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Penn State's Tommy Stevens (2) and Billy Fessler (16) celebrate after a touchdown on Nov. 25.

How Lions will roll before the bowl

By Andrew Rubin
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — There is an old saying that after the game is before the game. For a football team in the middle of its season, that's true.

After all, the day after a game is only six days before the next. However, come Sunday this week, No. 10 Penn State will have a little over a month before it takes the field in its bowl game. This comes after the team's 66-3 rout of Maryland on Saturday.

That gives the coaches time to go out and try and reel in the next group of Nittany Lions, as they'll all be leaving on recruiting trips tomorrow. It gives Penn State's players time to close out their semester, and they'll have some space in their schedule to be football fans again.

"I'm going to catch up on some NFL," safety Marcus Allen said. "I've got some close friends that are playing in the NFL. When you are in season you don't get to watch NFL as much."

While Allen will have more time to catch up on school work and watch games on Sunday, the month-long break also gives teams more time to improve. Game weeks are short during the

regular season. Every team in the country is cramming a game plan in and preparing for a new opponent.

While self-scouting is definitely a big part of the weekly routine, there isn't nearly as much time for it as there is during bowl season.

"In the running back room, we will watch every single game and every single run," Saquon Barkley said. "The good runs, the bad runs and just learn from mistakes. You get that little gap, and you get a lot of time to work on yourself as a player... We will go through every single thing we did wrong as an offense and correct it."

Penn State won't even learn its bowl opponent and destination until next Sunday, but coach James Franklin and his staff already have the schedule for every possible game mapped out. Franklin said the Nittany Lions have nine separate schedules prepared for the upcoming month, depending on which bowl game they're selected for.

Regardless of where the Nittany Lions are headed for their bowl game, Barkley said practices are a little different heading into the post-season.

"I remember my freshman

year when we had bowl game practices. It was getting chippy. It was fun," Barkley said. "Obviously, we weren't going live, but it was a lot more best on best, and ones vs. ones. Just test each other and push the best out of each other."

Barkley also said the smack talk picks up on the field during bowl practices as the first-team offense goes against the first-team defense.

Players also realize that this will be their final time prepping for a game for nine months. For the seniors who aren't going to the NFL, it'll be the final game of their career. This year probably will be no different as so many of the Nittany Lions' starters will be prepping for their final games in blue and white.

"I just look forward to talking about stuff with Saquon, Trace, Saeed all those guys, Hammy, definitely Hammy. [DaeSean Hamilton] talks stuff, like seriously," Marcus Allen said. "Just having fun, you have to have fun, this is literally my last game at Penn State. So, I'm just going to give it my all and have fun with those guys."

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THE GAUNTLET AND THE GLASS CEILING

Comparing similarities between pledges Chun Deng and Timothy Piazza

By Stephanie Panny
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Since the death of Timothy Piazza, following injuries sustained in Penn State's Beta Theta Pi fraternity, hazing has become a national issue.

However, this isn't the first time a Pennsylvania District Attorney has charged a high number of former fraternity brothers in the death of a pledge as the result of hazing.

In December 2013, the former brothers of the Pi Delta Psi fraternity traveled from Baruch College in Manhattan to the Poconos, renting a house near Long Pond in Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

The former brothers proceeded to initiate a hazing ritual — a ritual that resulted in the death of 18-year-old pledge Chun "Michael" Deng from blunt-force head trauma.

These boys and their fraternities were very different.

Freshman Deng, a competitive handball player from Queens, New York, was the son of Chinese immigrants, while Piazza, 19, a former football player, grew up in Lebanon, New Jersey, in an affluent, white suburb.

Deng's fraternity, Pi Delta Psi, was founded at Baruch in 2010 according to an article pub-

lished in The New York Times, and was meant to be a place for Asian-American students — many of whom were children of immigrants like Deng — to find their place in the small business college.

Sophomore Piazza's fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, was one of Penn State's original fraternities, with a house located just across the street from campus. It has consisted of mostly white men — the sole exception being Kordel Davis of the fall 2016 pledge class, who transferred to Rutgers this academic year. The fraternity was no stranger to trouble, however, having been temporarily shut down due to alcohol violations in 2009.

While their backgrounds may have been different, both students died as a result of fraternity hazing.

Deng and Piazza were made to go through their respective fraternity's version of "the gauntlet."

At Beta Theta Pi, "the gauntlet" was a drinking obstacle course.

