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Students watch the Penn State vs. Alabama game on a laptop in the HUB-Robeson Center Saturday after campus TVs didn't pick up the game.

# Students respond to Alabama loss

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Even as the game slipped away from the Nittany Lions Saturday night in their 24-3 loss to No. 1ranked Alabama, students watching the game on campus TVs and in person held out hope that Penn State might turn it around.

As students on campus made themselves comfortable in preparation for the game's kickoff, things were already looking bad for Penn State fans — the TVs weren't picking up the game.

"People were really pissed off," Steve Maceyko (freshman-biology) said. "They were disappointed they couldn't see the game."

the game reappeared on the campus TVs with about ten minutes left in the first quarter, but they didn't like what they saw as Penn State slowly slipped into a 17-0 first half deficit.

As the second half opened, a crowd of about 70 students mostly freshmen, some lounging on chairs and couches while others could only find room sitting on the ground --- watched the game in East Halls' Big Onion restaurant, stubbornly hoping that Penn State would mount a comeback.

[The crowd's] really been pretty upbeat," Rob Gross (freshmanforensic science) said. "There's been a lot of yelling, a lot of screaming. It's good."

With every glimmer of hope — a strong run from Penn State running back Evan Royster for a first

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down or a long Bolden pass over the middle - freshmen erupted in cheers, hoping that Penn State could spark a turnaround. Despite the loss, the first-year students gathered in East Halls were excited to see their classmate Bolden play against the defending national champions, Gross said.

But Steven Langue (senior-supply chain) wanted an even better look at the new guarterback, so he decided to make the long trip down to Alabama to see the game. Langue said he got a chance to experience the state of Alabama and had one word to describe the Crimson Tide's Bryant-Denny stadium: "awesome."

But nearly a thousand miles Students were relieved when from Tuscaloosa, the atmosphere was gloomy in the HUB-Robeson Center as the second half came to a close - a sign the upperclassmen watching on the big screens sensed a defeat for the Lions.

Tom Hewitt (freshman-actuarial science) said expecting a win in Tuscaloosa wasn't exactly realistic. But for the students gathered across campus to watch the game, there was a sense that Penn State had passed up a chance to create a stunning upset on the national stage.

"It's not a big deal that they lost," Hewitt said. "But it would have been a huge deal if they won.'

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# Police: Weekend crime

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Though Beaver Stadium was vacant this past weekend with the Nittany Lions on the road, State College and Penn State police were prepared for extra student activity downtown.

But the increased police presence proved to be just a precaution as the football team lost to Alabama, giving fans little reason to celebrate in the streets.

Police described the amount of criminal activity as average, with the typical number of fights and alcohol overdoses that occur on any other weekend at Penn State. Nine fights were reported over

the weekend, police said. The activity level in the borough was well below the number is open for investigation, police of incidents reported during a said.

home football game, police said. In one instance, two women were involved in a fight at 3:32 a.m. Sunday at McDonald's, 442 E. College Ave., police said. One woman slapped the other before the fight was broken up, the State College Police Department said.

In a separate incident, three males assaulted another individual at 3:32 a.m. Sunday on the corner of East Calder Way and South Garner Street, police said. The man suffered a bloody nose and injuries to both eyes as a result of the fight, police said.

It was not known if he was taken to the hospital, police said. All three males involved in the fight were identified by the police, but their names could not be released at this time and the case

A man was taken to Mount Nittany Medical Center Saturday morning for an alcohol overdose, police said.

The man physically assaulted the hospital staff treating him, police said. Police said they could not release the name of the man but he could face criminal charges.

And in another incident, a man was assaulted by an unknown individual at 4:13 a.m. Sunday at 100 Sowers St., police said. The man suffered a broken nose as a result of the incident but it was not known if he was taken to the hospital, police said.

Despite the few incidents reported to police, they said the numbers were still well below home football game levels.

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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dan Onorato visited Penn State Friday afternoon for a dose of nostalgia and a helping of Berkey Creamery ice cream.

Onorato, a Penn State alumnus, toured the Business Building to observe the changes that have taken place since he graduated in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Completed in 2005, the Business Building is the largest academic building on campus, said Ginger Breon, chief informa-tion officer for the Smeal College of Business

In an effort to change the culture of the business major, the building was designed to encourage collaboration as well as boast an architectural "wow factor," Breon said. Onorato said he was impressed with the structure as he looked in on a class in the Smeal Trading Room, which was designed to replicate the atmosphere of Wall Street as closely as possible.

here," Onorato said. "It has to put said the technology and size of To e-mail reporter: kmw5340@psu.edu



Dan Onorato (right) tours the Business building Friday afternoon with Ginger Breon (left), chief information officer for the business school.

Penn State on the map. That the Creamery also impressed building can compete with any school in the country."

After the Business Building, Onorato headed to the Berkey Creamery for a tour of the facilities. He said he hadn't been to the Creamery since its move from the Borland building in 2006.

One stop on the Creamery tour was the taste-testing lab, where participants sit at a booth to taste different flavors of ice cream and rate them on a computer screen, said Bruce McPheron, tour guide and dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. McPheron pointed out the special keyboards used in the lab, which can go right in the dishwasher and don't hold crumbs.

Similar to his reaction to the "That didn't exist when I was Smeal Trading Room, Onorato

him. "I thought he was going to tell

me next that the keyboard was edible," he said.

Creamery tours are offered to all candidates because the facility runs on some state funding, McPheron said.

"Having the next governor understand what we do in agricultural sciences is critical,' McPheron said.

But so far, Onorato is the only candidate who has come to visit, McPheron said. After the tour, Onorato sat down to a bowl of vanilla ice cream. He said he always enjoys returning to Penn State, and his visit was one of the more laid-back days on the campaign trail so far.



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