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Defensive end Ryan Buchholz (97) and offensive coordinator Joe Moorhead sing the alma mater after the game against Akron at Beaver Stadium on Sept. 2.

Moorhead reportedly leaving for Mississippi State

By Jack R. Hirsh
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Penn State is in the market for a new offensive coordinator as Joe Moorhead is slated to become the next head coach at Mississippi State, college football insider Brent McMurphy reported Tuesday night.

Neither Penn State Athletics nor Mississippi State has confirmed the report, but McMurphy said on his Facebook page that the deal is expected to be completed within the next few days.

The Bulldogs moved quickly to snatch up Moorhead after their previous coach, Dan Mullen, was hired as the new head coach at Florida.

Mississippi State went 8-4 this past season under Mullen and were 69-46 in his nine seasons as head coach. However, the team never reached the SEC title game during his tenure.

He moves on to the school where he previously served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach — the same positions Moorhead held at Penn State — from 2005 to 2008 before being named the Bulldogs' head coach.

Next season, Mississippi State will return starting quarterback Nick Fitzgerald became the fourth-leading quarterback rusher SEC history in the Bulldogs' final regular season game against in-state rival Ole Miss. However,

he was carted off the field in that contest with a gruesome lower leg injury. The team will also be returning 1,000-yard running back Aeris Williams.

Moorhead has been a potential head coach candidate since he took over the reigns of the Penn State offense before the 2016 season, guiding the unit to 37.6 points per game in 2016 and 41.6 points per game this season. This after the group averaged 23.6 points per game in 2015 under John Donovan.

He reportedly interviewed for head coaching jobs at Purdue, Minnesota and Florida Atlantic University last year.

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Net neutrality and the great Internet debate

By Alex Altieri
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

On Dec. 14, the Federal Communications Commission will vote to repeal the Open Internet Act of 2015, spelling out a potential change to how everyone uses the internet.

Known as "net neutrality," the Open Internet Act put restrictions on internet service providers (ISPs) that are still in place today. But perhaps not for long.

The act states that ISPs are required to provide equal and non-discriminatory internet service to all users, and the FCC clarified the restrictions in a few paragraphs on their website:

Blocking

Broadband providers may not block access to lawful content, applications, services or non-harmful devices.

Throttling

Broadband providers may not deliberately target some lawful internet traffic to be delivered to users more slowly than other traffic.

Paid prioritization

Broadband providers may not favor some internet traffic in exchange for consideration of any kind. Internet service providers are also banned from prioritizing content and services of their affiliates."

That's the core principle of net neutrality: everyone, from

small startups to multi-billion dollar corporations, has equal footing online.

Before 2015, though, that wasn't the case, at least legally.

The internet used to be classified as an information service, subject to Title I of the Communications Act of 1934. In essence, this classification allowed a certain legal freedom to ISPs, a freedom Comcast took advantage of in 2008 when they restricted some users' access to BitTorrent, an unauthorized, peer-to-peer file-sharing site.

The FCC fired back with a lawsuit in 2010. Their claim, according to the court brief, was that Comcast had overstepped their legal boundaries by deciding who gets to use BitTorrent.

Comcast won the lawsuit — the court of appeals dropped the charges from the FCC.

As the court brief indicates, the FCC did not have legal authority to strike down Comcast. The internet's classification as an information service under Title I meant if the FCC wanted to regulate ISPs, it would have to reclassify the internet.

And the Open Internet Act did just that.

It classified the internet as a telecommunications service, subject to Title II of the Telecommunications Act of 1934. These tighter regulations prevented cable and internet providers from discriminating the way Comcast had.

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Caitlin Lee/Collegian

Students discuss the meaning of consent during an interactive presentation on kinks and consent in Willard Building on Nov. 28.

QTPOC talks kinks and consent

By Emma Andreason
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

A group of Penn State students circled up to discuss the rules of consent and talk about sex in an open and no-judgment environment through the Kinks and Consent event sponsored by the Queer and Trans People of Color at Penn State. The event, hosted Tuesday night, is one of several being hosted for QTPOC week.

One member of QTPOC, Mariah Claiborne, took charge of leading the group through the sometimes uncomfortable subject matter during the discussion.

"I studied women and gender studies and human sexuality in my undergraduate degree which makes me 'certified' although obviously it's not a real certification," Claiborne (graduate-theatre) said. "But it is something I studied and got a degree in and it's something I'm very interested in."

Claiborne is a big advocate for sexual health and sexual literacy, so the topics of the event were right up her alley.

Claiborne said the event began with formulating a definition of consent as a group, in what areas consent becomes unclear, ways to

make sure you and your partner are being actively communicative about consent and how you can always change your mind after giving consent.

"After we finished our talk about how consent has to be a clear, coherent and enthusiastic yes, we started talking about the differences between kinks and fetishes," Claiborne said.

"We then started listing different kinks that people may be unfamiliar with and also kinks that are very very common and people may have shame surrounding so that way they can feel a little more validated."

Julia Anderson, the secretary of QTPOC, was impressed by the turnout and happy with the success of the event.

"I think the event was a wonderful start and opened up opportunity for conversation and future events," Anderson (sophomore-special education) said. "We wanted to educate today and create a dialogue and a safe space, and I think we achieved that."

Both Anderson and Claiborne said the goal of the event was to get a conversation started.

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Wingin' it: How to cope with getting 'turkey dropped'

By Allison Moody
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Editor's Note: Romeo and Juliet are pseudonyms for the students who wished to remain anonymous for the purpose of this article.

As the fall months fade, "cuffing season" is in full swing. It might seem like everyone you know is coupling up for a long, cozy winter together.

But there is another phenomenon among young people around the nation, one that brings hundreds of newly single students back to campus after a tumultuous Thanksgiving break — the turkey drop.

"Typically, when Thanksgiving rolls around and everyone goes home for the holiday, someone gets dumped. Hence the turkey drop," reads the top definition for the term ... on Urban Dictionary.

The turkey drop has been around for years, often occurring between college freshmen in long-distance relationships or couples simply not prepared to weather the winter storms together.