It included shot-gunning beer, downing multiple shots from handles of Crown Russe vodka and guzzling Franzia wine from a bag held up by brothers, all while running around the house in between various stations.

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Beta Theta Pi fraternity house located on Burrowes St. on Monday, Feb. 6.



Collegian file photo

Participants of Relay for Life march their final laps on April 9.

Donations going up on a Tuesday

By Cassie Kizis
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Penn State has aimed to hold community service as an integral part of the university since its founding, and the community is constantly looking for new ways to benefit not only the university itself, but State College as a whole.

This Tuesday, Penn State will participate in #GivingTuesday, a day set aside for college campuses and philanthropic organizations to garner support for numerous causes.

For Penn State, #GivingTuesday is larger than itself. Starting

at 6:55 p.m. on Tuesday — 18:55 in military time, which is also the year Penn State was founded — all members of the Penn State community, from alumni to current students, can donate a monetary gift to any area of the university. Donations will be accepted until midnight Wednesday.

Fundraising efforts on #GivingTuesday may benefit causes that go beyond Penn State.

Student organizations representing a variety of charitable causes will host events and fundraisers on #GivingTuesday.

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Dominating performance was too little too late

By Matt Martell
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

No. 10 Penn State put together one of its most complete efforts on Saturday in its 66-3 win over Maryland, as the Nittany Lions notched their second-straight 10-win season.

However, it was too little too late for coach James Franklin's squad, which had legitimate College Football Playoff aspirations heading into this season after its resurgent 2016 campaign.

Thoughts of what could've been are inevitable for Penn State, as its two losses this year were by a combined total of four points. So close, yet so far.

"Looking back at those games, there are plays that you want to have back," quarterback Trace McSorley said. "We go back and wonder those things. The learning experience is you don't actually get that opportunity to go back and fix it. You need to treat every play like it's gold during the game."

Instead, the Nittany Lions will likely settle for a New Year's Six bowl bid, depending on what happens next week in the conference championships.

Day to remember

Aside from backup quarter-

back Tommy Stevens, whose four touchdowns stole the show, wide receiver Juwan Johnson had another dominant performance.

Johnson caught six passes for 63 yards against Maryland, and over the last three games, he's tallied 16 receptions for 246 yards. His emergence as a consistent target for McSorley came later in the season than expected following his preseason hype, but there's no doubt he's completely settled into his role as the team's top target in the future.

The one part of Johnson's game that he can still improve is scoring touchdowns.

His lone score came against Iowa in Week 4 when he caught the walk-off touchdown pass from McSorley.

Still, the Nittany Lions have more than enough scoring weapons this year, and as Johnson continues to get better, he'll start reaching the end zone more often.

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Running back Saquon Barkley (26) runs the ball in the open field during the game against Maryland on Nov. 25.

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN



The Nittany Lion congratulates Penn State student section member on winning a free TV for his sign creativity during a game against Columbia University at the Bryce Jordan Center on Nov. 17, 2017.

'Tis the season for music and holiday specials

By Meghan Drakas
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The Hallmark Channel's Countdown to Christmas

The Hallmark Channel has already begun airing some of its classic Christmas movies for all to enjoy. The holiday movies are currently airing at all hours of the day and include favorites such as "Marry Me at Christmas," "When Calls the Heart Christmas," "Every Christmas Has a Story" and "Switched for Christmas" starring Candace Cameron Bure.



Sia, right, and Maddie Ziegler arrive at the 57th annual Grammy Awards at the Staples Center on Feb. 8, 2015.

CMA Country Christmas - Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. on ABC

Reba McEntire will host the eighth annual "CMA Country Christmas" special at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry House. The lineup for the show includes big-name country artists such as Luke Bryan, Little Big Town, Kelsea Ballerini and Dan + Shay. McEntire is also set to perform a song from her new album, "My Kind of Christmas" which includes covers of Christmas classics like "Winter Wonderland," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting - Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. on NBC

The live airing of the "Christmas in Rockefeller Center" will include performances by Brett Eldredge, Jennifer Nettles, Pentatonix and Gwen Stefani. This is the 85th annual Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting and this year the 75-foot-tall Norway spruce hails from State College.

FREEFORM's 25 Days of Christmas - Dec. 1 - 25 on FREEFORM

Previously titled as "ABC's 25 Days of Christmas" the network will be showing all of the classic and beloved movies leading up to the day of Christmas. The lineup includes favorites such as "Elf," "The Year Without a Santa Claus," "Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas" and "The Polar Express." The entire

month's movie schedule can be found on FREEFORM's website.

