

## Lions slated for Outback Bowl

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The Penn State football team has become all too familiar with playing bowl games against the Southeastern Conference — and this year won't be an exception.

The Nittany Lions will close out the 2010 season with a trip to the Outback Bowl, where they will play Florida at 1 p.m. on Jan. 1. The clash at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa marks the

Lions' fifth New Year's Day bowl game appearance in the past six seasons. ABC will televise.

While the Nittany Lions (7-5, 4-4 Big Ten) and the Gators (7-5, 4-4 SEC) were both ranked in the top-

25 in the preseason, Outback Bowl representative Mike Schulze said landing two teams that have rich tradition — regardless of how their seasons played out — still makes this an attractive draw.

"We're not trying to put on a national championship here," Schulze said. "We have two teams that don't traditionally get to play each other. Two big-time programs that, on local TV sets and on TV sets all over on New Year's Day, people will be excited."

Picking fourth, the Outback Bowl, which has a \$3.4 million minimum payout to each team, selected Penn State over Iowa, Michigan and Northwestern — who all had 7-5 records — setting the pecking order for the remaining bowl games with Big Ten ties. The Wolverines and Hawkeyes ended up in the Gator and Insight bowls respectively, even though the Lions lost to the Hawkeyes 24-3 on Oct. 2. Northwestern landed in the

TicketCity Bowl on Jan. 1.

However, the Lions' 37th bowl game under Joe Paterno doesn't necessarily hold any home field advantage for Penn State.

Because Florida is located in Gainesville, about 130 miles away from Tampa, Schulze said he's confident a lot of Florida fans will attend. But he was quick to add that both fan bases travel well — football fans will want to see the two elite programs compete.  
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Venkatesh Krishnan/Collegian

Students of GEOSCI 498 (Hazardous Waste Operations) learn how to work safely in a hazardous environment. Students worked on a hypothetical scenario Sunday that involved collecting samples from the Nittany Lion shrine in the event it was contaminated.

## Plan could expire

By Mike Hricik  
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Highmark Blue Shield's agreement with Geisinger Health System to supply its Highmark PPOBlue plan — which covers Penn State faculty and staff with medical health benefits — may expire after Dec. 31.

Highmark Blue Shield, of Camp Hill, Pa., is the insurance provider of Penn State employees.

University spokesman Geoff Rushton said about a third of Penn State's \$250 million health care budget goes to staff and faculty members in the Danville, Pa.-based Geisinger Health System.

Rushton said these negotiations are normal but he has never seen agreement talks extend this late into the year.

He said Penn State hopes Highmark and Geisinger reach an agreement so employees with Geisinger will not have to switch to a different provider.

"We're reliant on Highmark and Geisinger working this out. We want our employees to have the greatest access possible [to health care]," Rushton said.

Penn State Vice President for Finance and Business Al Horvath wrote via e-mail that the problems resulted when, last week, Geisinger unexpectedly declined an offer to extend the current agreement for 90 days. This extension would have allowed for more negotiation time and a more orderly transition for Highmark clients who see Geisinger physicians, Horvath wrote.

If Highmark fails to meet an agreement, Penn State employees who utilize Geisinger will pay extra fees, Horvath wrote.

"If no agreement is reached by the end of this month, then employees will still be able to see Geisinger doctors or use Geisinger facilities; however, they will have to pay more of the cost directly since Geisinger will be an 'out of network' provider," Horvath said.

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Kelley King/Collegian

Comedian Bo Burnham performs stand-up at the State Theatre on Friday night.

## Bo's jokes thrill fans

By David Strader  
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What can a few viral YouTube videos get you? A sold-out State Theatre show, for starters.

Musical comedian Bo Burnham's Friday night performance included a number of songs on guitar and keyboard, as well as traditional stand-up.

The Internet-borne star stayed true to his roots by playing several original YouTube songs, as well as songs from his 2010 album, "Words, Words, Words."

