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## Group rallies against rape to educate, promote safety

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With whistles, pins and cards in hand, students hit the streets of State College Friday night to address the issue of acquaintance rape.

The distribution of the items was part of Students Promoting Education and Awareness about Rape, a program sponsored by a number of student groups including Interfraternity Council, Undergraduate Student Government and Womyn's Concerns, in response to the recent reported rapes on campus.

After a brief rally of about 100 people at University Gates, participants separated and passed out the materials that were

designed to promote the University Escort Service, and increase awareness of agencies such as the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services and Women's Resource Center of Centre County, which aid victims of rape.

Amy Falck (sophomore-division of undergraduate studies) was one of many students stopped by program participants. Falck, who took a resource card for herself and her roommate, said the event was a great idea and was a long time in coming.

"The number of rapes are severely unreported at Penn State," Falck said. "It is about time that people realize that this is a problem."

Students gathered at the rally to discuss issues such as consuming alcohol responsi-

bly and being more aware of personal safety. Kate Kleba, co-director of Womyn's Concerns, spoke of college rape statistics — those that are reported and unreported.

One in four women will experience an attempted rape during her college years, Kleba said.

The rally was a good opportunity to draw attention to groups that aid students who have rape and sexual assault concerns, such as Peers Helping Reaffirm, Educate and Empower, Kleba said.

USG Legal Affairs Director Beth Silvia, event organizer, stressed the ongoing importance of educating the community about rape and sexual assaults.

"This program is not the end," Silvia said. "This is just the beginning."



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Students gather outside the University Gates Friday night to participate in the Students Promoting Education and Awareness about Rape rally. The goal of the group is to educate others about the potential of rape in the community.



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Members of Phi Gamma Delta, 319 N. Burrowes Rd., walk west down East College Avenue Saturday afternoon scouring the sidewalk for trash. The fraternity was one of several participating in Greek Sweep, a community-wide effort to clean up the State College area.

## Greeks spruce up State College

By CARRIE DZWIL  
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Fraternity, sorority and community members armed with trash bags took to the streets Saturday afternoon for the second annual Greek Sweep.

Heather Arentz (senior-food science), Phi Mu sorority member, volunteered to help with Greek Sweep registration at the Student Book Store, 330 E. College Ave. Each fraternity or sorority was assigned to a zone, Arentz said, where members cleaned streets, alleyways and lawns.

"It's just to help out the community — to give back to the community," Arentz said.

Jeff Tranell, Interfraternity Council community relations chair, said about 1,000 fraternity, sorority and community members participated in this year's event.

"The turnout was amazing. We could have cleaned up the entire county," Tranell said. "It only took about an hour to do a sufficient cleaning job."

Ashlie Hauck, Panhellenic Council vice president of relations, said Greek Sweep was a success because people who are not involved with the event committee jumped in to help.

A new feature of the event, a bulk item collection, was added to the list this year, Tranell said. All large items, such as televisions, sofas and Homecoming float debris, which normally would not be collected from fraternity houses, were disposed of with help from the State College Borough departments of health and public works.

After the cleanup, a picnic was held in Central Parklet. At the picnic, recipients of fundraising efforts for some philanthropies sponsored by IFC and PHC were announced, Tranell said. Stand Together, a philanthropy new to IFC and PHC, received the most donations.

"We saw the picnic as a good way not only to honor those people that helped but as a good way to honor the greek community," he said.

Of the \$7,800 raised in a raffle



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Brendan Holloway (freshman-business administration) cleans up the borough streets with some fellow members of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, 319 N. Burrowes Rd., in Saturday's Greek Sweep.

held by four fraternities and 16 sororities, it was announced that \$5,800 would go to Stand Together.

Five other organizations each received \$400: Big Brother/Big

Sister, The Second Mile, National Congenital Pulmonary Lymphangiectasia Foundation, Centre County Special Olympics and Centre County Alzheimers Care Givers Support Group.

