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AWARD TOUR

The Penn State women's volleyball team dominated the top awards given out by the Big Ten on Monday.

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Fans await Bowl berth

By Danae Blasso
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Though the Nittany Lions have played their last regular season game, they can't put away their practice gear quite yet.

Instead, they will be playing in Penn State's 43rd bowl appearance under Joe Paterno, Assistant Athletic Director Jeff Nelson said in a press release.

Penn State will have the chance to compete in one of three possible bowl games: the Outback and Gator Bowls, both located in Florida, or the Insight Bowl, located in Arizona, Associate Athletic Director for Marketing and Communications director Greg Myford said.

The final decision is expected to be announced Sunday at 8:45 p.m., according to the release.

Tickets for the bowl game will go on sale beginning Sunday at 9 p.m. for members of the Nittany Lion Club, and the public can purchase tickets by phone beginning Monday at 10 a.m., Myford said.

A later date for student ticket sales, which will take place at the Bryce Jordan Center, will be announced in the coming days, Myford said.

"We've always had plenty of student tickets to meet the demand of the fans," Myford said.

The last time a lottery was issued for tickets was in the 2005 Orange Bowl, Myford said.

"For all the tickets we don't sell, Penn State ends up paying for those tickets," Myford said. "Penn

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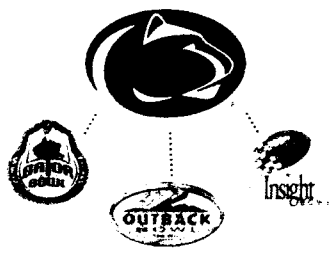
Sunny Florida or hot Arizona?

On Sunday, Penn State will find out which bowl it's playing in: the Gator Bowl, the Insight Bowl or the Outback Bowl.



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PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

IFC elects new pres.

IFC also discussed a borough proposal to institute fraternity house managers.

By Megan Rogers
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Fraternity members expressed concern about a potential State College Borough Council amendment that would require an on-site house manager at each fraternity house last night at the Interfraternity Council Presidents' Council meeting.

Florencio

Also during the meeting, IFC held elections for the coming year's executive board. Current IFC Executive Vice President Dan Florencio, who ran unopposed, was elected to be the next IFC president.

The potential amendment is part of a larger rezoning amendment which will eventually come before the State College Borough Council, said Ben Pugh, the University Park Undergraduate Association representative to the borough council.

The amendment could require a non-student resident to take on a full-time responsibility as a house manager at each fraternity, Pugh said.

Some council members voiced concerns that the move would unfairly target fraternity residents over students who do not live in a fraternity house.

Outgoing IFC President Max Wendkos (senior-marketing) encouraged the greek community to band together on the issue.

The best way to enact a change is to attend the borough council's public hearing on the amendment on Jan. 10, Pugh (sophomore-actuarial science) said.

It is easier to change the proposed rule now, rather than after the entire amendment is passed, he said.

Florencio (senior-philosophy) said he plans to address the issue with the borough council.

But, he added, he doesn't know much about the proposed amendment yet.

He said one of his major initiatives as IFC president is to strengthen communication and relationships among all aspects of the greek community.

"We have to fine tune the policies here and there," he said.

"But the main thing is we have to reach out to members and build relationships."

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THON solicits early

By Mike Hricik
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

As thousands of Penn State students send out THONvelopes to people across the country, some of their recipients are also receiving a Penn State-sponsored THON mailing letter.

Kelly

Both solicit donations to the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon and now some THON officials fear donors will be confused about where their money will go.

The THON Donor and Alumni Relations and Finance Committees sent out their Friends Mailing letters, intended to retain donors from 2010 to 2011, in early November — two months earlier than last year — to ease the burden of processing solicitation checks, THON Overall Chairwoman Kirsten Kelly said.

Kelly (senior-marketing) sent an e-mail to THON chairpersons with steps that will be taken to ensure that confusion among donors and THON chairs is minimized.

THON Finance Committee members will compare Friends Mailing checks that do not designate a THON organization with the list of 2010 donors. The organization the donor contributed to last year will receive credit equal to the check received through Friends Mailing, Kelly said. THON chairpersons will receive updates from their Donor and Alumni Relations Committee liaisons so thank-you notes can be sent to credited donors. Checks received through Friends Mailing this way will be recorded the same as those sent directly to THON organizations.

Kelly said THON chairpersons have been receptive to these changes.

"They were frustrated that it confused their donors but they've been very understanding thus far," Kelly said.

She said more than 500,000 THONvelopes are supplied for organizations to solicit donors.