Romeo and Juliet met during syllabus week of their freshman years and began dating just a few short weeks later. Both agree that the relationship was on the rocks recently, but for very different reasons.

Juliet (junior-biology) broke up with Romeo (junior-international politics and finance) over Thanksgiving break, just a few days before he was scheduled to fly into her hometown for Thanksgiving. According to Juliet, Romeo accused her of cheating on him with older men

as well as grabbing at his genitals in front of her father, both of which she denies. She also said he released her guinea pig into the Pennsylvania wilderness behind her back, which he never mentioned in conversation.

While Romeo was the one broken up with, he agreed that the relationship was far from perfect in recent months.

According to him, she was extremely jealous of the friendly relationship he had with her father and would do things like grabbing at his genitals to "claim [him] from her dad." Her father was also the one who called him to say that she wanted to break things off, he said.

They may not agree on what caused the breakup, but they have coped in similar ways. Romeo has surrounded himself with family and friends, saying that he is most likely better off without "the drama that came with this relationship." Juliet said that spending her favorite holiday upset was not easy, but she has some

advice to anyone going through a similar situation.

"Even though it sucks to break up with someone, especially during the holidays, there are so many good people in life that will be there to support you and make you smile and definitely be appre-

ciative of that," Juliet said. "You can get through anything with good friends and pumpkin pie."

When Maggie Kuzemchak was a freshman in the

fall of 2015, she could barely contain her excitement to be heading home for her first

Thanksgiving and back to her high school boyfriend of nearly

two years. The first chance they got, they spent the day together

and she said that everything seemed perfect.

The next day, he broke up with her over FaceTime.

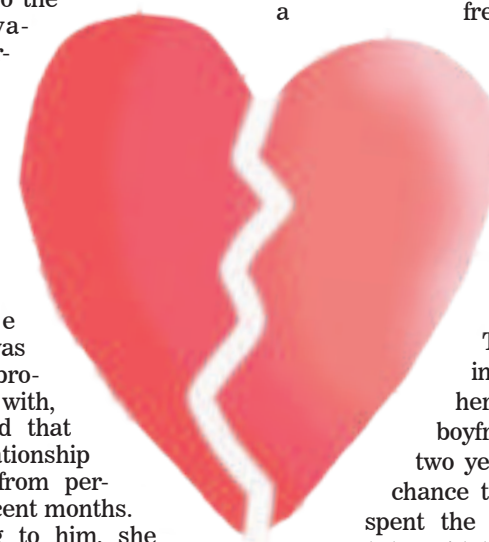
"I didn't know what to do with myself," Kuzemchak (junior-chemistry and earth science) said. "It was almost pathetic."

She said that that Christmas was hard, but she started to get over the breakup the following spring semester because she "had no other choice."

Nearly two years have passed since they have spoken so much as a word to each other. Just a few weeks ago, he reached out to her, wanting to rekindle their original friendship this Thanksgiving break. While she said she has been completely healed for some time now, this end result should give hope to others who have been turkey dropped.

"The moral of the story is, if you get turkey dropped, they might come crawling back to you next Thanksgiving," Kuzemchak said.

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Sabers, state and success

Penn State fencer Zara Moss's journey to fulfill her potential

By Gabrielle Barone
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

On scuffed wooden floors and metal fencing strips, Zara Moss practices her fencing moves every morning under posters of Olympians.

Moss, who has hopes of going to the 2020 Olympics, could eventually be on the poster herself someday.

But first, the Penn State student had to navigate a challenge common to many students in their first week of college: figuring out the dining hall schedule.

As a homeschooled student, Moss usually had access to food whenever she wanted it. If she wanted a break from an assignment, she said, she could go into the kitchen and make herself food.

But then she was standing in the dining hall, and she was hungry.

Moss was ready for lunch, but the dining hall, having closed its lunch service earlier in the day, wasn't.

"I was like, 'Oh. Okay. So this is interesting,'" Moss said, laughing.

Not only did she have to figure out the dining hall schedule, but she had to figure out when she — balancing the demands of a student athlete and a Schreyer Honors student — actually had time to eat.

So Moss figured out a creative



Samantha Myers / Collegian

Zara Moss poses in the White Building.

solution: putting things like apples, oranges and granola bars into her backpack to eat on the go.

"I'm like a vending machine," Moss joked.

One of the newest members of the Penn State fencing team, Moss began her fencing career after a demonstration in gym class.

The first grader had never heard of fencing before, but went home that night and announced her newfound passion to her par-

ents. Her parents didn't know if fencing was just a fad, but it was enough to excite her mother, Julie, who'd gotten her fencing badge as a Girl Scout years before.

"I thought [fencing] was something really neat, so I was hoping she would like it," Julie said.

"She wasn't much of a fad kid, she didn't jump around from thing to thing, so I was just hoping it would be a nice activity for her,

something to do recreationally."

Moss remembered the students had been given foils — a different type of fencing weapon than her usual saber — and made to wear full-body uniforms.

Even though gym class had been fun, something didn't quite click until Moss tried a saber.

"I'm a saber girl," Moss said. "I know the other weapons have their perks, obviously, but I'm saber through and through."

Moss stopped competing at

one point, taking a break from the pressure she put on herself. Julie wanted fencing to "be something fun" for Zara, so she told her daughter she never had to compete in another tournament if she didn't want.

Right before she turned 13, Julie said, Zara wanted to start competing again, so they went to local tournaments. It was there, after competing against trained fencers, that Julie knew her daughter had a talent.

They were encouraged by that, so they decided to continue with the national tournaments.

As Moss competed more, she and her family began hearing from coaches and various people about her potential.

"And that's when it really [began]," Julie said. "The first [tournament] was when we saw signs of it, that she had potential, but the more we did the more we got feedback, people telling us, 'She has the potential to be really good, she just needs some better coaching.'"

As she progressed, Zara and Julie began traveling from their club fencing group in Pittsburgh to New Jersey, so she could train under Jérôme Guth, the owner of the Advance Fencing and Fitness Academy and a former assistant fencing coach at Penn State.

