

Sampler produces diverse foods at PSH

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A combined effort by the Black Student Union and the Penn State Harrisburg community helped close Black History Month with a unique Soul Food Sampler in the Gallery Lounge.

Unlike last year's sampler, this year featured foods from several different ethnic backgrounds.

Angelique West, BSU president and a senior public policy major, said the celebration was not just for black culture, but for all cultures.

"The goal of this sampler was to unite the Penn State Harrisburg community, and show that Martin Luther King was a person who fought for the equality of the individual," West said.

The sampler featured foods donated and prepared by students, faculty and staff members.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 23 dishes and 18 desserts were, at no charge, available to a curious and hungry crowd. Some were gone within the first 90 minutes.

Among the dishes to taste were three styles of hot wings, fettucini alfredo, potato salad, lasagna, red beans and chicken pot pie.

A variety of desserts were also served, including such favorites as shoofly cake, German chocolate cake, Croatian cookies and several sweet potato pies.

Besides trying different foods, the sampler also gave visitors a chance to socialize. Guests either sat or stood in small groups near the buffet tables.

Mike Hermick, president of the Student Government Association and amateur cook, called the event "a learning experience." He also said the multi-cultural program featured something we all have in common--food.

Hermick summed up the event, saying, "cultural awareness and understanding is something we all need to do."

Theodora Graham, associate professor of humanites, saw the sampler as a chance for her Western Traditions students to examine diverse cultures.

Graham said since Western Traditions offers a diversified study, why not let the students sample foods from different cultures?

Not only did Graham give her class time to visit the sampler, she donated

Lithuanian whole wheat bread with wheat germ and light raisins to the sampler.

Chris Champagne, a junior public policy major, praised the diversity of the foods and said he was surprised the sampler was free. Champagne and several other guests offered small cash donations to help pay for the event.

Black History Month ended, not only in remembrance of the contribution of Afro-Americans, but in a celebration of all cultures.

Valerie Duhig, administrative assistant, said, "it was a celebration of our different cultures. This is something we need to do every year."

If you missed this multi-cultural event, the international dinner, sponsored by the IAA, is coming up in April.

Upcoming Events

March 2

--A panel discussion pertaining to women's health concerns will be held in the Private Dining Room at 8 p.m. Participants include Judy Christe of the American Cancer Society and Marylou Martz, director of Health Services.

March 3

--Humanities students are invited to discuss their concerns at the Humanities Open Forum from 12-2 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge.

--Residence Life is sponsoring the "Dating Game," in the Dining Hall from 4:15-6 p.m.

--A workshop on conflict resolution is

in room W-205, from 4-5 p.m.

March 4

--"Live in the Gallery Lounge," at 12:05 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge, features Shawn Drain performing traditional Celtic, classical and original pieces, and children's songs.

March 10

--Today is the nomination deadline for the Outstanding Graduation Senoir Award. Contact Luanne Lawrence in W-106 for details.

Other News

--The fifth anniversary of the national Women of Color Day will be celebrated during a luncheon on March 5, at the

Nittany Lion Inn at University Park. Dr. Leventhal has offered to provide a university vehicle for transportation and to reimburse attendees for the cost of the luncheon, \$10.50. If you are interested, contact Valerie Duhig at 948-6101 by March 3.

--Just a reminder that the Clothing Drive will continue during spring semester. Clothing may be dropped off in the Campus Compact Office, located behind Student Activities, Room 212

--The Arthritis Foundation is holding a benefit racquetball tournament, March 20-22. They are seeking volunteers to help register participants, and to man the food

tables. Volunteer hours are 12-10 p.m. on March 20, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. on March 21, and 8 a.m.-12 p.m. on March 22. Free t-shirts and food will be available. Call 948-6273 for details.

--The McInroy-Sheffler People Trust will provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a third-year student who writes the winning essay for its contest. Interested students must prepare a 500-word essay based on one of the following themes: "Changing Winds of the United Nations" or "My View of Christopher Columbus 500 Years Later." Deadline is March 18. For more information, contact the Writing Lab, W-112, or call 948-6469

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living in," said Stoner.

High school students attending said the conference taught them about different aspects of world issues.

"With all of the procedures delegates have to follow, I never knew how much time was actually spent just trying to get a resolution passed," said Delone Catholic

student Bryan Noel.

Brian Smith, a Delone Catholic student representing Norway, said, "I'm learning how nations work together to solve issues."

