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The men's basketball team's quest for an NCAA tournament bid begins tonight. **SPORTS, Page 16.**

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Larry the Cable Guy performs at the Bryce Jordan Center on Thursday night. The show marked his fourth appearance in State College.

## 'Redneck' star brings raunchy humor to BJC

By Amanda Elser  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Camouflage-and-flannel-clad fans filled the Bryce Jordan Center on Thursday night when comedian Larry the Cable Guy came out for his fourth visit to State College.

Notorious for his redneck fashion and jokes, Larry performed his "Tailgate Party" tour to a packed BJC audience, whose response was non-stop laughter. True to the theme, the show had music and comedy. And a few front row audience members even brought their own cold beer.

Some live music was used to liven the mood before Larry came on stage. Cole Ford performed some new and old country tunes and came prepared with a fiddle and cowboy boots. The band's toe-tapping songs even got some mullet-sporting, plaid-wearing audience members up and dancing.

Larry opened his act with his famous "Git-R-Done" slogan, and the laughter barely took a break from there. Old and young alike found Larry's jokes about Wal-Mart and chili dogs knee slap-worthy, but it wasn't until he whipped out a joke about Hillary Clinton that whistles came from all directions of the arena.

"I met Hillary Clinton the other day," he said. "I didn't talk to her, but I stood next to her at the urinal for a while. But what really pissed me off was that she was bigger than me."

No topic was off limits. The one time any boos could be heard from the crowd was when he informed the audience that he traded in his Dodge for a Ford this year.

"Don't talk about trucks with a bunch of rednecks," he said. "They'll whip out their gun show." See **REDNECK, Page 2.**

## Conklin asks Pa. legislators to give funds

By Evan Trowbridge  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

A local representative called for state legislators to give appropriations to Penn State and Pennsylvania's other three state-related schools at a press conference Thursday.

State Rep. Scott Conklin's speech focused on the almost \$680 million in appropriations being held back while legislators debate the legalization of table games in Pennsylvania casinos. The lack of funding may result in increases to semester tuition bills, university officials said.



Conklin

"I don't think we should be using universities as hostages to get what we want," said Conklin, D-Centre.

"Every day this ticks by, we are looking at tuition increases."

Gov. Ed Rendell and other legislators say giving the appropriations to the state-related schools — Penn State, University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and Lincoln University — is out of the question. Granting the appropriations without table games being legalized is not only fiscally irresponsible but also unconstitutional, they argue. as See **FUNDS, Page 2.**

# SO LONG, SENIORS

## Lions to finish home schedule

By Nate Mink  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Keep an eye on Jared Odrick Saturday afternoon, senior linebacker Sean Lee said.

Penn State's senior defensive tackle might get a little choked up with emotion running out of the tunnel in the South end zone for the final time Saturday, when 18 seniors will play their last game in Beaver Stadium at noon against Indiana.

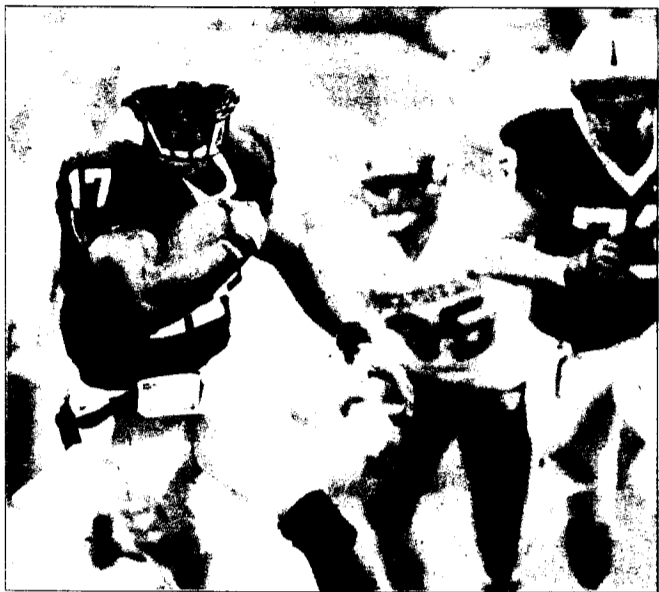
### If you go

**What:** Penn State vs. Indiana

**When:** Noon Saturday

**Where:** Beaver Stadium

Quarterback Daryll Clark, left tackle Dennis Landolt, linebacker Josh Hull, tight end Andrew Quarless, punter Jeremy Boone, cornerback A.J. Wallace. See **LIONS, Page 2.**



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Penn State quarterback Daryll Clark runs during the Nittany Lions' 34-7 win over Indiana last season. The team will play the Hoosiers again Saturday. | **SPORTS, Page 9.**



Andrew Dunheimer/Collegian

Sean Lee (45) leads his teammates into Beaver Stadium before the Sept. 5 game against Akron. Lee sat out a few games this season because of a knee injury. Saturday will mark the last game of the 2009 season he plays in Beaver Stadium.

## Lee leaves legacy at Linebacker U

This is the third in a three-part series about Penn State linebackers overcoming personal adversities.

### BOUNCING BACK

By Wayne Staats  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

When Sean Lee stepped onto the Beaver Stadium field for his first collegiate scrimmage, he had some investigating to do.

"Is it real?" Lee said about the grass. "I thought it was artificial, it was so nice."

Yes, it was real. And now, the senior linebacker gets to experience the rush of a home game and the feel of the grass during the game one last time.

Lee has recorded 302 tackles as a Nittany Lion, the fifth linebacker at Penn State to top 300. His former team-

mate, Dan Connor, ranks No. 1 with 419 tackles.

The linebacker has continued the tradition of "Linebacker U" while simultaneously making a name for himself despite bad luck with injuries.

"If you set yourself up and work hard like that, [head coach Joe Paterno] knows you as a leader," Lee said.

### Recruiting Battles

A kid who had focused more on basketball than football and grew up See **LEE, Page 2.**

## Blue Sapphire will shine for final time

By Katie Montgomery  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Before each football game — after performing a few baton tricks with President Graham Spanier at the President's tailgate and finding her mom in the crowd at the Bryce Jordan Center's Tailgreet — Blue Sapphire PJ Maierhofer takes a moment to look up to the North end zone of Beaver Stadium and find two vacant seats.

One is for her father, Joe, and the other is for her former coach, Andrea Birdcreek, both of whom have passed away. Even if there aren't any empty seats in the stadium, Maierhofer said she knows they're always there watching her.

This Saturday's game will be the last time Maierhofer searches for those two empty seats, as she performs in her final regular season game at Beaver Stadium.

In five years at Penn State, Maierhofer has never See **SAPPHIRE, Page 4.**



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Blue Sapphire PJ Maierhofer performs during the Blue Band halftime show earlier this season. This Saturday will be her last halftime show.