

POLICE REPORT

11/10/05: Theft: report of theft of pink back pack. Recovered/ nothing missing.

11/10/05: Suspicious incident: staff member found three paper notes on windshield of vehicle on 11/9/05.

11/11/05: Assist outside agency: motorist reported striking deer on route 283. Message given to state police.

11/12/05: Assist outside agency: Highspire PD requested assistance with traffic control for chemical spill.

11/13/05: Alarm activation: fire alarm activated by burnt food. Alarm reset.

11/13/05: Parking permit: located vehicle with unauthorized parking permit.

11/14/05: Parking complaint: PSO observed two tractor-trailers parked in rear parking lot. Drivers sleeping/asked to move from area.

11/14/05: Request to locate: request from parent to notify student to check his email.

11/14/05: Suspicious person: PSO observed male walking through rear lot. Person taking short-cut to visit girlfriend.

11/14/05: Harassment: report of former student harassing faculty member. Investigation continuing.

11/15/05: Suspicious activity: PSO found two students dealing with relationship problems.

11/16/05: Community education: PSO was guest speaker for sexual violence presentation in the Oliver Lagrone Center.

PSH diversity rising

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things they know, they teach me – different things I know, I teach them.”

“I bring life to this campus, I think. I’m the social coordinator,” said Chris Ziino, an Italian from Philadelphia. “I’m very nonbiased and love people who come from all different places. That’s how I roll.”

For Victor Rodriguez, 18, animal biosciences, mixing cultures is all about being open-minded. Rodriguez goes to Puerto Rico every summer to visit relatives and keep traditions close.

“When I think of myself and culture, I don’t define one over another,” said Aiyana Taylor, 18, environmental engineering, who is African-American, White, Native American, and Hispanic. “I try to focus on what I can bring to the campus in my knowledge of my different backgrounds to campus and share with others. People

need to realize when coming to a setting like a college campus that they aren’t from one dimension but multiple opinions and viewpoints. In addition to themselves being that way, others are as well. I have a support system here – friends, faculty, which is basically our extended family.” Taylor believes the campus needs to be more supportive in terms of cultures clashing. She believes intervention workshops with people representing different backgrounds would help students understand another culture more and take things less personal. Taylor is involved in Multicultural Office Academic Excellence Program where she believes the speakers empower her. She also enjoys the hands-on experience of International Affairs Association, where activities are tailored toward participation and increased awareness of other cultures. “I wouldn’t trade this place for the world. I’ve loved this

place since I’ve been here,” Taylor said.

Presently, there are 79 students from 27 different countries on some type of visa, said Donna Howard, assistant director of campus life and intercultural

affairs. Howard works with all international students on campus and provides opportunities for cultural sharing.

Howard wants to see more White American students participate in MAEP to enhance the multicultural experience. Started in 1988 by Dr. Felicia Brown-Haywood, director of student affairs, MAEP is an open forum that meets weekly to support students in being successful.

“If you want to be the best you can be, we want to support you,” said Brown-Haywood.

A program with a strong outreach and different aspects of African-American life and culture is the Black Student Union. Clem Gilpin, assistant professor of community systems and African-American studies, social science program coordinator, says an interesting trend over the last decade is the number of students on campus who are first or second generation Americans, yet of African descent.

“We tend to think Asian, Hispanic, Europeans,” said Gilpin. “We tend not to acknowledge African descent from the Caribbean and America as being always cultural. Often when people see the Black Student Union, they don’t think of it as being culturally diverse, but just African American.”

Another student organization established in the early 1970s is the International Affairs Association to sponsor the Penn State University Model United Nations Conference. This organization is open to all individuals who are interested in promoting international understanding.

“We need to gain the wisdom of the world, not just a segment,” said Brown-Haywood, who is excited about the 40 percent diverse freshmen class this year. “We can learn from one another.”

Profile	Percent	Number
Total		2068
Full time	77%	1592
Part time	23%	476
Male	51%	1055
Female	49%	1013
African Am.	7.7%	160
Hispanic	2.9%	61
Asian Am	6.7%	139
Foreign	<1	33
Native Am	<1	1
White	72.1%	1491
Not reported	8.8%	183
Average Age		24.9

Profile of Official Undergraduate Fall 2005

Ethnic Origin	Fall 2002	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	% Fall 2005
AM INDN OR ALSKN NTV			1		<1%
BLCK AM(NOT HISPNIC)	1	2	19	37	17%
ASIAN AM/PACIFIC ISL	4	5	15	25	11.5%
HSPANIC AM OR PT RCN		1	3	13	6.0%
WHT AM NT PT RCN	13	48	106	127	58.3%
FRN(ON STD/TMP VISA)			4	8	3.7%
Not reported				8	3.7%

Official Historical Enrollment of First-year-students by Ethnic Origin

Cheesecake takes the cake

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On Oct. 26, Penn State Harrisburg students competed in the first annual dessert cook-off. It was down with the books and on with the aprons for the nine PSH students.