But Erin Olson, a U.K. delegate from Delone Catholic, summed it up best.

"I think it's great that we're actually taking an interest in what's going on in the world," Olson said. "It shows what tomorrow is going to be like."

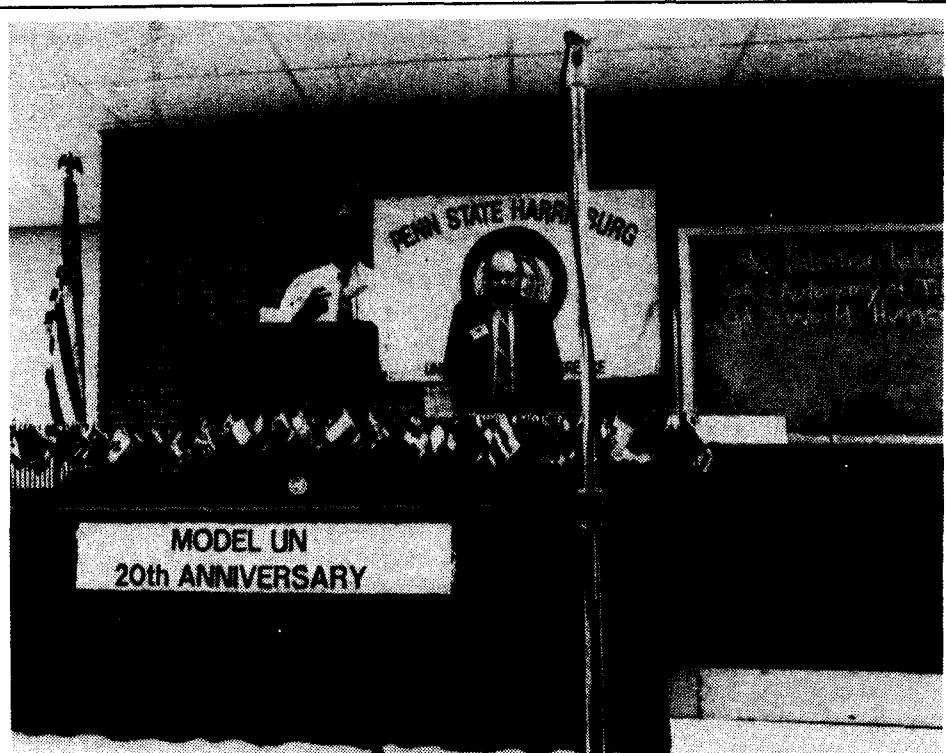


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Clemmie Gilpin, assistant professor of community systems, left, and Kevin DeWitt, of the International Affairs Association, address the participants of the 20th Annual Model U.N.

Women's History Month at PSH

Women's Health Concerns

March 2 8 p.m. Private Dining Room

A panel discussion pertaining to women's health concerns. Participants include Judy Christe, from the American Cancer Society and Marylou Martz, R.N., director of Health Services at PSH.

Art Exhibit

March 3 through April 10 Gallery Lounge

The paintings and prints of Nancy Lenker Topolski and Mary Kay Neff will be featured.

Musical Performance

March 4 12:05 p.m. Gallery Lounge

Traditional Celtic music performed by harpist Shawn Drain.

Discussion of Economics and Women

March 5 11:30 a.m. Downtown Center, Harrisburg

Carol Kilko, of the Department of Commerce, will discuss "Women's Business is Economic Development."

Variables in the Oppression of Women

March 24 Noon Gallery Lounge

Dr. Angharad N. Valdivia, assistant professor of communications at Penn State University, will speak about "Global Issues in Women's Studies."

Businesswomen Panel Discussion

March 25 Noon Gallery Lounge

A panel of local businesswomen will discuss "Getting From There to Here."

Artists' Reception

March 25 6-7 p.m. Gallery Lounge

Nancy Lenker Topolski and Mary Kay Neff will be available to discuss their works currently featured in the Gallery Lounge.

Spring Lecture Series

March 31 7:30 p.m. Student Center-CUB

Dr. Sharon E. Kingsland, associate professor in the history and science department of Johns Hopkins University, will present "The History of Ecology and Environmentalism: Making the History of Science Relevant to the Concerns of the '90s."

Women's History Month activities at PSH are sponsored by the Student Activities Office, PSH Finance Club, PSH Management Information Systems Club, Phi Beta Lambda and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.