

Eye on Campus

Night of fright ... right up the road

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I am a big fan of Halloween. What's not to love? Dressing up, candy everywhere you look, pumpkins, ghosts.

It's the most festive and fun holiday on the calendar, and it's my absolute favorite. Perhaps you don't share my love of Halloween and won't be donning an elaborate costume, anxiously awaiting for It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown to air, or binging on junk food, but one Halloween tradition in which you must participate is the haunted hayride at Arasapha Farm, just a few miles north of campus on Route 352.

It's quite obvious that the people at Arasapha take Halloween pretty seriously, because they offer three different ways to scare the living daylights out of people: By hayride, Bates Motel, or Children of the Corn Maze. I opted for the hayride and it did not disappoint.

Arasapha's scare tactics feature dramatic audio and visual effects. A massive John Deere tractor pulls you



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These young ladies don't look frightened here, but Arasapha Farms' Haunted Hayride and other attractions really does deliver on a fun Halloween attraction.

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through the dark, dense woods to the accompaniment of eerie music and various creepy noises. Mutilated creatures, daunting figures, and "Jason" look-alikes with chainsaws pop out of strategically placed structures, lunging at the wagon and its passengers.

Crazed lunatics — well, they are, aren't they? — hurl large objects at the wagon from high above, barely missing.

I'm not very easily frightened, but the element of surprise left me feeling like I was having an anxiety attack.

The only drawback to the experience was the hour and a half wait. Feelings of impatience were quickly replaced by those of sheer fright; it's hard to be annoyed when you're paralyzed with fear.

Arasapha Farm is open nightly through Nov. 1 from dusk till 10:30. You can't miss it on Route 352; just drive a few miles north from campus.

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Learning Center reminds: Don't wait to seek help

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The Learning Center once again this year is providing many programs designed to help students.

According to Norma Notzold of the Learning Center, staff members have been visiting classes to invite students to take advantage of the center's services. All services are individualized to meet the specific learning needs of the student

in any subject identified, Notzold said. "Right now the Learning Center is setting up study groups for many of the general-education courses," Notzold said. The center is also hiring peer tutors to work in the Learning Center. Many students find it helpful to be able to work with a fellow student in particular subject areas, Notzold said.

The peer tutor must meet certain criteria to be able to provide the tutoring services. The center is especially looking for tutors in Math 110, 140 and above.

Math seems to be an area in which many students can use a little extra support from a tutor.

The Learning Center tries to accommodate many needs of the students. According to Notzold, students can either schedule help in advance or "just drop in."

Students, though, should not wait and then panic. But even if they do, they will find help available, often from a student who has himself or herself taken the same class recently.

SGA plans participation in appropriation rally at Capitol

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This month marked the inauguration of the first open discussion Student Government Association meeting.

Students, faculty, and SGA officers gathered to debate controversial issues about Penn State Delco and to vote on them. In years past, SGA meetings were closed to everyone except SGA officers. Now, teachers and students in the audience voice their opinions.

There were two major topics brought up for discussion by SGA officers: Teacher evaluations and a rally in Harrisburg. Shawn Manderson, SGA

senator of governmental affairs, suggested the PSU Delco's SGA attend a rally and picket in Harrisburg for increased state appropriation organized by the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments. His proposal brought immediate praise and approval from SGA members.

"CCSG (Council of Commonwealth Student Government) and USG (Undergraduate Student Government) will hold this event sometime in January," Manderson said. "This will be a peaceful rally designed to protest not having enough state appropriations and remind them that Penn State University counts too."

"If we had gotten \$347.1 million pro-

posed by the state for the 2003/2004 fiscal year, we would have made our budget but the state will fall short by an estimated \$24.5 million because they have proposed \$306.5 million."

Ardalan Fassih, senator of academics, proposed allowing students to view teachers' SRTE evaluations online.

"Students can pick their teachers better if they see their evaluations," said Fassih. "English majors, HDFS (Human Development and Family studies) majors, all of the students of four-year majors at Penn State Delco can benefit."

SGA put the issue on hold for further discussion.

Many goals for the improvement of the campus were introduced by SGA offi-

Fun for all, and free food, at Fall Fest

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It was a beautiful day for Penn State Delco's Fall Fest Oct. 18.

The three-hour fest consisted of activities for all ages, music, and free food. Aside from all the entertainment, there were also opportunities to learn about the campus as well.

"I learned more about what the campus has to offer in regards to activities and

clubs," said student Elizabeth Kline.

Whether you were getting your picture taken with the Nittany Lion, painting a pumpkin, informing about a club, or touring Cumberland Cemetery for a "Tombstones & Spirits" exhibit put on by students, you were enjoying it.

"I was really pleased with the ("Tombstones & Spirits") event," said Dr. Laura Guerton, professor of geological science. "It was great how students interacted and learned from one another."

There also was a lot to learn from Fall Fest. Many student clubs were selling chances or simply handing out information.

The highlight of the day had to be the contests. There was the

apple-bake off contest, won by Donald Sorin, and the best-dressed Penn Stater contest in which Delco Freshman Katrin Petka was awarded

first place for her ingenious Nittany lion outfit.

The best contest had to have been the pie-eating contest. Eight contestants were lined up with their choice of pie. Some took the slow-and-steady approach, while others just

dug right in. After giving it his all, and managing to keep it down, Jim Morgan from computer services finished his pie first, repeating as champion.

"It was a beautiful day and a good chance for students to see what the campus had to offer," said student Courtney Devine.

"And free food is the best."

cers. Anya Takos, senator of adult students, outlined her aspirations.

"I am in the midst of designing a series of adult student 'meet and greets' open to the entire population, to make the population feel that they are part of the university experience," said Takos. "Additionally, I am working to create a physical-education alternative to fulfill the GHS requirement because fitness classes are offered at inopportune times for adults, and the idea of creating a cooperative with an outside fitness facility has been mentioned."

Plan on voicing your opinions at the next SGA open discussion meeting Tuesday, Nov. 4 during common hour in the Classroom Building lounge.