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Final poetry slam of semester showcases various talent

By Laura Zaks
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

"What you got?" Words. Penn State WORDS—Writers Organized to Represent Diverse Genres—hosted Final Slam Poetry Night in the Freeman Auditorium tonight, all in the effort to find the five poets who will make up Penn State's 2018 CUPSI team.

CUPSI stands for College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational.

Natasha Bell (senior-public relations) explained the importance of tonight's poetry slam.

"We send Penn State's best poets and tonight is all about finding the five who will compete," she said. "It's amazing to watch really talented poets who talk about important stories you wouldn't normally hear."

Away Diallo (sophomore-sociology and African American studies,) the Vice President of WORDS, agrees.

"The space that WORDS provides allows poets to express themselves through different mediums of art. Tonight that medium is poetry," she said.

The room of purple, velvet seats was brimming with energy before the night even began.

Hugs were given all around, friends shook hands, bumped shoulders—and when Bodak Yellow came on, groups of PSU stu-

dents waved their hands up high and sang along.

Davon Clark, the emcee for the night, did not hesitate to set ground rules for the night.

"Judges, don't be swayed by the audience. Audience—do your best to sway the judges," he said.

The lights went off around 8:20 p.m. and a spotlight shown on center

stage. "Tonight, we're looking for word-play, rhythm, originality, metaphor, and symbolism," said Alex Popescu (sophomore-physics education), one of the judges for the night.

The SLAM consisted of three rounds.

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Penn State WORDS hosts the final poetry Slam of the semester in Freeman Auditorium on Nov. 28.

Internet

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Responding to their legal win, Comcast said they "remain committed to the FCC's open internet principles" and will "work constructively with the FCC as it determines how best to increase broadband adoption and preserve an open and vibrant internet." Comcast allegedly agrees with the FCC that a free and open internet is a valuable end goal. Their actions in the BitTorrent case, however, suggest the opposite.

Debates over net neutrality intensified when the Trump administration appointed a new FCC Chairman in Ajit Pai, who's a former Verizon lawyer.

Pai voted against the 2015 Open Internet Act and fronted last week's announcement to overturn it.

In the wake of heavy backlash from internet users — including a John Oliver segment inciting viewers to speak up — Pai released a blog post explaining the FCC's new position.

"Repealing these regulations," he said, "will create jobs, increase competition and lead to better, faster, cheaper internet access to all Americans."

He said restricting ISPs fundamentally contradicts the idea of internet freedom.

Additionally, in a column for the Wall Street Journal, Pai wrote that the Telecommunications Act of 1996

— which in effect restricted states and the federal government from regulating the internet and its providers — "was the greatest free-market success story in history."

Repealing net neutrality regulations, he claims, would restore the internet to its free-market hey day.

The FCC focuses their arguments on economics. The primary advantage of repealing net neutrality, the FCC said on their website, is the revenue hike ISPs could garner with less restrictions on their service — this ability to "throttle" connections for important contributors is an economic incentive that's left internet advocates worried.

Boaz Dvir, assistant professor of communications at Penn State, said the FCC's position fails to capture the whole story.

"It's clearly bad for freedom of speech to remove net neutrality," he said.

"It was the wrong move at the wrong time. Why don't lawmakers focus on things that could make American society better instead of messing with something that already works?"

He said the Open Internet Act was the smartest thing the Obama administration accomplished, since it allows for innovation and ingenuity in an increasingly digital world.

"These American companies, [ISPs], are doing extremely well," he said, explaining how the success comes in large part because of the freedom allowed by the internet.

Influential tech companies have

spoken against Pai and his FCC, including Google, who released a statement in 2015 defending net neutrality.

"Our values remain the same," a statement from Google read. "The Internet should be competitive and open."

"It's a level playing field," the statement reads, "where new entrants and established players can reach users on an equal footing."

In a recent interview for Recode.com, Netflix CEO Reed Hastings said the company isn't as concerned over net neutrality as it would have been 10 years ago during his company's startup phase. With over half of its subscribers coming from outside the United States, Netflix, Hastings said, would not suffer significantly if the Open Internet Act were repealed.

Netflix confirmed this in a 2014 deal struck with Comcast — wherein the broadband company would provide improved internet service to Netflix for an increased subscription fee — marking the end of a feud between Comcast and Hastings that began in 2012 when Hastings criticized Comcast on his Facebook page for "no longer following net neutrality principles."

Netflix stood up for net neutrality in a Tweet earlier this year:

"Netflix will never outgrow the fight for #NetNeutrality," the company tweeted. "Everyone deserves an open internet."

The tweet included a link to sign up for an internet-wide day of protest in July earlier this year — dozens of influential tech companies participated, including internet standouts Soundcloud, Tumblr and Reddit.

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Luck ran out: No plans to build casino in State College

By Mikayla Corrigan
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The State College Borough Council does not see the community hitting the jackpot any time soon. On Monday, Nov. 20, the council passed a resolution preventing the possible development of a casino within the borough.

This resolution spanned from legislation that Governor Tom Wolf signed in October that expanded gambling in Pennsylvania and would allow 10 Category 4 satellite casinos to be built. These casinos would have between 300 and 750 slot machines and other table games.

According to the State's legislation, municipalities, like State College, would have until Dec. 31 to decide whether it would be up consideration as a site for such a casino.

If the council felt that it would be okay at this time, they had no recourse in the future to then say it's not okay.

So, rather than making a final decision, the council voted unanimously to say no for now — bearing in mind it would always have the option anytime the future say yes — council member Evan Myers said.

By making this decision by the Dec. 31 deadline, the borough can reverse the resolution in the future, if they want to be a part of the project. The other municipalities choosing not to "opt out" by the deadline will not be able to make that decision.

This would essentially mean that a developer would only be subject to municipality's zoning ordinances if they choose to build a casino there. The said municipality would have no other say in the process of development.

By voting yes, the borough would not actually get to decide if there will be a casino or not or where it would go. That is up to the Casino Commission if the council would ever say yes, Myers said.

