Bryan Biesecker, Class of 2017, and Cameron Yencsik (senior-psychology) pose together at the Hintz Family HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER.

Two Lions’ Pride: LGBTQ love at PSU

By Tyson Bieckman

Bryan Biesecker, 2017, and Cameron Yencsik share their story

Pulling his boyfriend in close, Cameron Yencsik shared a kiss with Bryan Biesecker, standing in front of the Willard Bridge as light rain fell around them.

“This relationship is still kind of new,” Biesecker said. “It works out well because we don’t walk past the Willard Preacher,” Yencsik explained.

Both are fairly public people, and most close friends within their group know about their relationship.

“Yeah, but it’s our choice, and we’re happy with it,” Biesecker said.

“…What’s important is that we advocate and also make sure those experiences are heard, so we can make a change.”

Marc R. Byington, executive director of the LGBTQ Student Resource Center, said that “flags were to be flown at half-mast.”

For same-gender couples, many outsiders tend to place “heteronormative values” on each person in the relationship, whether identifying who the “man” and who the “woman” in the relationship would be, Patchcoski explained.

“You have to be inquisitive, you have to try and understand their experiences, and try and be open-minded toward justice.”

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Venice Gardens project has written and illustrated four children’s stories to encourage preschoolers to eat healthfully. The Schreyer Honors Scholar majoring in nutrition said the children’s health is very important and stressed the importance of fruits and vegetables.

“Fruits and vegetables are beneficial to maintaining good health,” Canova said.

She started by making coloring book pages that displayed pictures of fruits and vegetables along with pictures of preschoolers eating the food. She also created a series of messages to send to teachers to encourage them to eat vegetables.

“By sending the coloring book pages to teachers, the children will get a visual representation of the fruits and vegetables,” Canova said.

The coloring book pages were created by writing a story about the vegetables and matching it with a color page. The story was then illustrated by Canova.

She said that she has received positive feedback from the teachers who have used the coloring book pages.

“Several teachers have commented that the children are more interested in eating vegetables when they see the coloring book pages,” Canova said.

She said that she enjoys seeing the children learn about healthy eating and that it is very rewarding to see the children eat vegetables.

Canova said that she has always loved art and enjoys doing anything with watercolor.

“Art is a very special form of communication,” Canova said.

“I hope that anyone who sees our coloring book pages enjoys them,” Canova said.
Ben Roethlisberger was accused of rape twice, yet many Penn State students still cheered for him. OUR VIEW

Dear Roethlisberger lover, you "used violence". You "exercised your right to choose" as "normal practice". You "fully stand up to sexual assault". You "all of the cool kids were doing it". You "mate saying "all of the cool kids were doing it". You "no one was going to stop me from doing it". Isn't it hypocritical, embarrassing and unprofessional to still support a perpetrator?

The swift action of these non-inflammatory complaints is a reminder of just how much we rely on their support. If social media can start harming our athletes and demand more important things than winning, we will always be helpful for parents, journalists, counselors and more. And there's more parity in the sports world than the vast majority of sports fans had realized of sexual misconduct.

While we have directly encouraged these athletes to drop out of the game, they haven't done enough to discourage those acts from occurring again.

When in doubt, how can we expect to combat these challenges if we don't watch for this? We can watch the James Winston on social media, and we can watch the Dustin Hoffman movie? We know it's not easy to respond to allegations against our favorite athletes and entertainers, and we can't expect Penn State to keep asking for the Steelers just because their players are innocent of this or that.

But we can all do a better job making sure those athletes are held accountable for their actions.

Social media is arguably the most influential power over youth today. While it can be great for socialization, connection and guarantees, it can also encourage weird, bizarre and sometimes dangerous trends in young people.

The most recent "challenge" was on Twitter in the Tide pod challenge. Ba-

The Tide pod challenge challenges are almost like the old ice bucket challenge raising more reliance on their social media. Tide pods have been an ongoing joke since their inception; to be fair, they had a product deficiency. But they are now, in our day and age, being used to suicidal behavior.

The Tide pod challenge was popularized by social media influencers like Kyler Jenner. The challenge is simple: Suck the Tide pod challenge. We can see the trend afoot: You can see the trend towards more reliance on their social media.

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Tony Carr shows no fear in taking late-game shots for Penn State

By Vincent Langeno

Entering the overtime period in Penn State’s 74-70 win over Nebraska on Friday, Tony Carr’s stat line was not pretty.

The sophomore from Philadelphia was 2-of-7 from the floor, recording six points and three assists.

With the Nittany Lions having just blown a double-digit lead in the second half, display- ing a lack of offensive fluidity in the last eight minutes of regulation, coach Pat Chambers needed Carr to find his rhythm in the final four minutes into overtime.

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For Carr, finding his rhythm was a matter of getting a shot early in the game.

“I didn’t see the head go down, the shoulders, typically make, but [against Nebraska] there’s no question Stevens’ confidence and ability to stay out of foul trouble. In the nine games since that disap- pointing night in the Bryce Jordan Cen- ter, Stevens has answered the bell.

Although Stevens has been a much improved 3-point shooter this season, Stevens was a non-factor. He got into just 52 shots.

Stevens finished with just four points and showed off his entire offen- sive game in the Bryce Jordan Center. Stevens was once again a force off the bench.

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Penn State’s Tony Carr gives up a layup during the game against Texas A&M at the Bryce Jordan Center on Friday, Jan 12, 2018. The Nittany Lions defeated the Cornhuskers 76-74. Lamar Stevens (22) takes a shot during the men’s basketball game against Nebraska at the Bryce Jordan Center on Friday, Jan 12, 2018. The Nittany Lions defeated the Cornhuskers 76-74.

