

# Eye on Campus

## PSU Homecoming

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As the streets filled with floats and dancers and the only sound for miles was cheering, we knew it was time for Homecoming 2008. Each year, fraternities and sororities work together creating a theme, building a float, making a dance, cheer, and so on, competing for the homecoming win. The themes are usually similar and fall under one category but this year was different. Floats ranged from Disney movies, television shows, big cities, or just plain decorations. The competition kicked off with Airbands, a night filled with dance and lip synching.

Homecoming 2008, as a whole, was given the theme "Inspired by Tradition" to celebrate fifty years of homecoming games. Thousands of alumni, parents, students, and faculty screamed for Penn State, booed the Michigan fans walking by, and showed their lion pride to the full-

est extent. Though it was freezing, it stopped no one. Several alumni dressed in pink and black, along with the "S" zone at the football game, Penn State's original colors.

The Saturday of Homecoming weekend is one of the top tailgating days of the year, starting as early as seven in the morning. What other proper way for the alumni to be able to compete - who has the biggest tailgate? After hours of getting pumped, the smell of burgers, hotdogs, and beer filled the air and it was time for FOOTBALL.

Michigan was our first, tough team to play against, but it was our turf and our weekend, we knew we could destroy. Though it was a rough first half, Penn State turned around and killed with a final score of 46-17.

Bleeding blue and white isn't just about winning or having

the one weekend to go above and beyond - it's about pride, spirit, and loyalty.

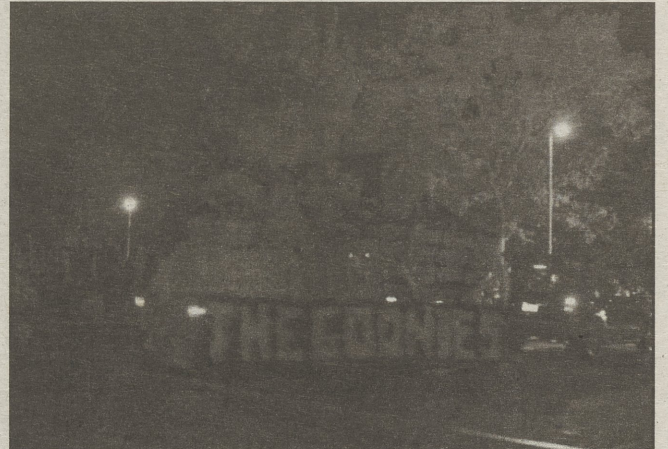
"I've been coming up ever year since I graduated in '82, wouldn't miss it for the world," says Michael Speight, Doylestown Pennsylvania.

It's a life-changing experience that every Penn State student and/or family should attend at least once.

"How old do I have to be until I can come play football? I wanna live here," says Jeremy Kelly, eight years old. At the end of the day, whether we win or lose, we still bleed and chant, "WE ARE... PENN STATE."

**PSU Homecoming Floats, Gilligan's Island & The Goonies**

(photos by Jill Fein)



## New Face in Admissions

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Penn State Brandywine has a new face in the Admissions office. Her name is Kristin M. Kessler, and she is the campus's new admissions counselor specializing in enrollment management.

Kristin is a Penn State University Park graduate of 2003, who majored in Psychology. She comes from a long line of Penn Staters, starting with her grandfather (Class of '47), her father (Class of '70), and all the way down to her and her siblings.

Mrs. Kessler and her husband are both local to the Philadelphia area. Kristin, having grown up in the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, expressed hap-

piness in being able to live and work closer to her family.

Reflecting on her first impression of the campus she said, "It's a great campus. I feel like it's a real community here. Everybody has been so friendly and helpful since I started, everybody will smile at you when you're walking down the hall, and it does kind of feel like a big family."

Prior to working at Penn State Brandywine, Kristin was working for The Girl Scouts in Corning, New York. While there, she did adult recruitment for the organization.

Currently, here at Brandywine, she does a similar job.

One of her main duties is visiting high schools in the area, helping students with questions they may have concerning their college applications.