Donor Relations Overall Chairman Curran McCready said THON leaders have been receptive to concerns raised by teams.

"They've raised their concerns that this mailing may be at odds with their THON strategy and we have listened to them," McCready (senior-finance) said.

McCready said THON will not maintain the same policy of sending Friends Mailing letters in November next year. He said he will meet with the Office of Annual Giving during finals week to address next year's plan.

Atlas THON Team Executive Meg O'Rourke said she was displeased with the mailing at first, realizing its possible negative impact on her organization's donations. She said she approves of the solution outlined by Kelly.

"I'm really glad that they talked about it," O'Rourke (senior-life sciences and psychology) said.

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Tom Ruane/Collegian

Students cross Allen Street Tuesday evening after a break from the continuous downpour during the day. The rain is expected to continue through tomorrow with a possible chance of snow showers as well, with highs of 48 degrees during the day and a low of 27 degrees at night.

Lions use time off to heal

By Andrew J. Cassavell
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

With the regular season over and the Penn State football team anxiously awaiting the announcement of its bowl game, the week-to-week grind is now over.

Drew Astorino's battered and bruised body is giving thanks.

The starting safety, like most Nittany Lions, played throughout the regular season with battle wounds — nothing serious enough to keep him out of action.

He said the soreness and the ensuing recovery became a weekly routine. It was usually Friday when his body began to feel fully healthy — one day before re-entering the brutal cycle. Throw in summer practices, and Astorino said that's 15 weeks of taking a mental and physical pounding.

But with the time off — likely 34 days if the Lions receive the Jan. 1 bowl they expect — Astorino said along with feeling healthy, he'll also feel a bit of withdrawal from playing the sport he loves.

"Yeah, it's gonna be nice to be off," Astorino said. "But we're here to play football."

Who that next game is against is still to be determined, but it will almost certainly be against an SEC opponent. The Lions appear headed for Florida, either the Outback Bowl in Tampa or the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville.

In the next few days, running back Evan Royster said he expects a buzz among the players revolving around who the Lions might play.

"We're gonna get to a bowl game and play a good team," Royster said. "We're not gonna

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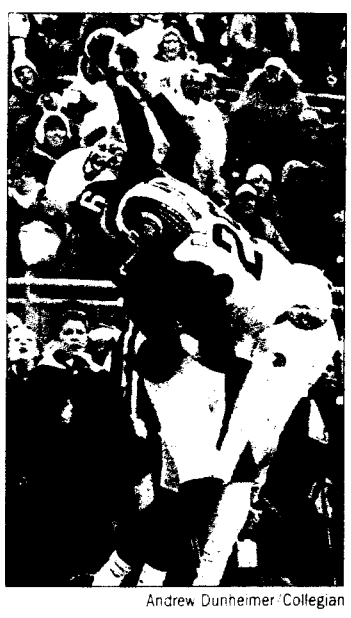

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Football players are eager for a rest period after weekly games.

Steph Witt/Collegian

Penn State alumnus Terry Pegula could purchase the NHL's Buffalo Sabres.

Pegula could purchase Sabres

By Anthony Barton
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Terry Pegula may not be done with the hockey world just yet.

Ken Campbell of The Hockey News reported Tuesday that sources said the Pennsylvania billionaire and Penn State alumnus signed a letter of intent to purchase the NHL's Buffalo Sabres for $150 million.

Campbell also reported that a source close to the dealings said a formal announcement of the sale can be expected between late December and early January.

Following the report, Sabres minority owner Larry Quinn released a statement refuting the letter of intent was signed. He said inquiries about the possible sale of the team come up from time to time, and it's the company's policy to not comment on them.

"Some of these inquiries are serious, some are not, some make the media and others do not," Quinn's statement posted on **sabres.nhl.com** read. "The report that a $150 million letter of intent has been signed is simply not true."

That being said, John Wawrow of the Associated Press reported Quinn failed to rule out the possibility the Sabres have been sold. Quinn had no comment in reference to prospective buyers and would only call Pegula a "great guy."

Quinn said the two had met during his time with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

On Sept. 17, Pegula announced he would make a donation of $88 million to Penn State in order to begin men's and women's Division I hockey programs, as well as build a new ice arena and provide scholarships for the athletes.

Penn State hockey reaction to the reports has been positive.

Penn State Icers coach Scott Balboni said while he didn't know anything about the prospective purchase, Pegula is a very passionate hockey fan who thinks hockey can be a very profitable business.

"He's very passionate about the game," Balboni said.

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