

QB remains confident

By Audrey Snyder
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If Cathy McGloin had it her way, Saturday afternoon she'd be sitting in the Horseshoe watching her youngest son earn his second career start.

She'd take in the atmosphere of ESPN College GameDay, where she'd watch a previously recorded segment about her son and then join the rest of her family for Penn State's 3:30 p.m. clash against No. 8 Ohio State.

As much as Cathy would love to be there for Matt, she and her husband, Paul, will be busy helping make memories for another fami-

ly Saturday afternoon.

The McGloins own their own flower shop in Scranton and while they are usually able to watch their son play quarterback for the Nittany Lions, sometimes organizing floral arrangements and centerpieces for weddings just can't be avoided.

"How can I go and leave this family hanging?" Cathy said. "They don't care that Matthew is the starting quarterback, they just know that their daughter is getting married and they want the flowers there on time."

Once the wedding arrangements are under control, Cathy and Paul hope to run out and

catch the game, where Matt will be busy trying to add another chapter to his improbable story.

The former preferred walk-on helped the Lions win their last three games and with McGloin earning the start over freshman Rob Bolden, the West Scranton Gunslinger's confidence continues to grow.

But those who know him best said they're not sure if it's possible for McGloin's confidence to get much higher.

"Matt doesn't know what pres-

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Tyler Sizemore/Collegian
Quarterback Matt McGloin is known for his poise and confidence.

SPA SPRING CONCERT

SPA seeks input

Votes for artists open

By Brittany Horn
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Excitement was high as many students stopped in the HUB-Robeson Center Thursday to decide which artist they'd like to see in the Student Programming Association's spring concert.

SPA released the online survey Wednesday night, allowing students to vote on artists from a variety of genres, ranging from Flo Rida and Sean Kingston to Sara Bareilles and the Eli Young Band. Students can vote an unlimited number of times.

"This is awesome," Erin Ball (senior-communication arts and sciences) said. "I want to see Matt Nathanson or Michelle Branch, as long as she plays the piano."

Ball then started humming the chorus of a Branch song with friend Vinnie Amendolare.

Amendolare (junior-finance) agreed, saying the survey is a great opportunity to get the opinion of students and increase attendance at the concert.

"We're going off what the students choose," Entertainment Chairwoman Katy Tufts said. "That way, they really can't complain."

SPA member Kadi Salmon (senior-biobehavioral health) recommended looking online at YouTube clips to get a feel for what the artist is going to be like live.

"I plan on doing some research before I cast my vote," Salmon said.

As of now, all artists are within budget for the concert, Tufts (junior-public relations and marketing) said.

SPA doesn't currently plan on charging students for admission.

"Even if we can't get our first choice, we still have all the data for second and third, so we're pretty set with options," Tufts said.

Working with a limited budget, SPA wanted to keep the "Irish" theme of years past, which included Flogging Molly. But the only real option left was Dropkick Murphys, and the band was "a little unattainable," Tufts said.

Instead, SPA decided to open the genres outside of pop-rock and brainstorm.

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Andrew Dunheimer/Collegian

"Dreams Take Flight" mural is set to be showcased to the public during a celebration on Saturday, Nov. 13. The event is open to the public.

Community mural to be unveiled

By Hannah Rishel
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A wall of the McLanahan's Downtown Market has been covered by a tarp for most of the fall semester. But on Saturday, State College will finally get to see the mural underneath.

The community mural, titled "Dreams Take Flight," will be unveiled at a celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday on the 100 block of Allen Street and Calder Way.

This time last year, Elody

Gyekis, Class of 2009, was motivated by a friend to undertake a community art project in her new home of State College. Partnering with Natalia Pilato, who she had known for a long time, she began to organize the project.

"We felt like in State College things start to happen and grow," Pilato (graduate-education) said. "People create ideas and then they fly away with them. People also migrate back, with the football games, and some of them nest here."

One of the first challenges Pilato and Gyekis faced was finding a location for their mural.

Gyekis said they thought of a variety of locations in the State College area, but the wall of McLanahan's Downtown Market was one of the first that came to mind.

"It was in need of some revival," Pilato said. "The other end of Calder is nice, with the restaurants, but that end of Calder seems to be used mainly for people to dump their trash."

If you go

What: "Dreams Take Flight" community mural unveiling

When: Saturday, Nov. 13 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: 100 block of Allen Street and Calder Way

Though it isn't aesthetically pleasing, Calder Way sees a lot of foot traffic, which was another

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Chloe Elmer/Collegian
ROTC cadets attend the ceremony.

Students join to honor vets

By Eddie Lau
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Former United States Navy Captain Peter Schempf, Class of 1970, said veterans do not receive the respect they deserve.

"Only half of 1 percent of our population today is serving on active duty," Schempf told to a crowd of about 100 gathered in front of Old Main for a Veterans Day commemoration.

The Veterans Day ceremony opened at 11 a.m. Thursday with a prayer and the Penn State ROTC Color Guard marching in front of Old Main, holding the United States and Pennsylvania flags.

A small table was placed in front of the Old Main steps with

five empty chairs and five empty glasses — symbolizing the five branches of the armed services — to honor members of each branch that never made it home.

"They are commonly called POWs and MIAs. We call them our brothers," said Jeff Lasitter, a member of Penn State Air Force ROTC. "They are unable to be with us today, so we remember them."

Five members of the Color Guard raised the glasses and turned them upside down, commemorating the fallen soldiers.

The music stirred the crowd's emotions as some stood with tears in their eyes, unable to move.

Schempf, a native of State

College who served in the Navy for 26 years, gave a keynote speech in the ceremony. He said one of the biggest reasons people should value "present-day" uniformed men and women for their services is because they pick up the duty to defend their country voluntarily.

"In the past, they were drafted, and many served in some form of fashion. In the present, beginning in 1974, they all volunteered," he said.

Schempf said he believes that this generation's lack of a draft minimizes their sense of responsibility to their country.

"The current me, me, me. I want everything and I want it."

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Rock the vote

Students can vote for these artists an unlimited number of times for the Student Programming Association's spring concert.

Leaders to travel to capital, discuss plans for organization

By Kathleen Loughran
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With his upcoming trip to Harrisburg, student body president Christian Ragland said he hopes to make strides in establishing the Pennsylvania Student Association.

Ragland (senior-political science) said he leaves for the capital on Saturday with University Park Undergraduate Association Governmental Affairs Director

Travis Salters. While in Harrisburg, the goal of the trip is to discuss the planned formation of the Pennsylvania Student Association with other student government leaders from state-funded universities, Salters said. If formed, student government



Ragland

representatives from the 18 universities funded by the state would run the Pennsylvania Student Association, which would advocate on behalf of students for issues like tuition, Ragland said. "I think [the association] is a



Salters

great, concrete way for us to get involved, and it should continue when I'm long gone because I think the state association has the potential to continue on," he said.

After an October conference call held about the association, the Board of Student Government Presidents — comprised of representatives from the 14 universities of the PA State System of Higher Education — invited UPUA members to attend one of its regular meetings, Salters (junior-broad-

cast journalism and African and African American Studies) said.

During the meeting, Salters said they plan to give a presentation about the Pennsylvania Student Association to mitigate any concerns members of the Board of Student Government Presidents may have.

"There have been mixed signals from people, but for the most part, they are eager to create this," he said. "Some feel that [the association] is a

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