"Everyday Is Christmas" by Sia

Sia takes a new approach to the 'everyday' Christmas album by debuting a 10-track compilation of all original holiday songs. The upbeat and cheery songs all include the classic 'Sia sound' and bring a new and interesting twist to usual holiday sounding soundtrack. Unique song titles including "Puppies Are Forever" and "Ho Ho Ho" bring a fun listening experience for the upcoming holiday.

"You Make It Feel Like Christmas" by Gwen Stefani

Gwen Stefani's latest release includes a 12-track album full of Christmas classics with a fun and upbeat pop spin. Some notable songs on the album include "My Gift Is You" and "Santa Baby." Stefani also has a duet with her country boyfriend, Blake Shelton on a track titled, "You Make It Feel Like Christmas."

"Christmas After Midnight" by Fantasia

Third-season American Idol winner Fantasia Barrino released her first-ever holiday album titled "Christmas After Midnight." Fantasia includes all of the classic Christmas songs such as "This Christmas" and "Baby, It's Cold Outside" featuring CeeLo Green, but takes an R&B spin on the typical holiday tunes. A few standout songs on the album are "Merry Christmas, Baby" and "Hallelujah."

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Is a picture worth a thousand words?

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I'm just going to come out and say it: I'm really not a "graphic novel" person.

I believe, as do most overly-stuffy reading obsessives, that books should involve words, not pictures; that "graphic novels" don't count as novels in any shape or form; and that the pictures in graphic novels are cheating and the font is way too small.

Despite these firmly-held beliefs, I found myself in a comic book store over Thanksgiving break. And I was even more surprised to find that Neil Gaiman — who has won a ridiculous amount of prestigious literary awards and is widely considered to be one of America's best authors — was there too.

Not in person, of course. Gaiman was there in name only, and that name was printed right there...on the comic books he's authored.

Yeah, one of America's most beloved authors also writes comic books.

Gaiman isn't the only author trending toward more colorful storytelling. At a Barnes and Noble recently, I saw a graphic novel authored by Rainbow Rowell, one of my favorite writers.

Apparently, authors are moving toward different forms of storytelling and I am a literary Luddite. Excuse me while I go hide under a large poster of Thor.

It's not that I haven't tried to read graphic novels — they do include the

word "novel," after all. I read Marjane Satrapi's "Persepolis" in high school and enjoyed it. A very long time ago, I tried to read a friend's copy of Stephanie Meyer's "Twilight: The Graphic Novel."

But overall, I still much prefer books — ones with words, no pictures and an almost-readable font size.

Ignoring that, I think graphic novels may be able to offer something that traditional books can't.

They're able to translate stories into pictures, conveying settings and emotions with a circle or lines instead of letters and paragraphs. What can be said in 1,500 words can be said in graphic novel format with 100 words and a few pictures.

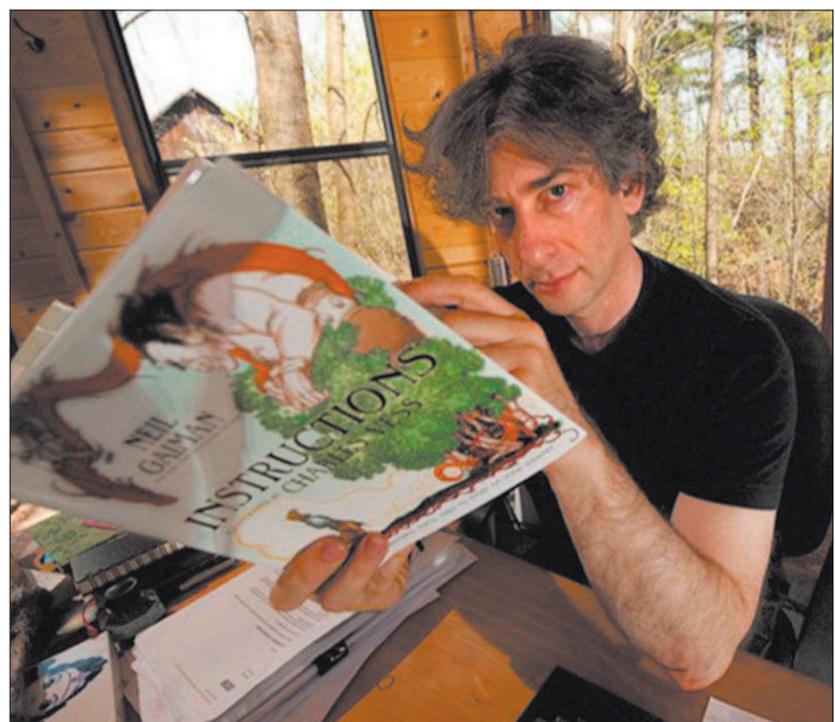
Words take a long, long time to corral into something good, but pictures also take a long time to formulate and sketch into something recognizable.