Kimberly Hill, residence assistant coordinator for student housing, organized the event. “When visiting my residents, people are often cooking and I thought the cook-off would be a fun thing to do,” she said.

When walking through residence housing, Hill observed there are more men than women who seem to be cooking. Hill has also had some samples of that home cooking.

When students were signing up for the competition, many were calling their dishes secret weapons. Well, the only secrets those desserts held were if they were good enough to win. Students were required to call a community assistant while preparing their dishes.

Jasmine Cunningham, 24, community assistant for student housing said, “We asked participants to call one of the CA’s, while preparing their dishes so we could make sure nothing was store brought.” Along with Hill and Cunningham, there were two other judges - Mary Velasquez and Rob Holland, also community assistants.

There were three sections to the competition. The first was divided into four parts creativity, taste, appearance, and level of difficulty (the amount of time spent on

the dish). The third section provided judges an opportunity to ask questions about the dishes prepared. Participants earned points from one to 10 for each section.

As the participants poured through the PSH community center with their desserts, not only did the eyes of the judges get wide, but the eyes of the spectators opened wide too.

Charmaine Edmonds, the first contestant who introduced her dessert, described her banana pudding as a classic down-south recipe, which she learned from her grandmother. Edmonds stated her banana pudding took less than two hours to make, but its tastes as if it took an eternity to make. “It tastes like it fell from heaven,” Edmonds said with a huge smile.

Supat Kanchanasakul made a fruit tart and stated all the items were from scratch, including the whipped icing on top. Kanchanasakul said, “I was going to use my mom’s recipe but I lost it, so I just made up my own recipe.”

Dapheney Placide prepared a chocolate cake with whipped icing. The top of the cake was arranged with perfectly cut strawberries. “I just tried to be as creative as I could,” Placide said.

Placide was not the only one who was creative with her dish. Jonathan Carrolle and Katie Carlin teamed up to make a blueberry cheesecake that was very creative. Raymond Lynna, who observed the competition, said, “Their dessert dish looked like it was something you would see on the food network.” Carrolle

and Carlin used acorns to decorate their dish and even had a fancy knife to cut the gourmet-looking dish.

The contestants seemed to have lots of confidence when Joel Maysonet was asked to describe his dish. He simply said, “I have the ugliest looking cake on the table, but its going to taste the best.” Franky St. Pierre made a carrot cake with pecans. St. Pierre explained how he learned to make the dessert from his sixth grade cooking teacher.

Cheesecake seemed to be a popular dessert dish among PSH students. Kristie Sellers and Danielle Hurrow both made cheese cake dishes. Sellers made cheesecake cupcakes and Hurrow made a plain cheesecake.

While everyone’s dessert dishes looked good, not everyone could win.

While the spectators and the students waited anxiously for the judges to tally up the scores, both the contestants and the spectators filled their stomachs with the delicious dessert. After tallying up the score, there was a tie between Sellers and the team of Carlin and Carrolle.

There was only one way to break the tie. Spectators did the old-fashioned taste test. After tallying up the scores and taking a vote from the spectators, the winner was Sellers, and Carlin and Carrolle took second place. “The competition was very close,” said Hill, “I think Kristie deserved to win. The cupcakes were good and really had an authentic taste to them. You could tell they were made from scratch.”

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Lectures and Workshops

Free Admission
When the Olmsted Players present Love Letters by A.R. Gurney Nov. 18, 19, and 20 in the Olmsted Building Auditorium, Penn State Harrisburg students will be admitted free to any performance by showing their valid student ID card. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18, 19, and 20 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 20.

Discussion on Terrorism

Assistant Professor of Public Policy Michael Kenney will discuss “Talking with Arab ‘Terrorists’: Israeli Counter-Terrorism Policy” Monday, Nov. 28 from 3:25 to 4:45 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge. The presentation is based on Dr. Kenney’s research trip to Israel where he studied Islamic terrorism in the Middle East and interviewed jailed terrorists.

Public Affairs Open Forum

The School of Public Affairs will host an Open Forum for Public Policy and Criminal Justice majors and students interested in these programs at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 in W-225 Olmsted. Faculty will conduct a question-and-answer session on a variety of topics including career opportunities, courses, internships, and scheduling. Food will be provided.

Book Grants Available

The Penn State Harrisburg adult honor society, Alpha Sigma Lambda, Theta Iota chapter, is accepting applications for its \$50 Book Grants to be used for the spring semester at the campus bookstore. Applications may be picked up in the Student Assistance Center, W-117, or may be requested by e-mail at cspecor@psu.edu. Completed applications are due back in the Student Assistance Center no later than Monday, Dec. 12, 2005. For questions, contact Charlotte Spector at cspecor@psu.edu.

Noontime Choral Concert

“The Patunos,” the newly formed Penn State Harrisburg student choir under the direction of

Marina Cherepinsky, will present music of the holiday season Thursday, Nov. 30 at noon in the Gallery Lounge.

