

Obamaville gathers outside Palin event

Students for Barack Obama lobbied support for Democrats outside Rec Hall during Sarah Palin's speech.

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As Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin prepared to speak in Rec Hall Tuesday night, supporters of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama set up across the street.

Penn State Students for Barack Obama lobbied support for their candidate with signs and tables set up to encourage others to sign up to volunteer with the Obama campaign — a move the organization's president, Zachary Zabel, said was a success.

About 100 people had gathered by the end of the night, Zabel said.

"Parachuting a candidate in with only a week

left doesn't show much ambition for this campus," Zabel said of the Palin event.

Across the street, directly in front of Rec Hall, individuals separate from the Obama campaign held up anti-Palin signs that read things such as "Palin doesn't represent this woman" and "Hey Sarah, I can see the moon from my backyard; does that make me an astronomer?"

"I don't want Palin to be representing me," said Jimmy Burrige (graduate-horticulture), who was holding the latter of the signs. "Her foreign policy would be a disaster."

But supporters of Republican presidential candidate John McCain and Palin seemed unperturbed by the show of support for Obama.

Cassandra Feagley, a senior at Juniata Valley High School, said she had seen the Obama supporters before she got in the line that extended around the side of Rec Hall facing Atherton Street and onto the bridge of the IST Building. She specifically remembered a sign that said, "I feel Palienated."

Feagley admitted she thought the sign was

"clever" but said that didn't mean she agreed with their stance on Palin.

"She's my idol — she's my hero," Feagley said as she unzipped her jacket to reveal a homemade T-shirt that said "Pumped for Palin" on the front and "I [love] Palin" on the back.

Frank Densевич, a veteran and Penn State graduate supporting McCain, also said the Obama supporters did not bother him.

"That's what people in America do," he said. "My God, I love this country."

Densевич said he was encouraged by how many young people were in line to see Palin.

"I'm the only 'Joe the Old Guy' I see," he said.

Steve Preston (graduate-landscape architecture) and Matt Leaman, Class of 2007 — Obama supporters — got out of the line on the bridge of the IST Building when they figured they were too far back to get in.

"I'm going to be Sarah Palin for Halloween. I gotta get my accent down," Preston cited as why they had come. "We're going to join Obamaville, and then we're going to get some coffee."



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Mindy Carson (senior-metal art and photography) hula hoops while holding a sign that reads "Vote with your brain, not with your gender" in response to Sarah Palin's local visit.

Inventive costumes bolster parade

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A family of larger-than-life dinner utensils made of cardboard stood out in the annual Halloween costume parade sponsored by Centre Region Parks and Recreation and State College Lions Club Tuesday night.

Gay Morelli and her husband, John, create interesting costumes for themselves and their two sons every year for the parade, said family friend Rose Porterfield.

"One year they were a farm yard. John does the construction and Gay makes the designs," Porterfield said.

John Morelli said this year's dinner utensils, including a plate, knife, fork and spoon, took three days to make out of various recycled materials.

A trio consisting of a witch, Captain Hook and V for Vendetta's protagonist, V, had elaborate costumes that

depicted the respective characters. State College Area High School senior Ashley Eyster was the witch, Jonathan Phillippi was Captain Hook, and his son, State College high school freshman Rei Phillippi was V.

Jonathan Phillippi said the Captain Hook costume was a combination of homemade materials, Goodwill merchandise, the help of Eyster's mother, and Mighty Putty.

Jonathan Phillippi played the part well when a young Peter Pan shot out of the crowd of costumed people and initiated a duel. The Mighty Putty hook and plastic sword clashed for several seconds before Peter Pan decided the fight was over and went back into the crowd.

Among the human participants in the parade were dogs, one of which was a Boy Scout and one was Underdog.

The parade began on Burrowes



Street and took a course through downtown, ending at Memorial Field where Delta Sigma Phi fraternity brothers judged costumes in several different categories.

Five winners will be selected from each category for a cash prize, said Beth Lee, Centre Region Parks and Recreation program and special events supervisor.

"I think everyone is so creative with their costumes," Lee said. "Despite the cold tonight everyone, parents and children, are putting their all into it and it's just great."

More photos of the parade:
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Grant Hocker, 10, of State College, acts like a polar bear on Memorial Field Tuesday night after the Halloween parade. Many families attended the parade in full costume despite the chilly weather conditions.

