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A mock victim crawls out from under a table to scare patrons at the Haunted Crime Scene Cottages sponsored by the Forensics Science Club.

Club scares with forensics

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Tour guide Glenn "Buddy" Ruse began the tale of the "Penn State Chainsaw Massacre" saying, "Leatherface brutally tortured and killed people here."

The Haunted Crime Scene Cottages, sponsored by the Penn State Forensics Club, started Thursday night and continues through Saturday night from 7:30 to 10. The \$5 entrance fee will go toward funding a forensics club symposium in the spring.

The haunted cottages, behind

the Ritenour Building, featured a detailed crime scene to entertain students, said Corrin Johnson, Forensics Club Secretary.

"Those walking through will see where it all took place and see the victims — dead and alive — that still haunt the [Pine and Spruce] cottages," Johnson (senior-forensic science) said.

Sterile sheep's blood was used to cover the walls, floors, victims and even a bathtub in the cottages. Club members acted the

parts of tortured victims or murderers throughout different rooms, each with its own theme.

In addition to recreating the Texas Chainsaw Massacre, one room also referenced The Shining, with "Redrum" written on the wall in blood.

The "Scream Room" in particular was popular with guests. Strobe lights set the mood for the seemingly empty room, creating anticipation.

The room featured entirely plain black walls dotted with glowing masks. On one wall, a pair of arms reached blindly for passersby.

Jessica Rivera (freshman-psy-

chology), who was experiencing a haunted house for the first time, said the "Scream Room" was the most frightening.

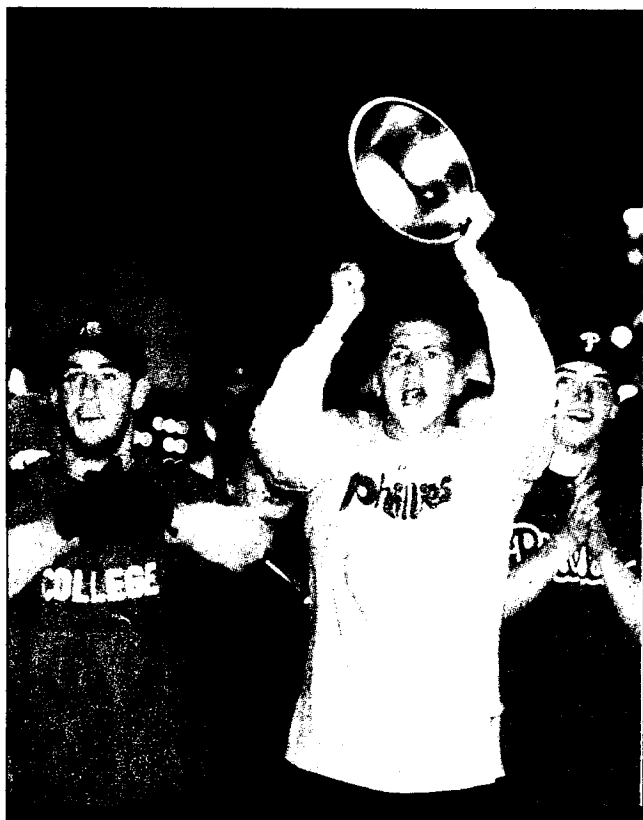
"The moment I opened my eyes, the guy was right next me," she said.

Ruse (sophomore-classics and ancient Mediterranean studies) said he enjoyed the "Scream Room," too.

"The 'Scream Room' was my favorite part because no one expected people sneaking up because of the strobe lights. It

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Philadelphia Phillies fans celebrate along Beaver Avenue after the team's World Series victory on Wednesday night.

Police: Phillies crowd nonviolent

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Just five days after Beaver Canyon roared with celebratory destruction after Penn State's win over Ohio State, police descended on the same strip of street but met a much more controlled scene.

"The overwhelming majority were just enjoying a World Series victory," said Lt. Chris Fishel, of the State College Police Department.

Fishel said 1,000 to 1,500 students were in Beaver Canyon late Wednesday night celebrating the Philadelphia Phillies' win over the Tampa Bay Rays in the 104th World Series.

State College Police Chief Tom King said most of the Phillies celebrants were "respectful" and "cooperative."

"The fans were happy to go around the town like a parade, hooting and hollering for the Phillies," King said. "I think it was managed well last

night, with no use of force or pepper spray."

King also said there was no damage to the borough, like fallen light posts or dislodged traffic signs, unlike Saturday night.

Lt. Fishel said police continue investigating isolated incidents Saturday with the aid of photographic and video evidence.

Police, donning riot gear, were ready for the large numbers crowding the downtown streets this time, King said.

