to 9, and a digit may be used only once in any sequence.

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Bigar's Stars

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

Monday, Oct. 8, 2018

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could feel as if someone is raining on your parade. This person might be more vital to your well-being than you realize. Mobilize your energy behind a key objective. Share your thoughts with others, and you will like the response you receive. Tonight: Time for teamwork.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and honor your energy levels. News from a distance might be slow to come in or might not be to your liking. Understand what your expectations are, and ask yourself if they are reasonable. Make decisions accordingly. Tonight: If you're tired, make it an early bedtime.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be unusually creative and dynamic. Even so, you might feel limited by an associate or partner. You will do your best to attempt to bypass this person. Reach out to someone at a distance who can shed light on your situation. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You could feel frustrated by a key person in your life. Like it or not, this person often blocks you. Be more direct in how you deal with this person. You do need to accept the status quo. Make it OK to branch out and be spontaneous. Opt for adventure. Tonight: Be amenable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Lengthy chats, laughter and a general enjoyment of each other are trademarks of your interactions. Make an effort to get together more often. You might be surprised by the response you get. Tonight: Clear up a problem before heading out.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Think about the costs of proceeding as you have been. You would be wise to step on the brakes and rein in your spending. Speak with someone you trust, as he or she could share some important insights. Do not automatically negate what you hear. Tonight: As you like it.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You are extra charming right now. People come toward you because they like your perspective and energy. Know that nearly anything you say will be accepted at the present moment. You need to deal with someone who does a lot of naysaying. Tonight: Out late.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Know when to keep information to yourself, even if it's just for the time being. You might not have all of the facts, or perhaps mulling over what you've heard reveals new insights. You need to process what you are hearing. Try to avoid negative people. Tonight: Fun and games.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You can have what you want, but know that achieving this goal could be a struggle. Trust a group of supporters, and let them play devil's advocate. You will gain through this process. An associate seeks you out; don't think you can avoid him or her. Tonight: Hang out with friends.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your take-charge attitude might not be to your liking at the moment, yet it could be needed. Others count on your leadership. If you can charm them into thinking like you do, all the better. A new beginning becomes possible. Tonight: You're a force to be dealt with, wherever you are.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take the high road, and know that others will appreciate your attitude. Ultimately, you will feel more comfortable that way. You can make a difference where it counts. Your nonjudgmental perspective will get through to others. Tonight: Relax by watching a favorite TV series.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will feel much better than you have in quite a while. Loosen up and enjoy yourself. Don't let someone else interfere in a situation. No one can represent your interests better than you can, especially with a close associate. Trust yourself. Tonight: Chat over dinner for two.

Upcycling for a cause

Student repurposes and donates clothes as part of Operation Reform for Charity

By Chelsea Kun
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Penn State is filled with students who want to make a difference and better the lives of those around them. YuNa Choi is one of those students.

For years, she has been working to improve the lives of those in her community while practicing one of her biggest passions: fashion.

Choi (freshman-international politics and business) is the main coordinator behind Operation Reform for Charity — a project where she takes old pieces of clothing, reforms it into something new, and donates it to a local thrift store or the Salvation Army.

In addition to her charity, Choi was recently sworn in as a freshman representative in University Park Undergraduate Association. Her discussion of this project impressed the representatives of UPUA.

“YuNa’s discussion of the non-profit she started in high school truly exhibited that she will work selflessly on behalf of the freshmen at Penn State,” Speaker of the Assembly for UPUA Bhavin Shah (senior-industrial engineering) said.

Choi came up with the idea in high school when she realized her closet was overflowing with pieces she did not wear.

“I am one of those people that don’t want to throw out anything,” Choi said. “I started it because I didn’t want to throw my old clothes out, but they weren’t in style.”

She said many of her old clothes were hand-me-downs from her sister, or things that don’t fit her anymore.

During this time, she had to create a service project for her international baccalaureate program in high school.

She was struggling to find a subject for her project, and her friend gave her advice to incorporate something she’s passionate about.

“Fashion’s always a thing I was interested in,” Choi said. “Growing up I always wanted to be a princess, and I always wanted to dress up.”



Brianna Morgan/Collegian

YuNa Choi (freshman-international politics and business) poses in front of the HUB-Robeson Center on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Choi is a freshman representative in the University Park Undergraduate Association.

As a little girl, her mom would try and pick out her clothes for her, but she always has her own sense of fashion.

At the age of six, Choi began reading fashion magazines. When she was in middle school, she learned how to sew.

“At that time I became more interested in clothing in general, but I always had an interest in fashion,” Choi said.

She chose this passion of hers as a topic for her project because she knew she wanted to think of it less as a project and more as a fun and creative activity.

“I never shared my interest with many other people,” Choi said. “I always wanted to share my talents to help other people.”

She noticed reforming was a trend on social media, which is what inspired her idea. She said it is also fairly simple and not costly. For example, she said she can do things such as buying patches and sewing them onto a pair of jeans.

It is a very simple clothing tweak, but according to Choi it makes a major difference when it comes to fashion trends.

This idea of reforming clothing

is especially popular in Korea, where her family is from. In fact, part of her project has included her Korean community.

Choi said there are two parts to her project. One part was running the charity where she donated her clothing, and the second part was a mentorship program where she can be a fashion mentor to other children.

Two of her first mentees were Louie and Lexi Kim, close family friends of Choi.

Louie, 9, and Lexie, 5, are both young, but Choi wanted to use fashion to impact them the same way it did for her. Choi’s parents have been close friends with their parents ever since they lived in Korea.

She saw them as an initial point of contact for her project because she knew them very well, and saw an opportunity to mentor Louie and Lexi.

“It was actually hard for me to go out and find people, so I started by finding people close by like family friends,” Choi said. “I thought it would be interesting because they are very young, and they are also very new to the community in America. I thought it would be really cool to serve as a role model to them.”

MunHee Choi, Louie and Lexi’s mother, said she is very well-known to the Korean community, and her children look up to her.

“My children are shy because we came from Korea, but YuNa speaks Korean and English so my children are comfortable with her,” MunHee Choi said.

“She is much older than my children, but she makes it very fun and my children enjoy her coming over.”

Choi said she enjoys learning their individual personalities

and through this she is able to style them in the clothes they feel more comfortable in.

“The goal of this mentorship program is to not tell people what to wear, but to boost their confidence and make them feel comfortable in their clothing,” Choi said.

Now that she is attending Penn State, Choi has taken a short break from the project so she can adjust to life as a freshman. However, she has high hopes for an expansion of her project in the future.

“Since Penn State is such a big community, I really hope to expand my mentorship work,” she said.

Since reforming her clothing is a tiring work load, she said it would be easier for her to focus on the mentorship and engage with the Penn State community. Choi hopes to start by reaching out to other organizations, and possibly connecting with high schools and middle schools in the area.

Since she started by mentoring people she knew well, such as Louie and Lexi, she wants to escape from her comfort zone and connect with new people.

“I definitely want to make this organization known and find people who are also interested in fashion to join in reforming the clothes,” Choi said.

MunHee said Choi enjoys helping others and has had a major influence on her family.

“She always smiles and is welcoming to my children,” MunHee said. “When I first met her, I knew she was very bright and does great things. She is very passionate about children and helping others. I know she will succeed in the future.”

Choi’s main message behind the project is for her mentees to feel more confident and to spread body positivity.

“Fashion is something I could always be comfortable with,” Choi said. “This project is really a way for me to help people recognize that you should always love yourself.”

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