Aside from her duties here at Penn State, Kristin is very involved with volunteering for organ and tissue donation awareness. Gift of Life Donor Program is one such organization she mentions which gives away free materials to spread knowledge and awareness on the topic. Their website is: <http://www.donors1.org/>.

If you have any questions for Kristin you can find her in the Admissions office or you can email her at: [kmkessler@psu.edu](mailto:kmkessler@psu.edu)

## New Group Workstations Make Way to Brandywine Library

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The Penn State Brandywine library received a new technology for the campus. The Designated Group Workstations (DGW) have arrived and become a huge hit. Mary Frances McLaughlin, one of the librarians on campus, said that they are being used by many students for group work. The campus received the computers from Penn State's Department of Libraries, which asked all the Penn State campuses if they would be interested in the computers, to which the librarians of Penn State Brandywine jumped at the opportunity. They received the computers over the summer.

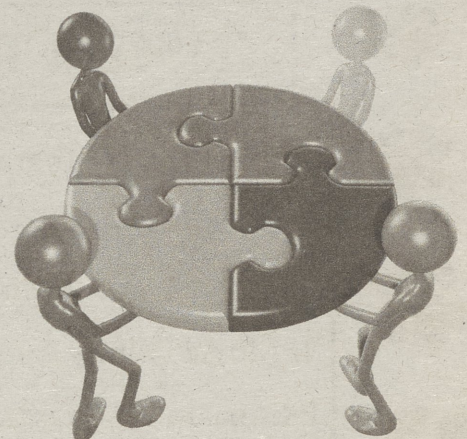
Mary Frances seemed excited to see that students have taken a liking to the new computers that can be found behind the bookcases, and perpendicular to the computer lab in the library. Students were using them for numerous reasons, mostly for groups of 4-5 people to use and get information for projects that are due for their classes.

There are four chairs surrounding each of the four computers, which shows that there is

room for four people to work at the station at a time, but it is not limited to just those four people. Mary Frances agrees there is not a set number that a group can have to use the computers. The computers are free range, no reservations needed. The one catch about the computers, however, is that if a computer is occupied by just one person, and a group needs to use a computer, the group can ask one of the librarians to ask the person to move, as use by groups is preferred.

Mary Frances McLaughlin is proud of the use and would like to see it grow as the time moves on.

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## Raunchy in the Den

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On October 22, college comedian of the year Jay Black visited Penn State Brandywine to perform his outrageously hilarious comedy routine. Even with the unfortunate circumstance of having to shout most of the time because of a faulty microphone, Jay managed to keep the packed den roaring for his entire set.

Jay started out by expressing his love for this area since he is a local boy. He was born in Cherry Hill New Jersey and expressed his distaste for the Midwest. He explained by saying they are too nice and seemed to not be able to curse. He then went off about how here in Philadelphia if you smile you get stabbed and that the F word is extremely important to us.

A majority of his set dealt with pointing out stuff about the ladies. Like how they making a sound like they're hungry when

they see a "hot guy." He also expressed how he would love to name hurricanes after his girlfriends. Lastly he expressed the difference between the sex drives of men and women. They are NOT the same.

One big highlight was his expression of how he misses the dating scene a little bit because he misses video games. Every time now that his wife says to him "are you ready to go?" he just says to her "nope, sorry, busy saving a planet." Which is a great thing now to say when you're stuck in that sort of situation.

He finished up by going on rants of how dumb the drug war is, how he feels like a genius down south, you can make stupid people happy with skittles, going to a catholic church is just like aerobics, and that he is not a political comedian and lastly how college kids don't buy a damn

thing. He even mentioned the best thing about the 2004 election was Dick Cheney shooting someone in the face.

The last thing he mentioned was quite extraordinary. It was kind of a surreal thing that left the crowd with a sense of ease. He went on explaining that the world is filled with all sorts of evils. The big evils you really can do anything about but the little evils that bother us on a daily basis you can do something about. He was there to make us laugh and supply us with a good time. He wanted us to take that moment of us feeling good and put it in our pocket and save it for another day. That no matter what goes on you'll get through it and it's not worth getting mad or upset over. We can all start out by being nice to each other thinking positive.