"There is no casino that is set to be built in State College or anywhere else in the Centre region at this time, so there really was no reaction one way or the other," Myers said.

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Hear both sides before jumping to judgment

Penn State is no stranger to getting sued, however, the most recent case has caused us to raise our eyebrows.

A former Penn State student is suing the university for more than \$75,000 after she claimed the university deprived her of due process rights. She also claims the university discriminated against her because of her race, as previously reported by The Daily Collegian.

The student, Grace Simms, was charged with violations of the Student Conduct Policy by the Office of Student Conduct after being faced with criminal charges including simple assault, conspiracy-disorderly conduct and harassment.

It's all these charges that are confusing to us.

According to Simms, she had been "a victim of ongoing and uninvestigated harassment" in March 2016 by another student, Sarah Ismail, according to court documents.

OUR VIEW

The most recent suit against the university has caused us to question how accurate these claims are.

Ismail had created threatening messages and posts against Sims and had recorded banging on Sims door on her Snapchat story, as previously reported.

Simms then approached Ismail in the library asking her to remove the post, but Ismail yelled and cursed at her. When another student intervened to calm Ismail down, Ismail spit on the student and attacked her, according to court documents.

After this incident, Simms and the other student went and reported it to the police.

Furthermore, the Hearing

Board unanimously decided she was responsible for the charges placed against her, and consequently was suspended through the spring 2017 semester, as previously reported.

Wait what?

Are we actually supposed to believe that Penn State truly made a predetermined decision to suspend her as Simms state?

If everything that Simms recounts is in fact accurate, then our university needs to seriously reevaluate their decision.

However, not that we're

calling Simms a liar, but we find it very hard to believe that Penn State would make such a bold and decisive decision against a student without some hard evidence.

Penn State isn't stupid, and though the university has committed some very reckless and poor mistakes in the past, we find it hard to believe that they would actually do everything that Simms stated.

It is important to reiterate, we are not saying that Simms has simply been spewing lies. After all, to go to all the length to sue the university means she must

believe there is some truth to all of her accusations.

However, they're very serious accusations and after all the preaching that Penn State has done about being this welcoming and inclusive community, it would be weird for the university to do this.

Of course discrimination does exist and it is a BIG DEAL.

There have already been instances of the police discriminating against people, but we can't automatically presume that is what the police and the university are doing.

In fact, until we hear something from Penn State, we cannot make any judgement.

We have to remember that we're only hearing one side of the story — the student's.

We still have not heard what the university has to say on this subject, and hopefully when and if they do, it will help clear things up.



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Holiday season of giving should continue after the New Year

To commence the holiday season, Starbucks released a "Give Good" campaign in which they encourage others to "give good," because "good keeps giving." It reminds visitors that this is the time of year to show kindness and it associates acts of kindness

with the holiday spirit. The campaign aims to emphasize this season of giving and stresses the importance of goodness this time of year.

Undoubtedly, the campaign was intended to inspire others with holiday spirit and instill in them a desire to "give good." There is something truly special about the holiday season. We are reminded to be grateful for our good fortunes while encouraged to give to those who have been less fortunate.

However, I found that the campaign begged the question

as to why exactly the holiday season is associated with giving? What is it about this time of year that inspires others to give? Why does it seem as though the holiday season is the only time in which we are encouraged to give good and spread cheer? Similarly, why are we not encouraged to be good and do good acts all year round? What is "holiday spirit" really about?

If it is understood that the holiday season is the time to give back, spread cheer and offer a helping hand, then it is also understood that goodness and giving do not continue beyond the New Year. While it is important to recognize that some are less fortunate than others and it is the responsibility of those who have more to do more for those that do not, giving and spreading love should not be exclusive to the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

By stressing the idea that the holiday season is also a season

of giving, it is implied that doing good and giving to others is not really necessary during the other 11 months of the year. For all intents and purposes, it is a cop out for doing good all year round, as it is during this season of giving that we complete our random acts of kindness for the year.

Local food pantries and soup kitchens experience an influx of volunteers and extra help this time of year. After the first of the year, the desire to help out and give back nearly vanishes. This emphasis on helping others during the holiday season suggests that helping and giving is not required nor is it needed all year round. To a certain extent, the holiday season is socially constructed. As a society, we are conditioned to believe that if we want to do good and truly make a difference, this is the time of year to do it.

If I'm being totally honest, I'm extremely guilty of this ideology. I need the constant reminders

to give and help others that this time of year has to offer because I forget that there is still a need to help others beyond the first day of the New Year. However, I've found that it's not the gaiety of the holiday season that should inspire me, but rather a genuine desire to do good all year round because it is the right thing to do.

This holiday season, there should be an emphasis on doing good and making spirits bright, not because of the merry music, twinkling lights or gentle snowfall, but rather because helping one another and showing kindness is what we should be doing anyways.

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Nittany Lions gear up for NC State

By Vincent Lungaro
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The standard for Penn State basketball continues to grow.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Even after two blowout wins and a close loss to a highly ranked Texas A&M team, coach Pat Chambers sees areas that need improving for the Nittany Lions.

Penn State faces NC State at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday from PNC Arena in Raleigh North Carolina. The two teams will meet as a part of the 19th edition of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

The changes Chambers alluded to aren't whole sale, after all the team is 6-1 and off to its best start since the 2010-11 season, but they'll go a long way into solidifying Penn State as a top-half team in the Big Ten.

"[The areas to work on] are just the simplest of things," Chambers said. "A box out on a free throw. A rotation defensively. Sprinting back in convert defense, transition defense."

"I keep talking to our guys 'do simple great.'" Simple doesn't take talent. It just takes your energy. It takes your effort, attitude and your trust with your teammates."

Against No. 9 Texas A&M on Nov. 21, the Nittany Lions traded baskets with the Aggies for most of the night. But sloppy play midway through the second half spurred a 13-3 run from Texas A&M, good for a 17-point cushion for the SEC side — a cushion Penn State never fully erased.