Someone who's never been able to get through a book in English class may be able to read the same book in graphic novel format. Someone who has dyslexia (or better eyes than I do) may be able to understand a story through pictures more easily than words.

As much as I love my dense, 500-page novels crammed full of words and paragraphs and letters, there's probably something to be said for graphic novels.

Using pictures, that is.

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Author Neil Gaiman is credited with being one of the creators of modern comics, according to his website.



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#Give this Tuesday, don't be a Grinch

While Thanksgiving may have come and gone, the season of giving has only just begun. So it is only fitting that this Tuesday “kickoffs the charitable season” with #GivingTuesday.

Sometimes it seems like society becomes too obsessed with material things as Black Friday and Cyber Monday near, so for #GivingTuesday to come about in recent years is something that has the ability to be a powerful movement and initiate change in the lives of others.

According to the official website, #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.

And something that we noticed is that unlike other fundraising efforts, #GivingTuesday even appeals to us broke college students.

This day gives organizations and individuals the unique opportunity to raise and donate money to causes that they feel passionate about.

OUR VIEW

This Tuesday, instead of worrying about the best sales and deals, we have an opportunity to donate and help fellow students make a difference in our community through #GivingTuesday.

Penn State is participating in the event, asking for donations to the university.

While we think it is great Penn State is encouraging giving and charity in any capacity, we also want to take the time to highlight the 11 student organizations engaging in the fundraising efforts.

These organizations include: Club Gymnastics, Lion Ambassadors, She's the First, Bloom, UNICEF, Pink Zone, Swings for Soldiers, Trilog, Gamers4Charity,

Colleges Against Cancer and Harmony.

There are so many different and worthy causes, and you can come across numerous every day.

So we like that there are specific organizations students can donate to on #GivingTuesday. It makes us feel like our donation will make more of a difference.

Raising money can be very difficult, especially with limited resources, so #GivingTuesday

makes this very easy for organizations to raise awareness of their mission and receive important donations that can positively impact our community.

If students can donate even a small amount to help other students do what they love to do – like we see with clubs such as Harmony and Club Gymnastics – we don't see a problem with that.

This is especially true when considering a lot of these

groups like Colleges Against Cancer, She's the First, and Swings for Soldiers, are asking for donations on #GivingTuesday in order to help others in need.

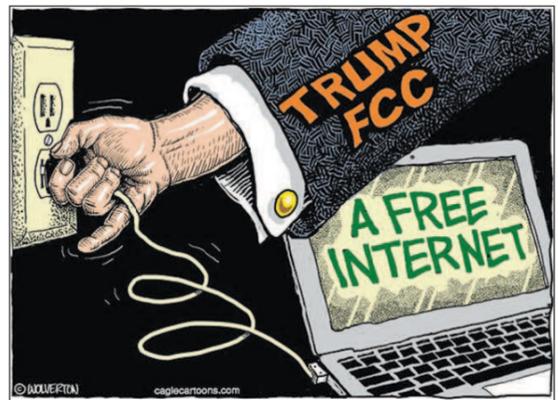
Donating money to specific organizations with specific goals is a better way to get students like ourselves motivated to get involved and give.

College students aren't full of cash. We know that.

However, during this holiday season it's important that we remember there are other students or other organizations with bigger needs than our own.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday give such cheap deals, that maybe some of the money you saved on these objects could go toward something beneficial to others on Tuesday.

As cliché as it sounds, having an initiative like #GivingTuesday during the holiday season is a great way to remind ourselves that giving IS in fact better than receiving.



MY VIEW | TYLER OLSON

Net Neutrality: When fear conquers facts

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai announced last week his plan to roll back the FCC's 2015 move to regulate the internet under Title II of the 1934 Communications Act, and everyone's freaking out.

Late night comedians are dedicating half their shows to getting people to crash the FCC website. Politicians are warning it's the end of the internet as we know it. People are posting intimidating signs outside of Pai's house targeted at his school-aged children.

One read, "They will come to know the truth. Dad murdered democracy in cold blood..."