The 20-year-old entertainer referenced his swift rise to stardom in one of his opening jokes.

"I hate the term 'young comedian,'" he said. "I prefer 'prodigy.'"

In addition to Burnham's prepared songs and stories, the entertainer also incorporated improvisation into his act. On several occasions, Burnham talked to audience members and, in the case of one ongoing joke, he accused the lights operator of stealing his spotlight.

Attendee James Baker, of State College, said Burnham skillfully improvised his surroundings into his act.

"He reacted well to what was going on, and he was very quick about it," Baker, 18, said.

Steff Sakosky, 19, and Cassi LaBar said they drove from Hazleton to see Burnham's show.

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## Student wins \$123K

By Jessica Tully  
 FOR THE COLLEGIAN

George Hayward walked away \$123,000 richer Saturday as the winner of the Dr Pepper Million Dollar Tuition Giveaway.

Hayward (sophomore-architecture) won the contest by completing ten football throws into an oversized Dr Pepper can replica during halftime at the Big 12 Championship game on Saturday while his opponent — fellow grand prize finalist Chris Valliere from Austin, Texas — completed only nine throws in 30 seconds.

Hayward said he first heard about the contest at a church barbecue in mid-October. He was looking for a bottle of water, but they didn't have any left, so he opted for the available Dr Pepper bottle.

He saw the advertisement for the tuition giveaway on the bottle's label and decided to research more about the contest.

"When I first saw the contest online, I

knew I had to enter," said Hayward, who is paying his tuition himself.

After he submitted his video online, a panel of judges, including legendary ESPN college football analyst and Hall of Fame head coach Lou Holtz, evaluated the thousands of entries that were submitted and chose the top five finalists, said Eddie Moye, account associate at Ketchum for Dr Pepper.

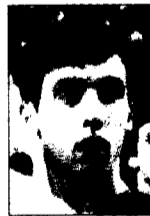
Going into the competition, Hayward said he was confident — mainly because he put in a month of training before the competition.

His roommate, Chris Peterson (sophomore-architecture), said Hayward designed a frame with the same proportions as the Dr Pepper can so he could practice every day.

"I wasn't nervous as I was walking out onto the field. I was just really pumped up. I kept mentally seeing each of my footballs swoosh through the [Dr Pepper] can," Hayward said. "I didn't even see Chris or the crowd — the only thing that I saw were all ten footballs going in."

And once he won, he said the feeling was indescribable.

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Hayward

## NAACP recognizes students, leaders

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A red carpet was laid outside the HUB-Alumni Hall on Sunday for the 250 attendees of the NAACP Image Awards.

Sunday night, the Penn State Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hosted their first Image Awards in order to honor students and faculty who established a positive image in the Penn State community.

R&B singer Bobby V, more commonly known as Bobby Valentino, who has performed with artists like Lil Wayne and Ludacris, also made a special performance at the award show. The theme of the night's event was the "Man in the Mirror."

Event coordinator and Penn State NAACP Vice President Jasmine Rushum said said Valentino was chosen as the night's musical guest in part because of his recently launched foundation — the Bobby V Foundation, which encourages people to value and to pursue higher education.

Rushum also said the event was held to recognize minorities that make a difference in the community.

"You don't have to be involved in anything and you don't need to be anyone else but yourself to make a difference," she said.

Rushum (junior-journalism and sociology), a member of The Daily Collegian's Board of Directors, explained the theme for the night involved holding oneself accountable for change and not blaming others.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland was one of the event's winners, receiving the Medgar Evers Political Activism Award.

Felicia Reynolds (senior-nutrition) was another winner, receiving the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Activism Award. She said she was excited to get nominated but winning felt incredible.

"I want students to keep doing what they are doing. Their efforts are not going unrecognized," Reynolds said.

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Nigel Graham/Collegian

UPUA President Christian Ragland wins the Medgar Evers Political Activism Award on Sunday.