It's a spell like that, in particular, that Chambers wants to avoid against NC State and



Nazeer Bostick (4) and Montana's Jamar Akoh (15) fight for the ball during the men's basketball game at the Bryce Jordan Center on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

other quality teams the Nittany Lions face going forward.

"We're playing a lot of good possessions right, we really are," Chambers said. "In that A&M game we played a lot of good possessions. But there's more possessions in the game that we have to clean up."

Penn State has largely been led by sophomore duo Tony Carr and Lamar Stevens. The former Roman Catholic teammates sit first and second on the team in scoring, averaging 20 and 14.6 points per game, respectively.

Carr also leads the team in assists, while Stevens is top in rebounds.

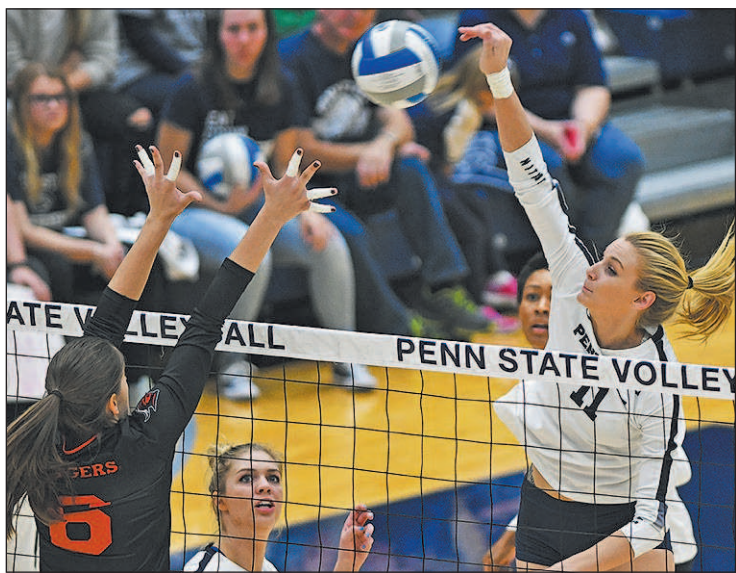
While there's no doubt the pair are the two best players the

Nittany Lions have, Chambers would like to see them have to carry less of a load offensively. The win over Oral Roberts was a good example of that, as Penn State had four players in double figures.

Jamari Wheeler and Nazeer Bostick led the team with 14 points each. Carr added 13 points, with Josh Reaves scoring 10. Stevens and Mike Watkins also added eight points each as well.

"Tony is playing at an elite level. I think Lamar isn't too far behind," Chambers said. "We need a couple more guys to step up become a great, elite team."

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Tori Gorrell (11) spikes the ball during a match against Rutgers on Nov. 4. Penn State won the match 3 sets to 0.

Penn State gets home court advantage

By Ben Ferree
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

The season is over for most women's volleyball teams across the country, but Penn State's year is just getting started.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Nittany Lions, who picked up the top overall seed in the NCAA Tournament last Sunday, are hoping for six more games this season when they start their postseason campaign on Friday against Howard.

"We've got to ball out," senior Simone Lee said. "We have six matches until our final destination and our final goal, it's just one of those things, you have got to leave it out on the floor every time."

The Nittany Lions are entering the tournament hot, winners of 19 straight games and finishing with an overall record of 29-1. The only blemish came against Nebraska in Penn State's first Big Ten game of the season.

Because of Penn State's

dominance this season, the Nittany Lions picked up the overall number one seed in the NCAA tournament and the right to play every game at home before the Final Four.

"Being at home has some benefits," coach Russ Rose said. "Everybody is familiar with things and there is always the impact of the crowd but still it's how you play not who you play."

The Nittany Lions, who won a share of the Big Ten championship this season, know the importance of home court advantage in a grueling sport which has teams playing matches back to back days. The NCAA Tournament is no exception, as games in the first two weekends are played back to back.

"It was a big time goal for us at the start of the season that we would have that opportunity to host the first two weekends," senior Haleigh Washington said.

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Tony Carr (11) moves the ball during the men's basketball game against Montana at the Bryce Jordan Center on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Tony Carr named TDC's Athlete of the Week

By Vincent Lungaro
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

If Tony Carr continues to play like he has through the first three weeks of the season, The Daily Collegian Athlete of the Week honors will be insignificant compared to other awards he's going to earn.

Following Penn State's strong showing at the Legends Classic, Collegian men's basketball reporter Tyler King wrote why Carr has looked like the Big Ten's best guard through the first handful of games to start the season. While that designation might be up for debate, it's no secret the Philadelphia native has been the driving force behind the Nittany Lions' impressive 6-1 start.

Thanks to his recent standout performances, Carr is The Daily Collegian's Athlete of the Week.

This past week, Carr helped guide the Nittany Lions to two wins out of three games played, averaging 20 points and 4.3

assists per game. That includes a terrific performance in the Legends Classic final against a Texas A&M squad with several NBA prospects on its roster.

He scored 31 points on 11-of-20 shooting, including 21 points in the first half. The 6-foot-5 guard hurt the Aggies from all over the floor, using his size to shoot over smaller defenders.

Carr is currently second in the Big Ten in scoring (20.0 PPG) and 3-point field goal percentage (65 percent). He's also ranked fourth in the conference in assists (4.8 APG) and sixth in assist/turnover ratio (2.9).

"He's a big-time player. We're lucky to have him," coach Pat Chambers said after the loss to the Aggies. "He would take an 11-point game if it meant a win, though. That's just the competitor that he is."

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Penn State football's possible post-season bowl scenarios

By Andrew Rubin
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The College Football Playoff committee could have an easy top-4 to choose following this weekend's conference championship games or the 13 members could have a massive mess on their hands.

If Wisconsin and Oklahoma win, it'll be simple. Those two should go along with the winner of the ACC and SEC Championship game. If Oklahoma or Wisconsin lose, things get a little more complicated.

That'll put Alabama and Ohio State into a titanic debate for the No. 4 spot. While No. 9 Penn State doesn't play this weekend, the outcomes of this weekend's games will affect where the Nittany Lions go bowling.