If Net Neutrality is rolled back, activists paint a picture of an internet hell in which Internet Service Provider monopolies control what users can access and make them pay exorbitant fees for certain content. But it's all exaggerated hoopla.

While the ISP market certainly isn't as competitive as it could be, regulating it under Title II won't do anything to help with that. This regulation was designed in part to combat the 1930s Ma Bell telephone monopoly, which already had the market cornered. There are currently about 4,400 ISPs in the United States – not exactly the monopoly you've been led to believe. Besides that, it's a massive mischaracterization to say ISPs are "common carriers," which is what they are currently regulated as under Title II.

Other things regulated as "common carriers" include utilities like gas and electricity.

There is really no way to innovatively deliver natural gas to customers differently than competitors, but the internet is still being revolutionized all the time. It would be more appropriate to regulate ISPs as information services, which is what they were before 2015.

And there's already strong evidence that Title II is harming innovation.

Among the 12 largest internet providers, domestic broadband capital expenditures – essentially, investment in bringing the internet to more people – dropped 5.6 percent in the first two years after the FCC imposed Title II. That's never happened outside of a recession.

In addition, smaller ISPs are affected disproportionately by Title II, and there's been a tangible negative effect on the number of people with access to the internet because of the regulation. More than 80 percent of the members of the Wireless Internet Services Providers Association, which mainly represents smaller wireless companies in rural America, "incurred additional expense in complying with Title II rules, had delayed or reduced network expansion, had delayed or reduced services and had allocated budget simply to comply with the rules."

If we're concerned about big corporations messing with consumers, maybe we shouldn't be hurting smaller companies whose mere existence holds the larger ones accountable.

And while there's actual evi-

dence right now that Net Neutrality is harmful, the supposed benefits of the regulation are based almost entirely off speculation and misinformation.

The biggest lie yet from those trying to advance Net Neutrality is that Portugal doesn't have those protections, and that's led to ISPs forcing people to bundle which websites they want to access, paying a certain amount for social media apps, a certain amount for news content, etc.

That myth is based off a graphic tweeted by California Congressman Ro Khanna showing Portuguese cell provider MEO appearing to do just that. The graphic also appeared in widely-shared stories on Quartz and Business Insider, which warned a similar splitting of the internet into packages could happen in the United States.

But MEO isn't doing that at all. What the graphic really shows is supplemental options for customers who use large amounts of data on certain applications so they can save money. Customers who know they're always on Twitter or Spotify, but not necessarily other apps, can purchase a smaller amount of data on their base plan then add a few extra gigs at a discounted rate that will only go toward their preferred apps. But because Americans tend not to know Portuguese, a lot of people currently believe that total falsehood.

Oh also, Portugal is part of the European Union, which has Net Neutrality, so that whole story is bull.

Before 2015, the internet wasn't the dystopia the left

would have you believe, anyways. People were able to access the content that they wanted without heavy-handed government rules. You probably haven't noticed any difference in how your service worked since Title II was implemented, because there really wasn't a problem in the first place.

Assuming the FCC rolls back these rules in its Dec. 14 meeting, ISPs have publicly said they have no designs of starting to throttle content, so you probably won't notice any difference this time either.

And the few times that ISPs violated the spirit of Net Neutrality before Title II was implemented, public outrage was more than enough to make them change course.

AT&T's 2012 move forcing subscribers to purchase certain data plans in order to use FaceTime on iPhones is a perfect microcosm of this. Customer backlash came quickly and by the end of 2013 anyone with an AT&T subscription could use cellular data for FaceTime.

Net Neutrality is just another example of the government trying to solve problems where there are none, and creating problems in the process. Don't fall victim to the hype.

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Defenseman Kris Myllari (4) scans the ice looking for a teammate to pass to during the game against AIC on Friday, Oct. 20.

Men's hockey wins MSU series

By Matt Lingerman
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

A week after its first sweep of the year at Arizona State, Penn State returned to Pegula Ice Arena and stretched its unbeaten streak to four games.

MEN'S HOCKEY

The Nittany Lions beat Big Ten foe Michigan State, 7-2, on Friday night before tying the Spartans 2-2 on Saturday. Michigan State would eventually pick up an extra point after winning the shootout.

Penn State found the scoreboard early as Kris Myllari and Evan Barratt both scored in the first two minutes and 13 seconds of the game. The Nittany Lions never lost the lead as they piled on another five goals, including pairs of tallies from forwards Liam Folkes and Sam Sternschein.