## Stand Together helps local single parents finish school

By CARRIE DZWIL  
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Elizabeth Dubbs does not have to give up her dream of earning a college degree — thanks to Stand Together.

Stand Together, a nonprofit organization based in State College, "provides resources for single parents that are struggling to stay in school," said Mary Kay Laplante, Stand Together president.

Dubbs, a Stand Together client, is trying to earn a degree in reha-

bilitation services. Stand Together provides her \$140 a month to help cover child care expenses and tutoring for her statistics class. Before she received the aid, Dubbs said trying to earn a degree was more troublesome than rewarding.

"It was very frustrating," Dubbs said. "I could only take classes on Tuesday and Thursday. That was the only way I could afford daycare."

Stand Together provides single parents with resources such as daycare funding, material goods,

such as cribs and clothing, mentoring support from local families and tutoring.

So far, most aided by the charity have been high school students striving for a high school degree or GED, she said. The resources available for college students are scarce, she said, so the organization has enlisted the help of Penn State to improve the situation for college students.

On Saturday afternoon, several Penn State fraternities and sororities announced they had raised \$5,800 for Stand Together.

Even with the organization's aid, the days and nights are hard for Dubbs. She wakes up at 6 a.m. with her daughter Breanna. Classes start at 8 a.m. for Dubbs, and do not end until about 3 p.m. After class, she goes to her daughter's daycare center and volunteers for an hour as part of the Stand Together program, she said.

The program requires its clients to keep a certain grade point average, volunteer three hours of service per week and attend classes regularly.

## Students see world in Semester at Sea

By TRACY WILSON  
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After Carl Schlemmer saw his roommate's pictures taken from atop the Great Wall of China and of his friend holding piranhas by the Amazon River, he knew that the Semester at Sea program was for him.

"I knew I had to go," said Schlemmer (senior-civil and environmental engineering), one of more than 30,000 college students who have participated in the program since 1963.

Schlemmer, who took part in the program during Spring Semester 1998, traveled aboard the S.S. *Universe Explorer*, a 23,500-ton ship equipped with classrooms, two dining halls, a library, a theater, a bookstore, a pool, a computer lab and a sun deck.

Every five or six days, the ship ports at one of 10 countries on the trip's itinerary, where students are free to explore the area, said Paul Watson, director of Enrollment Management at the Institute for Shipboard Education.

Academically sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh and administered by the Institute for Shipboard Education, the program takes about 600 students and 25 professors from across the country each semester. A rolling admissions process is used to select students for the program. Students are still in the process of confirming plans for Spring Semester 1999.

"Most people go not knowing anyone — no pun intended, but we were all in the same boat," said Jon Kelly, Class of 1998, who took part in the Semester at Sea program last semester.

The trip costs \$12,980 and includes tuition, room, board and passage fair. Work study programs are available that nearly cut the cost of the trip in half.

During the semester-long journey, participants are considered students of the University of Pitts-

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burgh. They take between 12 and 15 credits, which transfer to their institution, and can choose to enroll in any of more than 60 courses.

While in port, students must do "field work" projects about the areas where they land that count for about 20 percent of their grades. Course material often relates to what students will be learning at port, said William Duiker, retired Penn State Liberal Arts professor of East Asian studies. Duiker will be teaching on the ship for the fourth time during Spring Semester 1999.

Kelly said that while at port, he encountered people who had never seen a Caucasian before.

"At 6-foot-1 (inch) and with long blond hair, I stuck out," he said.

The highlight of the trip for many seemed to be South Africa, where students took part in a lecture with anti-apartheid activist Desmond Tutu and saw the political prison that housed Nelson Mandela for 28 years.

For many students, the experiences they had on the trip make the high price inconsequential.

"When I heard it was almost \$13,000, I walked out of the meeting," Kelly said. After thinking it over, Kelly sold his car, took out two loans and worked two jobs to make the trip happen.

"I don't regret it at all," he said. "You meet the most adventuresome spirits, seekers who want to experience things, open minded people who want to learn about themselves and the world."



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