Lamar Stevens is becoming the scorer the Nittany Lions need

By Tyler King

When the Nittany Lions need a bucket, he's usu- ally the one attempting to get it. Make or miss, it's a great luxury to have someone like that on your team.

"I felt great hitting the winner," Carr said. "My last game didn't go well. This one did, so hopefully, I keep going. I know there's going to be more."

Even after missing his last two poten- tial game-winning shots — in the loss to Wisconsin on Dec. 4, and just a few min- utes prior against Nebraska in regulation — Carr showed no hesitation in hoisting up a jump shot to topple the Huskers.

"I stopped thinking about [the Wis- consin] game-winning minutes, I was done," Carr said. "I don't carry other games into other games or other shots into other shots. I just keep going."
The Nittany Lions earned their first win over Ohio State since 2015, the school announced on Twitter.

The team took down the Buckeyes in a thrilling 5-2 victory, with a dominant 5-1 win over No. 6 in the nation, Ohio State. The Nittany Lions were led by star forward Evan Barratt, who had a goal and an assist in the game. Other key players included Denis Smirnov, Brandon Biro, Trevor Sturtz, and Andrew McCollum. The win is significant for the team as they continue to build momentum heading into the winter season.

The game was filled with exciting moments, including a goal by the Buckeyes in the first period, but the Nittany Lions fought back with two goals in the second and one in the third to secure the victory. The team was led by lateral displays of skill and coordination, showcasing their ability to adapt and respond to changes in the game. Their performance highlighted their resilience and determination, making it a memorable win for the team.

With this win, the Nittany Lions continue to build their confidence and momentum, setting them up for success in upcoming games. The team's dedication to the sport and their commitment to excellence were evident throughout the game, demonstrating their potential for continued success in the future.
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PENN STATE's swimming's maiden 2018 voyage got off to a start of equal success as the Titanic's. The men's team was swept in Chapel Hill, losing to both North Carolina and Navy. Freshman Jacob Deckman was the lone diamond for the men, finishing just five-hundredths of a second behind first in the 200 butterfly. The women's team channeled their inner Rose and escaped a complete wreck, managing to top Navy with a gold performance from Camryn Barry in the 50 free.

Penn State men's ice hockey did something it had not done since Nov. 11: lose. The effects of the Roar Zone lacked its usual vicious growl Saturday night in front of a 70th consecutive sellout crowd as Ohio State ended the Nittany Lions' 11-game unbeaten streak behind a crushing 5-1 defeat. A first period ejection of Andrew Sturtz proved too much for Penn State to overcome as the sophomore saw his career-best point streak of seven games snapped.

Tony Carr had just enough ethanol in the tank to push the Nittany Lions past the Nebraska Cornhuskers in a tight overtime contest Friday night and provide Penn State fans with a kernel of hope for the NCAA Tournament. The NBA prospect struggled for much of the night, battling foul trouble and shooting only 5-of-21, but hit the game's most important shot, a game-winning jumper with 2.7 seconds left in overtime to give the Nittany Lions the edge. The win was also coach Pat Chambers' 100th of his tenure at Penn State and it couldn't have come in a fashion more representative of his time at the BJC: a grossly over-talented team blowing a 16-point second half lead.

Penn State wrestling traveled to the land of 8 Mile this weekend and picked up two victories over a pair of Big Ten M's in defeating both Michigan and Michigan State. Senior Zain Retherford and junior Jason Nolf continue to wrestle to the tune of “Not Afraid” as both wrestlers remain unbeaten all-time in Big Ten duals. Opponents of Retherford must frequently have palms that “are sweaty, knees weak, arms are a re heavy,” as the Benton, Pennsylvania, native hasn't lost in nearly four years. Penn State improved to 7-0 on the season.

SCHLARPERLATIVES
By Thomas Schlarp
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Students enjoyed syllabus week while a few teams started their new seasons. Check out how Penn State athletics kicked off the new semester.

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New class takes on ethics around climate change

By Dave Pascano

This spring semester, Professor Jonathan Brockopp introduced a new course at University Park called the “Ethics of Climate Change” — a class aiming to deliver a better understanding of the role climate change plays in the environment.

Brockopp hopes students learn they can make a difference.

“This is a huge problem, but we have the tools to understand the debate,” he said. “We can all make a contribution to addressing this looming crisis.”

Over the years, climate change has become a global conversation. People express it as if it exists, its effects, its cause and if people should take action.

In dealing with those who are skeptical about climate change’s validity, Brockopp believes students should hear out such reasoning in order to understand all sides of the situation.

“Ultimately, it’s not an objection to the science, but a fear that policy will not work with others and realize what is most important to them, so they can see that it will not help others and realize those goals out in the real world,” Brockopp said.

“Our class will dive deep into helping students discover what is most important to them, so they can work with others and realize those goals out in the real world,” Brockopp said.

One student, Julianna Cox (junior-materials science and engineering) said. “It is definitely important that we take this course. It’s an opportunity to interview research experts and experts will be comprised of faculty from the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, humanities, economics, historians, artists, as well as others.

Additionally, students will tour the Pennsylvania Power Plant and other Pennsylvania State facilities. During the visit, students can interview researchers who are developing new emissions technologies as a result of our research.”

“Of course, it’s great the university is offering this course. Climate change affects our lives,” Rosoff-Verbit said.

“This class not only educates students on climate change science, but looks like a great opportunity to interview individuals of the organizations related to the subject in the working world,” Rosoff-Verbit said.

Students share the emotional impact of music

By Brooke Crouse

THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Does music have the ability to shift people’s minds? According to Penn State students, specific genres and artists impact how they think and feel.

Jake Tiernan shared that he listens mainly to the hard core and metal music genres to affect his emotional state.

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