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The annual Football Eve celebration drew a crowd to Beaver Stadium on Friday night.

## Football Eve excites fans

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The No. 1 student section in the nation kicked off the 2010 football season Friday night with Football Eve, which students said upped their anticipation for the coming season.

Football Eve featured performances from the Blue Band, cheerleaders, Lionettes and Nittany Lion mascot and ended with an appearance by Coach Joe Paterno and the football team.

Captains Brett Brackett and Ollie Ogbu led the team out of the tunnel to mounting shouts and applause from the hundreds of fans who packed the stadium. But the loudest cheers of the night were reserved for Paterno, who waited at the microphone while the crowd chanted his name.

When the cheers died down, Paterno spoke of the past before looking ahead to the upcoming season.

Paterno told the crowd that when the decision came to move into Beaver Stadium 50 years ago, he opposed the idea.

"If they move the stadium, it will ruin Penn State football," he told the crowd he had said "50 years later, look at this, baby."

Paterno said the season was going to be a "fight" — but one that could be won with hard work and encouragement from the crowd.

"I want you to know this group of kids behind me are gonna make you happy," he said, referring to the team.

The team has "a ways" to go but is working to make the season "something special," he said.

Some students said they are eager to do their part in the 2010 football campaign.

Friday marked the fourth Football Eve for senior Joe Prozeralik, whose friends call him the "No. 1 football fan" — or at least the loudest.

Wearing a Penn State jersey and cheering from the front row, Prozeralik (senior-environmental resource management) said each year just keeps getting better.

"Every year JoePa stays as incredible as he was," Prozeralik said. "And I just cherish it more and more every year."

He said he'll be sad to miss football season next year — but his friends reminded him that's what the five-year plan is for.

The night may have been nostalgic for some upperclassman, but many freshmen said they were eager to get their first taste of Penn State football.

It was helpful to learn the songs and dances, said Jenna Gordon, who attended the event with a group of friends.

"It makes this feeling of a community, even as freshman," Gordon (freshman-forensic science) said.

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## Exposures could be linked

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After two more incidents of indecent exposure were reported early Saturday morning, the State College Police Department said it has evidence to suggest the incidents are linked to a recent string of similar incidents that have occurred on campus and in the borough.

Police said the first incident was reported at 12:32 a.m. Saturday inside the Nittany Garden Apartments complex, 445 Waupelani Dr. Residents told police that a masked man entered their apartment and exposed his genitals to two of the residents, then fled the scene on foot, police said.

The second incident was reported at 12:49 a.m. at a different building inside the Nittany Gardens complex, police said. A resident there told police that a masked man fled the apartment after the resident heard a suspicious noise and called out to see who it was, police said.

Police said the man they are calling a flasher fits the description in both the appearance and behavior that was reported in both incidents. This makes it likely that the two incidents Saturday morning might have been committed by the same person, police said. The same person might also be linked to the string of similar incidents that were previously reported across campus

and in town, police said.

Most recently, two indecent exposure incidents occurred on campus on Aug. 18 — first in Tener Hall between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m., then in Holmes Hall about an hour later, Penn State Police said. Earlier in the summer, police said similar cases were reported on May 8 in Brumbaugh Hall and on June 7 in Hiester Hall. The man in Brumbaugh Hall was described as white and the man in Hiester Hall was described as light-skinned with dark hair.

Another incident occurred near the site of the most recent incident on June 11 inside Imperial Towers Apartments, 425 Waupelani Dr., the State College Police Department said. A woman told the State College Police Department that she was sitting alone in her kitchen when a man entered her apartment and touched her shoulder from behind, causing her to turn around to see him masturbating.

The man was white and about 5'7" with a slender build, and he was wearing a green surgical mask and a dark hat at the time of the incident, police said. Penn State Police and Residence Life officials could not be reached for comment as of press time Monday regarding a possible connection between the most recent incidents and those that occurred earlier in the year.

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