The Nittany Lions are almost definitely going to a New Year's



Camille Stefani/Collegian

Cam Brown (31) and Marcus Allen (2) tackle Justin Davis (22) during last season's bowl game against USC at the Rose Bowl Stadium on Monday, Jan. 2.

Six Bowl game. This year, the four options are the Orange, Peach, Cotton and Fiesta. The other two that make up the six, the Sugar and Rose, are the Playoff semifinals.

In the three-year rotation be-

tween Playoff games, this year with the Sugar and Rose hosting the semifinals, the committee has more freedom than it had in the other two years of the cycle.

They both have specific conference affiliation. The Sugar, when it isn't a Playoff game, has to take an SEC and a Big 12 team. The Rose, similarly, has to take a Pac 12 and Big 10 team when it isn't the host of a semifinal game.

The only other game of the six with conference affiliations is the Orange Bowl. The Committee has to send the highest-ranked ACC team not to make the Playoff there, and then match the ACC representative against the highest-ranked team from the SEC, Big Ten or Notre Dame not to make it.

Rematch of Pasadena thriller?

If Penn State doesn't get into the Orange Bowl, which is the most likely scenario, it's really anyone's guess as to what the Committee will do on Sunday.



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Saquon Barkley (26) avoids a tackle during the game against USC at the Rose Bowl Stadium on Monday, Jan. 2.



Collegian file photo

Penn State outfielder Rebecca Ziegler (15) misses a catch on a dive during a game against Rutgers at Beard Field on Sunday, April 23.

MY VIEW | DAVID ECKERT

B1G schedule should start well for softball

After Penn State was unable to close out a number of games last season, its mantra heading into the off-season was 'finish'. In 2018, where the Nittany Lions finish will have a lot to do with how they start — at least in conference play.

Penn State announced its full 2018 schedule on Tuesday, and the competition coach Amanda Lehotak's team will face at the onset of its Big Ten schedule is striking.

Strikingly poor, that is. The Nittany Lions begin their conference season with a series at home against Maryland, a team that finished last in the Big Ten a season ago. Just a week later, Penn State travels to Piscataway, New Jersey, for three games with Rutgers, which finished second to last in the Big Ten. The Terrapins and Scarlet Knights combined to post a putrid 9-37 conference record in 2017, as each team failed to qualify for the Big Ten Tournament.

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PSU-Lehigh rivalry shows PA dominance

By Tyler King
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The state of Pennsylvania is often referred to as the best state for wrestling in the country, and every year the state's dominance is put on full display when the two best college programs in the state square off — Penn State and Lehigh.

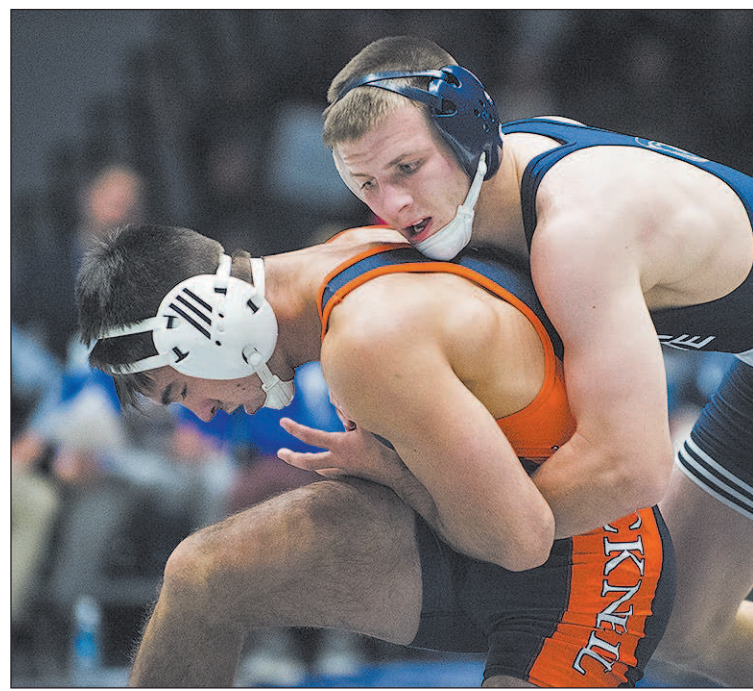
This Sunday, the Nittany Lions and Mountain Hawks will meet head-to-head on the mat for the 106th time in their storied histories.

The venue continues to grow for this blockbuster matchup. Last year, Penn State held its annual dual at the Bryce Jordan Center against Lehigh, and this year the rivalry will head to center city Allentown in the PPL Center, which seats close to 10,000 people with standing room only, for the first time.

The head coaches, Cael Sanderson and Pat Santoro, have played pivotal roles in rejuvenating the rivalry over the past 10 seasons by consistently having teams ranked inside the top-10.

That hasn't changed this year with the two-time defending champion Nittany Lions sitting atop the latest NWCA Coaches Poll and the Mountain Hawks slotted at No. 5.

The matchup has drawn great atmospheres in whichever arena it's been in, but Penn State and Lehigh consistently sell out



Christopher Sanders/Collegian

Penn State's Jason Nolf puts Bucknell's Christian Bassolino in a hold during the match against Bucknell's at Rec Hall on Sunday, Nov. 12.

wherever it's held. "To be able to sell out the BJC against an in-state team says a lot," Sanderson said. "The numbers speak for themselves."

Even though Sanderson didn't grow up around the rivalry, he understands the importance of it to the sport of wrestling and the area.

"I don't know if there's a rivalry that goes back as long as Penn State-Lehigh," Sanderson said. "It's special to our fans, it's

special to their fans." It's common for in-state rivals to play annually in other collegiate sports like football, but isn't something you see in wrestling, but is something Sanderson thinks is important. "They're the one team outside the Big Ten that we wrestle every year," Sanderson said. "We're going to wrestle Lehigh every year and that's the way it is." To read full story, visit collegian.psu.edu.