Diversity Awards

Nominations for the Penn State Harrisburg Faculty Diversity Award and Staff Diversity Award are being accepted through Feb. 1, 2006. For information and a nomination form, visit the Web at <http://www.cl.psu.edu/diversity/divaward.html>. The awards will be presented at the Faculty and Staff Recognition Program on March 30, 2006.

Psychology Club Events

Nov. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Olmsted lobby, club members will be conducting a food drive. Items being collected include: turkeys, hams, beef, fruit, vegetables (frozen, fresh, or canned), paper products, spaghetti sauce, pancake syrup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and other essential food products. All food collected will be donated to the Bethesda Mission in Harrisburg.

At 2 p.m. Dec. 2, the club will host a Hawaiian Tea Party for residents at the Fry Village Retirement Center. Volunteers should contact Alanna Cremona at amc397@psu.edu by Nov. 29.

A toy collection for Toys for Tots will be sponsored by the club from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 through 9 in the Olmsted lobby. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to donate unwrapped new toys.

State Police Presentation

The Criminal Justice Club Lecture Series continues Monday, Nov. 21 with a presentation on “Crime Mapping and Uniform Crime Reports” from Pennsylvania State Police representatives Lt. W.J. Margeson and Sgt. W. Mike Williams. The presentation, with lunch provided by the club, will be from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge.

Art

An exhibition of the art work of Peter Mollenkof entitled “Just Below the Surface” will be on

display in the Morrison Gallery from Nov. 14 through Jan. 13. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mitchell Davidson Bentley’s exhibit entitled “Astronomical Art: An Historical analysis and Exhibition of Digitally Created Work” is on exhibit through Feb. 3, 2006 in the Gallery Lounge. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. An artist’s reception and gallery talk will be Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Fun and Games

“New York Times” Best Sellers Visit the library and grab some fun holiday reading. The library has the books listed on the New York Times best seller lists for fiction, nonfiction, and advice in both hardcover and paperback. The collection is shelved near the videos, CDs, and DVDs.

Basketball Opener

The men’s team makes its home debut Monday, Nov. 21 when it hosts Penn State Beaver in the Capital Union Building at 7 p.m. Come to the game and cheer for our squad!

Intramural co-ed singles racquetball signup deadline is Nov. 23. Sign up in Julie Stoehr’s office (121 CUB) or at the front desk. Play begins Nov. 29. Rules are available in the Recreation and Athletics Office. Schedules of tournament play will be posted outside room 121 CUB on Nov. 28. For information, phone 948-6272.

Intramural co-ed table tennis signup deadline is Nov. 23. Sign up in Julie Stoehr’s office (121 CUB) or at the front desk. Play will begin Nov. 29. Rules of play are posted in the Recreation and Athletics Office. Schedules of tournament play will be posted outside room 121 CUB on Nov. 28. For information, phone 948-6267.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Tuesday Classes Follow Friday Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 22 will follow a Friday class schedule. This will enable the University to better balance class offerings and laboratories across each day of the week.

Who’s Who Deadline Extended

The Who’s Who deadline for nominations has been extended to November 30. Nomination forms are available in C-120 Olmsted. Nominations cannot be accepted via e-mail. Students can self-nominate. Call Kathy Eckinger at 948-6018 for more information.

Thanksgiving Week schedule for the library is:

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thanksgiving Day, closed; Friday, Nov. 25, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 26, closed; Sunday, Nov. 27, 1 to 11 p.m.

Thanksgiving week, the CUB will be on the following schedule: Nov. 20 and 12, normal hours; Nov. 22, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Nov. 23, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Nov. 24, closed; Nov. 25, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Nov. 26 and 27, closed. The gymnasium will be closed: Nov. 18, 12:30 to 5 p.m.; Nov. 19, closed all day; Nov. 20, 1 to 4 p.m.; Nov. 21, 5 to 10 p.m. for the men’s basketball home opener; Nov. 22, 5 to 7 p.m.; Nov. 25, closed all day.

MEETINGS

Chi Gamma Iota, the veterans fraternity on campus, can help ease the transition from military life to college. Meetings are every Monday at 12:15 p.m. in W-207 Olmsted. For information, contact James Hall at jdh343@psu.edu or Dave Schreck at dts164@psu.edu.

The Student Government Association meets each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in room 118 of

the Science and Technology Building.

The campus Lion Ambassadors meet every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in W-231 Olmsted.

The International Affairs Association meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in E-314 Olmsted. For more information, contact Paul Fogle at paf910@psu.edu.

The Multicultural Academic Excellence Program meets every Wednesday from 4:45 to 6 p.m. in the Oliver LaGrone Cultural Arts Center, W-132 Olmsted.

The C. S. Lewis Seminar meets each Tuesday at noon. All faculty and staff are invited to join the discussion of Mere Christianity as the group attempts to separate fact from fiction regarding the Christian faith. Contact w44 or pbi1 for details.