

Eye on Campus

Dinner With Ronald McDonald

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On February 25, 2009, the ITS department will host a dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington Delaware from 2:30pm to 7:00pm. This event will give everyone a chance to expand their horizons and communicate with the children and the parents of Al DuPont Children's Hospital in Delaware. There will be lots of storytelling, a masseuse, Wii, pictures with a real live lion and arts & crafts. The dinner will host approximately 60 to 70 guests, so the guest list is limited.

There is a van leaving from our campus to the house. If you would like a ride to save gas, or to arrive with the group, you need to sign up ahead of time because it is a first come first serve set up. To sign up, go to the Student Affairs Office and ask for Dale Soring. If you are driving and need the address or directions please contact Theresa Walls at txw4@psu.edu.

This is an amazing opportunity to gain a new perspective on life and to contribute to a great cause so please come and participate in this event.



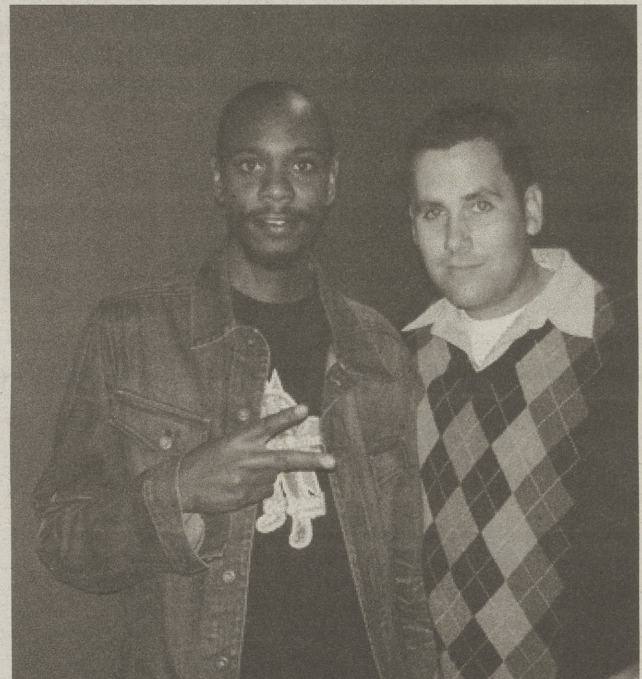
Ronald McDonald House logo. (photo courtesy travelodgelaxairport.com)

Comedy Central's Josh Sneed travels to Brandywine

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On January 27th, comedian Josh Sneed performed in the Lion's Den at Common Hour. "I don't always get to perform in exotic places like Media", he explained to the audience. Sneed was fifth in the recent Comedy Central's fifty best stand up comedians countdown but he took a more nonchalant approach at such an honor, asking anyone if they had watched it and then before anyone answered, saying he wasn't surprised. This was a large crowd compared to the amount of people that I had seen at other Lion's Den events. Mr. Sneed was definitely prepared for the forty five minutes they had given him to perform, never stopping or pausing, flowing through his jokes like a professional. At the end of his set, Josh asked two people from the crowd to come up and tell their favorite joke. The winner got a shirt and I can't remember his joke at all. But Sneed told his favorite joke afterwards and since I can't fit it in this article, look up the 'St. Peter' joke.

All in all, there's definitely a reason that Josh Sneed is considered one of the best comedians by a channel that rates comedy.



Comedy Central Comedians Josh Sneed and Dave Chappelle-
Photo courtesy joshsneed.com

Having Fun With the Alternative Spring Break

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Many people have big plans for their spring break this year, a stress free, relaxing week from all of the studying and hassle of the past school weeks. A great way to make a difference in somebody's life, instead of being a little selfish and planning your vacation to say L.A. for spring break, is to volunteer for the Community Action Agency of Delaware County in Media, PA. Volunteer's work with the family's in the Family Management Center shelter. This may not sound so fun to do during spring break, but it will most definitely make a difference in someone else's life, just having the enjoyment of being with another person can make all the difference. The shelter is currently trying to reach different goals on their wish list. One goal is to paint and clean the facility that holds about 10 family units. According to the manager, this shelter could really use a lot of help on the up keeping of this place. Anyone who is really interested in doing this for spring break please contact Ronika Money, Coordinator of Student Involvement rmm29@psu.edu, and she will provide all of the necessary details.