Alternate captain Chase Berger recorded three assists and owned faceoffs, winning 16 of 19.

Friday also marked the return of junior defenseman Kevin Kerr, who hadn't been in the lineup since Oct. 7 due to injury. The Pennsylvania native picked up two assists in the win.

Saturday's tilt with the Spartans did not provide the same scoring output as the first game of the series, but coach Guy Gadowsky said both teams played a better game in the series finale.

The scoring didn't open until the second period, when Barratt stuffed home a shot from the doorstep for his second goal in as many games.

Michigan State answered with two quick goals of its own, cashing in on goaltender Peyton Jones being out of position on the first and beating him from the side of the net on the second to take the lead.

Penn State looked destined to split the series until defenseman Trevor Hamilton found the back of the cage with only 34 seconds left to tie the game. Hamilton jumped on a loose puck in the slot after a scrum in front of the net and sent it past goaltender John Lethemon, who had 41 saves on the night, to force an overtime.

The game went to a shootout after a scoreless extra period, and the Spartans picked up the extra point with a 3-2 win.

Even with the dropped point, Penn State's weekend performance allowed it to jump Ohio State and move into a tie with Wisconsin for third place in the Big Ten through eight conference games.

The four game unbeaten streak doubles the previous long of the season. The Nittany Lions have also outscored opponents 20-6 in that stretch.

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Penn State's Simone Lee (22) and Kendall White (3) get pumped up after winning a point during the game on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Nittany Lions earn No. 1 seed in NCAA Tournament

By Caleb Wilfinger
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

On the backs of its best regular season record since 2009, Penn State women's volleyball has been named the No. 1 overall seed in this year's NCAA Tournament.

This recognition from the tournament selection committee follows a season that saw Penn State finish 29-1, which included a record of 19-1 in Big Ten Conference play and eight victories

over teams ranked in the AVCA top 25 coaches poll.

The other top seeds in this year's tournament are Florida, Stanford and Kentucky. Penn State's Big Ten adversaries Nebraska and Minnesota were seeded fifth and seventh, respectively.

Penn State will open tournament play on Friday at 7:30 as it takes on Howard to start the campaign towards a potential eighth national championship.

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Sports superlatives: The week in Penn State athletics

By Thomas Schlarp
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

While fans were busy shopping or sleeping off the several pounds of poultry consumed on Thursday, Penn State athletics was busy feasting on opponents. Here's a look at what went down with the Nittany Lions over the holiday weekend.

The Gravy

Penn State men's basketball's 86-48 annihilation of Oral Roberts may have been the main course, but freshman Jamari Wheeler was all gravy. The point guard, coming off the bench, had five steals to go along with his 11 points. His presence was a constant annoyance to Golden Eagle guards. His 11 steals on the season are tied for the most on the team and could prove to be the final ingredient that Pat Chamber's squad has been missing in its NCAA Tournament drought since 2011.

Team Tryptophan (the chemical people blame for feeling sleepy after eating turkey)

Women's soccer may have been feeling a little sleepy after Thursday's feast as they headed to Palo Alto to take on Stanford in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. The Cardinal scored on the Nittany Lions just 1:35 into the match before tacking on two more goals in the opening 12 minutes to triple their lead to three. Stanford added one more goal before the clock even made it to the half-hour mark to push the lead to four. The Nittany Lions would finally settle in, but failed to break through, ending their spectacular postseason run in rather

unspectacular fashion.

New York Times Best Seller

No page had the Legion of Blue more excited this weekend than the return of star point guard Teniya Page to the Lady Lions' rotation. After suffering an ankle injury with the Team USA U23 National Team this summer that forced Page to miss the first five games of the season, the junior First Team All-Big Ten player saw limited time in the team's two losses at the South Point Shootout held in Las Vegas, scoring nine and 10 points respectively, but the return of Page to the lineup is essential if the Lady Lions want this season's book to finish in March.

The Number One #2

Donning the number two on his white jersey as Penn State football blew out Maryland 66-3, backup quarterback Tommy Stevens had himself a day to remember. With his 113 yards on the ground and three rushing touchdowns

the sophomore became just the second quarterback in program history to muster over 100 rushing yards and at least three rushing scores. Stevens added a fourth touchdown through the air when he completed a pass to tight end Tom Pancoast in the end zone.