Simone Lee and Haleigh Washington earn B1G honors

By Tyler King
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Simone Lee and Haleigh Washington have been a deadly duo throughout their four years in Happy Valley, but on Tuesday they achieved something that's only been done two times in Big Ten history.

In the conference's regular season awards, Lee was named the Big Ten's Player of the Year while Washington took home the Defensive Player of the Year award.

This is just the third time in Big Ten history that the player of the year and defensive player of the year came from the same program in the same season.

Lee becomes the 11th player in program history to win Big Ten Player of the Year, the first since Ariel Scott in 2012, after leading the team in kills and becoming a big contributor on the defensive end.

Washington is now the third player in Penn State history to win the Defensive Player of the Year award.

The duo were also both unanimous selections to the All-Big Ten Team, with Washington earning her fourth-straight All-Big Ten honor.

The Nittany Lions took home more than just those two awards as sophomore Kendall White joined Lee and Washington on the All-Big Ten team.

Coach Russ Rose was also named Big Ten Coach of the Year by the media for the 15th time in his career.

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Penn State's Simone Lee (22) serves the ball over her teammates during the game against Wisconsin at Rec Hall on Oct. 25.

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Bigar's Stars

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017

This year you go with the flow, as you are aware of what the appropriate choice is for you. A tendency to stir the pot could disappear as summer appears on the horizon. Avoid struggles over your funds — it's your money, and you call the shots.

If you are single, you have no shortage of opportunities to change that status. Take your time getting to know someone before you commit.

If you are attached, you might want more downtime than in the past. Try to understand your sensitivities and not project them onto your sweetie.

ARIES knows how to have a good time.

BORN TODAY
Author C.S. Lewis (1898), author Louisa May Alcott (1832), actress Diane Ladd (1935)

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Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You express your ability to tackle problems today. You also demonstrate how fiery a leader you can be. Pressure builds around a personal matter. You might be forced to detach in order to understand the other party's position. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. You might not feel comfortable with a new friend's attitude. Work-related issues seem to arise from out of nowhere. You could have difficulty coming to a conclusion once you see the variables involved. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Relate to others directly, and they will appreciate how you personalize your conversations and thoughts. You are likely to gain a unique perspective of a partner or loved one. You might want to mull over your thoughts for a while. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner and a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have the ability to move forward and handle a problem more easily than many around you. Tap into your ability to see beyond the here and now. Follow your gut, and you can't go wrong. Don't let anyone rain on your parade. Tonight: Choose something fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might find that others are stuck on their position and will fight to have their way. If you detach and understand where they are coming from, you will have a much easier time. Be willing to rethink your view as well. Tonight: Meet friends where great music can be heard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to look the other way or defer to others because of a problem that is affecting you. A new friend could be unusually verbal, to the point that he or she becomes demanding and pushy. Do not get involved in a power play. Tonight: Refuse your thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could find a loved one quite demanding. Maintain a sense of humor when speaking to this person. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like. Understanding helps, but refuse to fight with someone who is sure that he or she knows better. Tonight: Defer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be feistier than you have been in a while. Should someone who is part of your personal life create a problem for you in your professional life, you could be unusually sarcastic, irritated and angry. Do not push others right now. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You can't seem to contain your playful, adventurous personality. Some of your friends love your spirited mood; however, you'll want to contain yourself at work. Refuse to let any negativity get to you. Tonight: Don't let someone distract you from pursuing a high priority.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You often feel a bit off at this time of year. Stay centered, if possible, and do not internalize others' issues. Be smart and stay out of control games. You are changing, and others might not know how to respond to you. Stay cautious and prepared. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take the initiative and make the first move. Don't hesitate to ask for what you want. It is clear that others are not as confident as you are. Your leadership makes all the difference in the outcome. Be willing to ask for more support if you need it. Tonight: Be a bit bohemian.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might wonder what has been going on with you lately. Be a little indulgent, and you are likely to have a lot of fun. Keep any receipts and tags, as you might need to make some returns. You will want to consider making a revision to your budget. Tonight: Dress to impress!

Breaking down the 2018 Grammys

By Sarah Vasile
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

I love music to an almost obsessive degree. I'll send my frequently updated Top 100 list to anyone who disputes that claim. As a music-lover, I'm often shocked — and occasionally surprised — and occasionally surprised — with Grammy nominations, and this year is no different. Let's get into some predictions for the big categories before I give you some observations no one asked for.

1. Record Of The Year

THE NOMINEES:

- Redbone (Childish Gambino)
- Despacito (Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee, Featuring Justin Bieber)
- The Story Of O.J. (JAY-Z)
- HUMBLE. (Kendrick Lamar)
- 24K Magic (Bruno Mars)

WHO WILL WIN: "Despacito." Not even a competition there. It was an inescapable track this year.

WHO SHOULD WIN: "HUMBLE." Say what you will about the "my left stroke just went viral" sample being overlaid at Beaver Stadium, this is one of best singles of the year.

It displays Lamar in peak form and is the perfect lead in to DAMN. (An album in contention for Album of the Year, by the way).

2. Album of the Year

THE NOMINEES:

- "Awaken, My Love" (Childish Gambino)
- 4:44 (JAY Z)
- DAMN. (Kendrick Lamar)
- Melodrama (Kendrick Lamar)
- 24K Magic (Bruno Mars)

WHO WILL WIN: 24K Magic. Bruno Mars has the weakest album of all the nominees, but he'll still win. Why? Well, first off, the man knows how to craft a song... there's no disputing that. But, more importantly, the Grammys have a tendency to reward commercial successes, and Mars definitely got more mainstream radio play than the other nominees.

WHO SHOULD WIN: DAMN. Normally I find something to complain about in the Album of the Year category, but this year's lineup was pretty solid.

You could make an argument for most of the albums on the list (most notably Lorde's strong sophomore effort and Childish Gambino's foray into more traditional R&B), but DAMN. deserves its win just a little bit more.