Traveling Mercies Photography Exhibit Comes to PSU

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Now through March 6th, Penn State Brandywine's John D. Vairo Library will be host to photographer Aldo Magazzeni's Traveling Mercies: Humanitarian Journeys into Afghanistan and Africa, an exhibit of pictures from his time spent in both countries.

Magazzeni is a Penn State alum and has been working as a humanitarian for 19 years sponsoring a non-profit organization (also called Traveling Mercies) that helps provide aid to developing nations. The photos detail his journey throughout both countries.

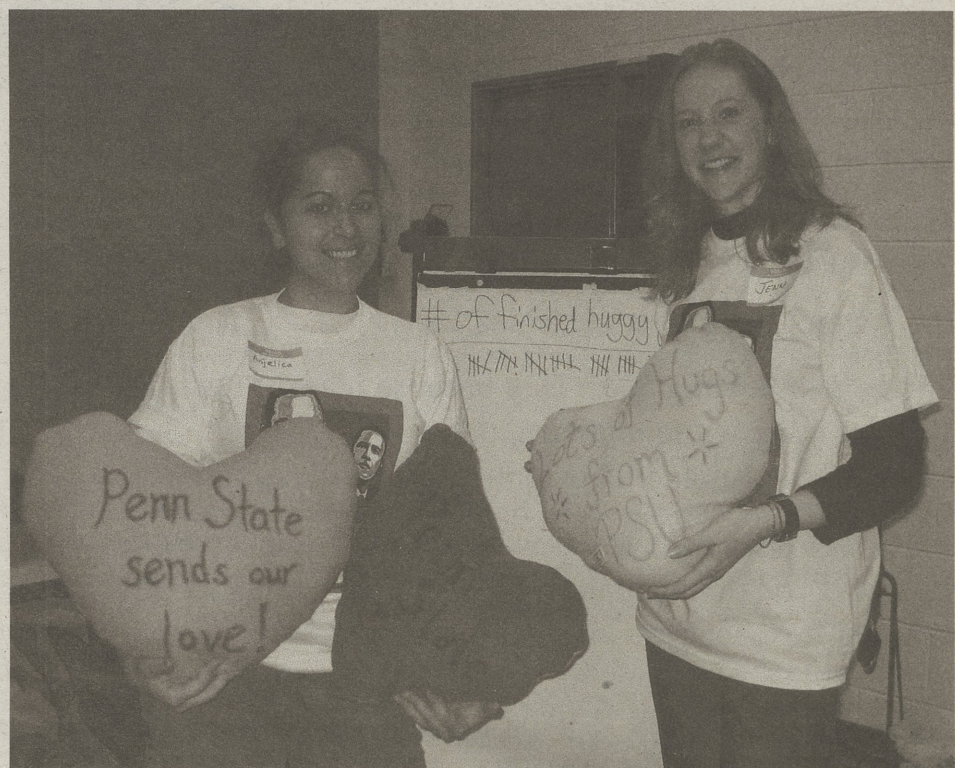
In Africa, Magazzeni worked with Jesuit priest Father Angelo D'Agostino to help build a clean water system for a village complex in Kenya. The complex functions as a center for AIDS orphans and other victims of the epidemic in Africa. The photos from Afghanistan document Mr. Magazzeni's efforts involving women's rights. Some of his achievements include empowering female victims of violence, establishing training centers in women's prisons,

and organizing the building of water systems in rural villages.

His reasoning for going to Afghanistan was in response to the U.S. lead invasion. "I was tired of just organizing protests and complaining," Magazzeni said. "I decided to go do something."

Born in Abruzzo, Italy, Magazzeni grew up in Philadelphia. His experience in a post war Italy, however, left him with a desire to help families and communities. The goal of Traveling Mercies is to "foster the belief that human equality is most important and can only be achieved through compassion, love, and sharing our life experiences."

Magazzeni himself will be present at reception on February 10 at 11AM and February 12 at 6PM. He hopes to share his thoughts and experiences with all who see the exhibit. "I'm bringing back a picture that may help people open up and see what's out there," he says. "It's unhealthy for the body and soul to avoid knowing what's happening with other people in the world."



Angelica Singaglio and Career Advisor Jen Traubel make Huggie Pillows that are donated to the Chester County Hospital for cardiac patients for their recovery process -
Photo courtesy of the Student Life Office