Every Rose Has Its Thorn

Russ Rose and his women's volleyball team captured a share of its 17th Big Ten title Saturday after defeating eighth-ranked Minnesota in four sets and improving to 29-1 on the year. Senior Haleigh Washington led the way with a career-best 21 kills. Penn State's lone loss this season was at the hands of Nebraska, who share the conference title with the Nittany Lions. By virtue of the head-to-head tiebreaker, the Cornhuskers receive the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament while the Nittany Lions must wait for the Selection Show to likely receive the top overall seed.

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MY VIEW | TYLER KING

Penn State is one of the five best teams in the Big Ten

Through the first month of the season, the Big Ten has not looked the like the talented, deep conference that many thought it would be.



King

Besides Michigan State, which has proven to be one of the five best teams in the country, no other team in the conference has stood out.

Tournament teams from last year like Purdue, Wisconsin and Northwestern already have multiple defeats, while Indiana and Iowa already have bad losses.

Minnesota is undefeated and ranked inside the top-15, but in the championship game of the Barclays Center Classic on Saturday, the Gophers narrowly beat an Alabama team that played the final 10 minutes of the game with only three players. In a wild scenario in which the entire Alabama bench got ejected, one player fouled out and another left with an injury, the Crimson Tide finished the game with just three players. Despite this clear advantage, Minnesota got outscored 30-22 in the final 10:41 of the game.

Now, Alabama does have potential lottery pick in freshman point guard Collin Sexton, but there's still no excuse for allowing a team with just THREE PLAYERS to score 30 points in a little over 10 minutes. Minnesota proved it can put up plenty of points against bad teams, but we'll find out just how good this team is when it takes on Miami on



Penn State's Tony Carr goes up for a layup during the game against Texas A&M at the Barclay's Center on Tuesday Nov. 21.

Wednesday for the ACC/B1G Challenge.

Besides Minnesota, Illinois and Rutgers are the only remaining unbeaten team in the conference, but neither has played even another Power-5 opponent yet.

Purdue appears to be the second-best team in the conference as of now, but the Boilermakers lost back-to-back games at the Battle 4 Atlantis against Tennessee and Western Kentucky until they ultimately defeated a reeling Arizona team on Friday night.

With all of these underwhelming starts, Pat Chambers and Penn State have been one of the few teams to have an impressive start to the season.

In all of their five wins, the Nittany Lions have won each game by at least 11 points.

Even in the team's only loss, Penn State hung with a Texas A&M team that causes matchup problems for just about every team in the country and is arguably the best team in SEC to this point.

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Jamari Wheeler (5) pivots around Columbia defender, Lukas Meisner (11) during a game against Columbia University at the Bryce Jordan Center on Nov. 17.

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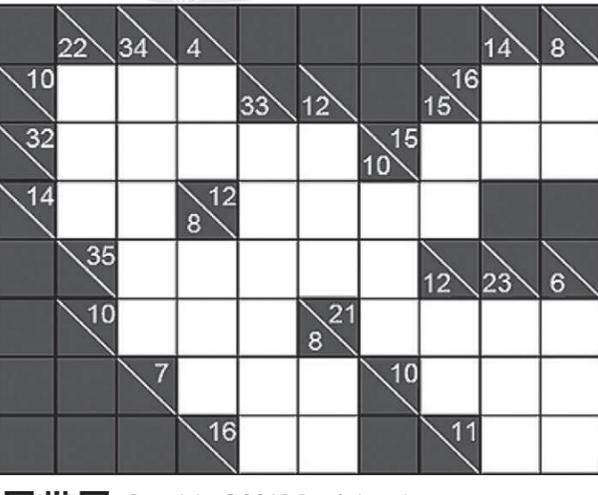
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: USED TO WATER THE GARDEN

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Kakuro (Cross Sums)

The rules are easy to learn: A number above the diagonal line in a black square is the sum of the white squares to the right of it. A number below the diagonal line is the sum of the white squares in the sequence below it. You may only use the digits 1 to 9, and a digit may be used only once in any sequence.