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Childish Gambino performs at the iHeartRadio Music Festival Village at Sept. 20, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

3. Song of The Year

THE NOMINEES:

- Despacito (Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee, Featuring Justin Bieber)
- 4:44 (JAY Z)
- Issues (Julia Michaels)
- 1-800-273-8255 (Logic, Featuring Alessia Cara & Khalid)
- That's What I Like (Bruno Mars)

WHO WILL WIN: "1-800-273-8255." The song is Logic's first to reach No. 1 on Billboard's Top 100, and for good reason.

WHO SHOULD WIN: "1-800-273-8255." It's really hard to argue against this track — other than JAY-Z's 4:44, I don't think there's a lot of solid competition in the category. Not only does Logic's breakout hit have a message that's easy to get behind — capped off by a great performance at the VMAs — but it also features two equally incredible artists, Alessia Cara and Khalid.

4. Best New Artist

THE NOMINEES:

- Alessia Cara
- Khalid
- Lil Uzi Vert
- Julia Michaels
- SZA

WHO WILL WIN: Honestly, who knows? My money is on Lil Uzi Vert (his feature on the Migos track "Bad and Boujee" combined with a solid solo release makes him a contender), but I could make the case for any of the nominees.

The only one I'd be slightly upset with is Cara, only because her song "Here" put her in the spotlight last year.

WHO SHOULD WIN: SZA.

Her debut album, Ctrl, showcased a whole lot of talent. Her songwriting chops are on full display on tracks like the standout "Prom" and single "The Weekend," and her raw, powerful vocals are a welcome addition to the current music scene.

Unlike Best New Artist nominees and winners in previous years, SZA actually reached prominence this year — giving the win to her would help push the award category in the right direction.

SOME STRAY OBSERVATIONS

• I previously wrote a column criticizing the criteria for "Best New Artist" — it looks like the Grammys have tweaked it a bit, and for the first time in a long time, actual "new" artists are up for the award.

• Harry Styles's solo debut wasn't nominated for anything. Maybe it's because no one knows what category to put his self-titled album in? Whatever the reasoning, he should have been nominated for something.

• Pittsburgh-based metal band Code Orange is nominated for Best Metal Performance. Nice to see Pennsylvania represented.

• Arcade Fire and Gorillaz both released subpar albums — why are they nominated at all?

• I'm happy "Awaken, My Love" was nominated in the R&B category. I was worried Childish Gambino was going to be stuck in the hip-hop category based on his previous releases.

FOUR OTHER 2017 ALBUMS YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT, JUST BECAUSE

This is where I flaunt my hipster cred...or something like that.

1. Greatest Hits (Remo Drive): Don't let the name fool you — this is the band's debut LP, and it's worth every second of your time.
2. Precious Art (Rozwell Kid): Rozwell Kid is reminiscent of early Weezer and I mean that in the best way.
3. Mr. Finish Line (Vulfpeck): Fact: It's impossible to be sad while listening to Vulfpeck.
4. Turn Out the Lights (Julien Baker): The perfect album for bleak winters — want to be sad and contemplative? Listen to this.

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Bowl

FROM Page 4.

The Nittany Lions could be headed to Atlanta for the Peach Bowl, Dallas for the Cotton Bowl or Phoenix for the Fiesta Bowl.

Committee Chairman Kirby Hocutt wasn't too specific in what the Committee is going to do in deciding the three matchups they have freedom with.

"We will look at matchups. We don't want a rematch to occur from the regular season," Hocutt said. "We will look at destination locations as it relates to the higher ranked teams that are there for our review, and we will put together the most attractive matchups for college football fans."

"Those principles will guide our discussion and our decision making next Sunday afternoon after the semifinals are announced and we have a chance to make those assignments." Numerous predictions have Penn State playing Texas Chris-

tian University in the Cotton Bowl. Some have the Nittany Lions taking on Georgia in the Peach Bowl, assuming the Bulldogs lose this weekend.

It isn't out of the question that the Nittany Lions will take on the winner of the Pac 12 Championship game between USC and Stanford in the Fiesta Bowl. If USC wins that game, the Trojans will be headed to the Fiesta Bowl in all likelihood. Some thought the Committee would steer clear of a rematch of last year's Rose Bowl if it had the opportunity to put the Nittany Lions and Trojans on the same field. However, Hocutt said that isn't the case. We might be closing in on a rematch from last year's 52-49 thriller.

"That won't factor in," Hocutt said in reference to recent year's bowl games. "If there was a rematch from last year, we may try to discuss it, but I wouldn't say that we would automatically steer away from a rematch that may have occurred in the last few years."

Sweet sunshine citrus?

After going over the criteria for the Orange Bowl, it seems unlikely that Penn State will jump over all the SEC teams above it and get a chance to spend bowl season in South Florida. However, it isn't that unthinkable for the Nittany Lions to be the highest ranked Big Ten or SEC team outside of the top-4.

First of all, to make the Orange Bowl, Wisconsin would need to win and Oklahoma would need to lose. That would almost definitely drop Ohio State below the Nittany Lions, and it would likely put Alabama into the Playoff.

If Alabama gets into the Playoff, and then the SEC Championship game loser, Auburn or Georgia, drops below Penn State, the Nittany Lions will be headed to South Beach (actually Miami Gardens, which is northwest of downtown Miami and pretty far from South Beach, but whatever) for bowl season.

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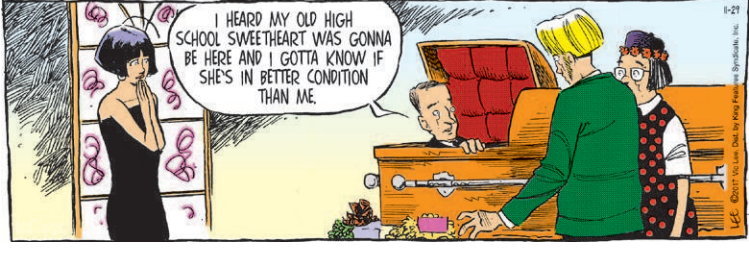
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E	F	P	I	P	P	Z	Z	T	R	A	U	Q	P	P	T	U	C
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