"People complied when we asked them to move," Fishel said. "Everyone eventually moved on."

Police were armed with but did not use pepper spray; however, there were a few summary level citations handed out Wednesday night, police said.

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Spanier greeting denied

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Penn State President Graham Spanier was asked not to attend Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin's Tuesday night speech at Rec Hall, a university official confirmed Thursday.

But the reason why remains unclear. A staffer working for Republican presidential candidate John McCain's campaign told a member of Penn State public information that the campaign did not want Spanier to greet Palin after calling him a "big Democrat," Penn State spokesman Bill Mahon said.

A representative from the McCain-Palin campaign was tight-lipped when asked about the staffer's comments.

"This individual does not speak for the campaign," said Peter Feldman, Pennsylvania communications director for the McCain-Palin campaign, refusing to comment further.

Andrew Natalo, president of Penn State Students for John McCain, said it is well known Spanier is an "avid Democrat" and liberal leaning.

"To be seen with Graham Spanier at a politically charged event would not be good for the [McCain] campaign," Natalo said. "And frankly, if he's upset, that's his problem."

Spanier is a registered Democrat, according to the Pennsylvania Department of State's Web site.

But Spanier has never — and would never — endorse a political candidate, Mahon said.

That's why Spanier wasn't at the podium with President Bill Clinton when he spoke at Rec Hall the following day, though he was at the event, Mahon said. "But when a former president, or, perhaps, a future vice president of the United States comes to campus, it's appropriate when the president of Penn State's in town to attend," Mahon said.

Zachary Zabel, president of the Penn State Students for Barack Obama, said Spanier watched the Clinton speech with Rep. Scott Conklin, D-Centre, Democratic
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Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin speaks at Rec Hall Tuesday night.

Former Idol, country diva to perform at BJC

By Natalie Plumb
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

American Idol sensation Kelly Clarkson will make her State College debut tonight, and country singing prodigy Reba McEntire will join her at the Bryce Jordan Center after an eight-year hiatus.

McEntire made her last stop at the BJC in February of 2000 and made three previous stops in '96, '97 and '98. Clarkson however, will be stepping on the stage for the first time for this stop of the 20,000-mile "2 Worlds 2 Voices Tour 2008."

"You have two performers who could tour on their own, but they are paired together. The legendary performer teamed with the new face of the music industry. ... It's pretty cool when you think about it," said Bernie Punt, director of sales and marketing for the BJC.

The two decided to tour together

If you go

What: Kelly Clarkson and Reba McEntire at the BJC

When: 8 tonight

Where: Bryce Jordan Center

Details: Tickets range from \$49.50 to \$59.50 and are still available for purchase at the BJC ticket office, Eisenhower Auditorium, Penn State Tickets Downtown, charged at (814) 865-5555 or online at www.bjc.psu.edu.

in the spring of 2008, following the release of Duets, Reba's latest album, which incorporates a series of duet numbers with various artists of different genres, said Mary Gellott, promoter for the "2 Worlds 2 Voices, Tour 2008" and director of



Courtesy of showbiz.com

Reba McEntire, left, and Kelly Clarkson will visit the BJC tonight.

entertainment marketing at Moore Entertainment Group at AEG Live Nashville. On the album, Kelly and Reba recorded "Because of You," which became a huge hit.

Gellott added the decision to tour together was made not only because their voices work well together, but also because they enjoy each other's company. This was so successful

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After 7 years, missing student case unsolved

Editor's note: This is the final article in a five-part series about paranormal phenomena at Penn State and those that investigate them.

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They last saw her seven years ago, unlocking the door to her apartment at four in the morning after Halloween, alone in her Playboy bunny costume.

Now, all that's left of Penn State student Cindy Song are 20 three-inch binders sitting in the Ferguson Township Police Department. She disappeared without a trace that morning, and Det. Brian Sprinkle still doesn't know where she went.

"Unfortunately, there's not much to talk about," he said.

Since the beginning of the investiga-

tion in 2001, there never really has been, despite police's best efforts to solve the case through conventional means. They searched the 21-year-old's apartment for evidence of forced entry or signs she was planning to leave — and found nothing. They tried to follow her trail with bloodhound dogs — it was cold.

They followed up on leads and claims of responsibility, including that of a man who said he had killed four others — more of the same.

That was when Sprinkle got a call from Paranormal Research Society (PRS) Director Ryan Buell, asking him to try something new. Buell knew the investigation wasn't turning up leads, and he wanted to bring in a psychic.

"I had every bit of faith that the police were doing all they could do," he recalls. "But sometimes, when you exhaust all the natural resources, why not try something else?"

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Weather: Today: High 60



Tonight: Low 43



Tomorrow: High 55



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