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- 7 Massage locale
- 10 Corgi and pug, e.g.
- 12 Be in arrears
- 13 Cocoon contents
- 16 Domicile
- 18 Door sign
- 19 Charged particles
- 20 Big Apple attraction, with "the"
- 21 Gesture of assent
- 23 Title-holder
- 26 Dead letters?
- 27 Garden-variety
- 28 Sweat source
- 29 Knee/ankle connector
- 31 Member of the Donner party?
- 32 Singer DiFranco
- 33 Sing the praises of
- 34 Islands dish
- 35 Border
- 37 Washed-out
- 40 Was in front
- 41 Like sour grapes
- 42 1773 jetsam
- 44 Parting word
- 47 Brewer's need
- 48 Owner's acquisition
- 49 Encourage
- 50 Youngster
- 51 Beat
- 52 Solidify
- 53 Jellied delicacy
- 54 Mine kind
- 56 Sinus of Valsalva locale
- 58 Period of time
- 62 Riding horse
- 63 Monopolist's portion
- 64 Scoop

Down

- 1 Put two and two together
- 2 Cattle call
- 3 Get older
- 4 Make one
- 5 Barley beards
- 6 Entreat
- 7 Kind of cycle
- 8 Huff and puff
- 9 It may be framed
- 11 Gunk
- 14 Animal toxin
- 15 Popped up
- 17 Prune
- 20 Time div.
- 22 Morse E
- 23 Busy bee in Apr.
- 24 Sharpen
- 25 Jeune
- 26 Purge
- 27 Earth
- 29 Hourglass contents
- 30 Embrace
- 31 Revolver inventor
- 33 Stead
- 34 Hair line
- 36 Kind of club
- 37 Goombah
- 38 News squib
- 39 Not shallow
- 41 Tiny bit
- 43 Footfaraw
- 44 Calendar abbr.
- 45 Chimera
- 46 White house?
- 47 "Cool" amount
- 48 Indian metropolis
- 50 "Hyperion" poet
- 51 Children's game
- 53 Sicilian rumber
- 54 Fizzy drink
- 55 Kind of child
- 57 Toupee, slangily
- 58 Chem class
- 59 Orkin target
- 60 Tabloid topic
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. 27, 2017

This year you open up to many new interests and hobbies. You find life more exciting, especially as you explore some of your imagination's wildest ideas. Expect to make changes in your home. You even might opt to move closer to water.

If you are single, you could meet someone who turns out to be unusually clearheaded and wise. This friendship might not evolve into a romance, but it's worth knowing this person.

BORN TODAY
Author Gail Sheehy (1937), actor Bruce Lee (1940), author Caroline Kennedy (1957)

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If ever there were a day to follow your sixth sense, today is it. You might need a quieter atmosphere around you. Handle a work-related matter that involves a higher-up. Your intuition will tell you exactly what to say and when. Tonight: Head home and get some extra R and R.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A friend provides a lot more guidance than he or she even realizes. This person lacks self-confidence and therefore tends not to value his or her ideas. Express your gratitude very clearly. Use your ability to detach to sleuth through a problem. Tonight: Read between the lines.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture and remain focused. You will find that the people who surround you at work or in the community are quite inspirational. A partner presents a much more logical outlook. Listen to this person's suggestions. Tonight: Could you tell the wee hours.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Stay more in tune with what you need. A person close to you could cause quite a few problems. You often feel as if this person tries to convince you of how right he or she is. Be willing to work through this issue. Avoid a power play at all costs. Tonight: Make calls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have the energy to take on an associate who affects you financially. You want to work as a team, but often you don't succeed. Listen to feedback, but follow your instincts. You might need to structure your interactions with this person differently. Tonight: Share news with a pal.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Tension is high right now. You sense from others that they have certain expectations of what they want from you. It is possible that you might not be able to meet their demands, especially those made by a loved one. Tonight: Go along with someone else's suggestion.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You know whether you are ready to move in a new direction and try a different approach. Your way of handling a touchy situation might be to withdraw. You find making decisions in your professional life difficult at best. Others misread your words. Tonight: Avoid an argument.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Say "yes" to a request and feel good about your ability to make it a reality. You generally are not so easygoing. You see life from a very different perspective, especially if your funds are involved. Revamp how you approach a creative project. Tonight: Be a bit more spontaneous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be aware of how you are thinking and how others receive your energy. You might need to deal with a personal matter and could have a very different view from those of the other parties involved. Focus on your priorities, and trust yourself to make a valid decision. Tonight: At home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could change your direction in order to cater to an associate. You might be deep in thought about how you can best communicate with the other parties involved. Think before you leap into a situation that you'd prefer not to be involved with. Tonight: Where you want to be.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A friend believes that he or she is giving you good advice, but might not be as on target as you would like. This person's suggestions could take a toll on your finances. Express your concern kindly, and hopefully you'll get your message across. Tonight: Meet a friend out.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might not intend to incorporate tension into your day, but that's what happens. Your expectations could be blown out of proportion by a close friend or associate. Rather than become irritated, detach and see how realistic you are being. Tonight: Out until the wee hours.

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