

Hispanic, Latino students celebrate heritage month

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Hispanic and Latino students will celebrate their diversity this month as Penn State recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month.

The month will bring together the campus' 13 Hispanic and Latino student groups and will feature activities and events that highlight the diversity in the students' cultures and countries.

All students are encouraged to take advantage of these activities and cultural programs, said Cynthia Roman, president of Sigma Iota Alpha Sorority Inc., Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

"We want people to learn about our culture," Roman said. "In our culture, the groups have a lot of diversity."

Sigma Iota Alpha hosted its first event Friday. "Viernes Gigante" was a variety show filled with contests and games that explained different areas of Hispanic culture.

"Throughout the year, people aren't aware of what is happening in Hispanic countries," Teresa Perez, Latino Caucus treasurer, said. "This helps make them aware."

Roman said Hispanics and Latinos share the Spanish language but have many differences.

"We're all united through the same language, but at the same time there's different aspects to each culture," Roman said. "But that's the beauty of it — we're always learning from one another."

Members from Hispanic and Latino groups are involved with this month's activities. One event



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Cristina Gonzalez (senior-biology) presents a "commercial break" during "Viernes Gigante," a remake of a popular Spanish variety show Friday night in 111 Wartik. The show was sponsored by Sigma Iota Alpha Sorority Inc., Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

members of the Hispanic community are excited about is the Hispanic and Latino Festival for Children, which will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.

The festival will feature face painting, games, clowns and a play. The event is open to the Penn State and State College

communities, Roman said.

Latino Caucus secretary Jamie Galvis said when she came to Penn State, the number of cultural groups for her to become involved with made her feel confident.

"It made me feel like a Hispanic may become a member in this place," Galvis said.

PSU, Michigan State to draw blood

By ROBIN SMITH
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Before Penn State and Michigan State compete on the gridiron, they will face off in the blood-bath known as the fifth annual Penn State-Michigan State Blood Donor Challenge.

Today, the first of 15 blood drives will be held at Simmons Hall. Locations will change from day to day, and coordinators hope to see more than 2,000 students donate during the next 12 days.

The winning school will be announced in a special ceremony during the Nov. 28 game. Penn State has won the last three challenges.

Penn State faces an obstacle this year because of HUB renovations. In past years, blood drives at the HUB have been especially productive because of the number of donors attracted, said Edwin Chan, drive coordinator of the Penn State

Student Red Cross Club. However, construction has displaced those HUB drives.

"We'll attract less walk-in donors," he said.

The challenge was created as a way to prepare for the final six weeks of the year, a time when fewer people donate blood because of the holidays, said Connie Schroeder, campus coordinator for American Red Cross blood services.

Penn State's goal of 1,830 pints of blood will offer a two-day supply for 85 regional hospitals.

"To me, the winners are the people who get the blood," Schroeder said.

The challenge was developed 15 years ago between Penn State and its football rival, the University of Pittsburgh.

The series ended when Penn State joined the Big Ten and Michigan State was chosen as Penn State's new competitor because

their football game falls near the end of the season and the schools have similar demographics.

In addition to university competition, honors are awarded to campus organizations that compete in three categories — small groups, large groups and greek organizations.

"(Because of the competition) we got a few hundred pints that we wouldn't have had," Schroeder said.

In addition to demonstrating school spirit, participation in the challenge allows students to learn about their health and save lives. Schroeder urged first-time donors and people who are unsure if they meet donation requirements to come to the drives.

The challenge is a community effort involving various student groups and area businesses.

Most of the food and raffle prizes given to donors are donated by area businesses.



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Dance of the poet

Tejaswini Rao and her troupe perform a dance drama Saturday at the Schwab Auditorium. The drama featured classical dance styles of South India and portrayed the life of a famous poet.

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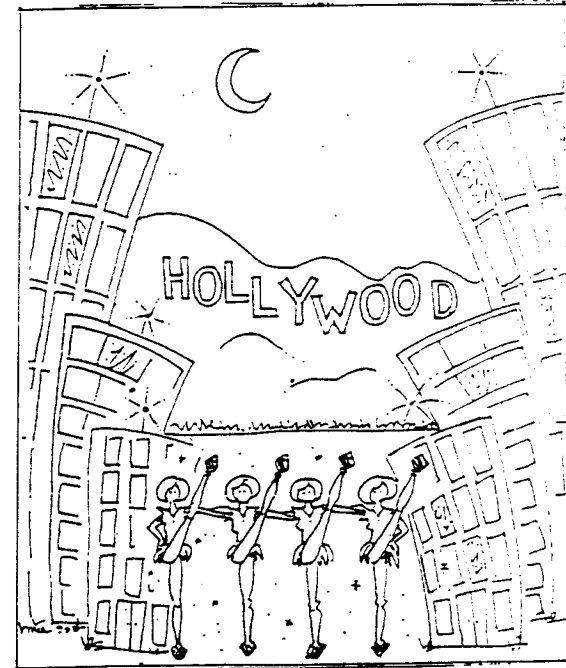
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Endometriosis

- 1 in 9 women will develop endometriosis, and it is commonly misdiagnosed

BLACK WOMEN. IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU TOO!

Guest Speaker: Hattie Faison M.D.

Date: Monday, November 9th

Time: 7 pm

Place: HUB Gallery Lounge

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!!!

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