Report: Pennsylvania climate will warm up

By Jacquie Tylka
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As soon as mid-century, students may be able to delay breaking out winter wardrobes if current carbon emissions stay the same, a Penn State associate professor of meteorology said.

"The period during which you are going to wear winter clothing is going to go down," said Penn State professor Raymond Najjar.

Najjar's predictions are based on the Union of Concerned Scientists report about climate change in Pennsylvania, which was released this month.

If the world stays on the current emissions trajectory — with more carbon dioxide emitted each year — the climate of Pennsylvania will change to one like Alabama and Georgia by the last third of the century, the report said.

A North Face-clad Kelly McCoy (junior-communication arts and sciences) said, "I wouldn't mind warmer winters, but it's probably not a good thing."

Pennsylvania is the third biggest car-

bon dioxide contributor in the nation, Najjar said, and contributes 1 percent of the world's emissions of carbon dioxide.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) spokesman Charlie Young said efforts to curb emissions are underway.

"Gov. Ed Rendell put forward about \$12 million worth of energy grants on Monday," Young said.

The plan creates precautions equivalent to removing 55,000 cars from the road, according to a DEP press release.

As a result of two acts passed in July, the state is spending \$665.9 million to increase availability of clean energy and consumer efficiency, Young said. One act, the Pennsylvania Climate Change Act, created the Climate Change Advisory Committee, Young said.

"DEP and the committee are working on a report on potential climate change impacts and economic opportunities for the commonwealth," Young said.

He added the development of an action plan to improve cost strategies to decrease or offset the state's gas emis-

sions is expected by October 2009.

"The Pennsylvania we know, with the fall foliage and the winters and the activities that go along with it, is going to change," said Najjar, who reviewed and contributed to the report.

Summer, Najjar said, will see the greatest changes: The number of days with temperatures higher than 90 degrees is likely to double in some cities over the next couple decades.

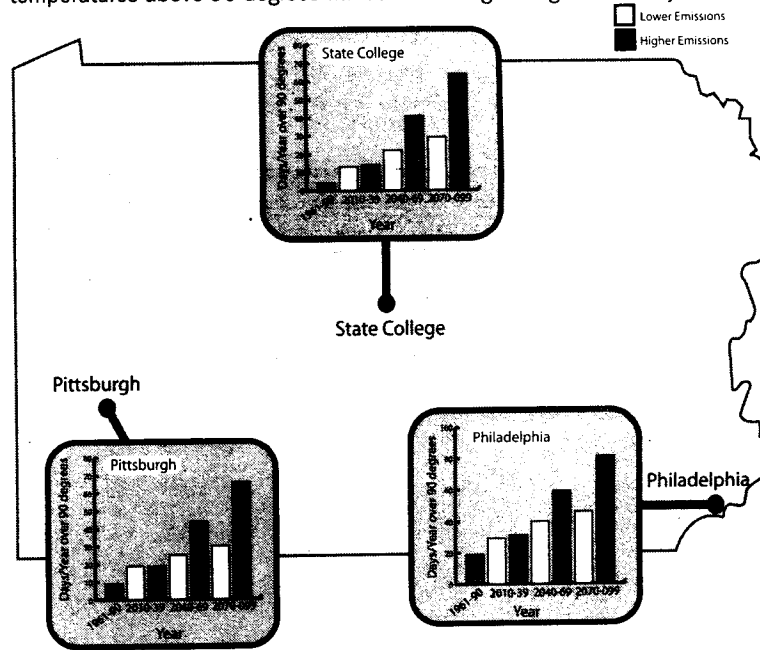
The changes over the next few decades will happen regardless of the emissions scenario — high or low — because the warming during this time is a result of already emitted carbon dioxide, Najjar said.

Najjar said students can make an effort to decrease emissions in at least two ways. First, he said, do all the "common sense" things that reduce gas emissions, like walking and buying compact fluorescent light bulbs. He also said the nation's leadership matters.

"It is important that we choose and elect leaders who will address these issues," Najjar said.

Getting hot, hot, hot!

Because of higher carbon dioxide emissions, the number of summer days with temperatures above 90 degrees will be increasing throughout Pennsylvania.



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