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Max Hunsicker (senior-supply chain management) signs up for the chance to win an autographed poster of Vampire Weekend. The Lion 90.7 FM promoted the band's album.

## 90.7 FM excites fans for 'Contra' album

By Lindsay Cryer  
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Vampire Weekend fans gathered around a table in the HUB-Robeson Center on Thursday to celebrate the "Holiday" of the band's new album release.

"Holiday" is one of Vampire Weekend's new songs on its new album "Contra." The Lion 90.7 FM held the release celebration for the new album from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Representatives of the radio station sat at a table decked out with complimentary stickers, small posters and pens for passersby — all as the new album, released on Tuesday, played through large speakers.

The "Contra Megamelt" EP was available for free at the table. The EP contains three tracks — two mash-ups of Vampire Weekend songs and a remixed version of "Cousins" by self-described ghetotech hip-hop group Toy Selectah.

The event was sponsored by the band's record company XL Recordings, which contacted the radio station and offered to send in the complimentary gifts and free copies of the full album — most of which were distributed too quickly for attendees to obtain.

Members of the radio station said they

were excited to feature such a prominent band.

"We're surprised to have been contacted by the band rather than doing the contacting ourselves," said Matt Steck, The Lion's vice president and program director.

If the station receives vinyl copies of the album from the record company, Steck is open to giving them away over the air.

With the amount of interest the promotion received, Steck would be able to give away plenty. Vampire Weekend fan Haley Lentz said she's glad the band is getting this sort of publicity.

"I was waiting for a long time for a new CD," Lentz (junior-political science) said. "I'm glad that they're marketing more to Penn State students — this is their target."

Jamie Dignam (senior-theater) said he thinks Penn State should try to book the band for a concert.

"Vampire Weekend deserves all the attention they're getting right now," Dignam said.

The radio station hopes to hold similar events for other bands and album releases, Steck said.

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## Orchestra to perform classic tunes in concert

By Allegra O'Neill  
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This weekend, local classical music lovers will be able to enjoy musical styling by Mozart and Haydn.

The Pennsylvania Centre Orchestra's first concert of the year will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Esber Recital Hall, Music Building I.

This year's concert series — the 19th annual event of its kind — is titled "Morning, Noon and Night," and will feature three symphonies by Haydn. On Sunday, audiences will be able to hear "Le Matin," the "morning" symphony.

The concert will serve as an introduction to soloist and Penn State assistant piano instructor Enrico Elisi. This is his first year performing with the orchestra.

Douglas Meyer, the orchestra's music director, will lead the musicians as they perform Mozart's works for a large audience.

"This is one of our most popular concerts, and we are lucky this year to have one of our biggest audiences," Meyer said. "If people want to buy tickets at the door, I suggest they come early so as to get a seat."

And Meyer said he is thrilled to have Elisi participate.

"He is very talented and we are excited that students can come and see one of their own perform," Meyer said.

The orchestra will also hold a Penny Concert at noon on Saturday in Esber

### If you go

**What:** The Pennsylvania Centre Orchestra's first concert of the season  
**When:** 3 p.m. Sunday  
**Where:** Esber Recital Hall

**Details:** Tickets are \$10 for students and \$29.50 for others

Recital Hall. The pre-show is a chance for families and fans to come and meet the soloist as he plays a few pieces by Mozart and others. True to its name, attendance costs only a penny.

Penn State students who buy tickets at the door Sunday will pay \$10 for their tickets when they present their student ID — shaving nearly \$20 off ticket prices.

Meyer said the orchestra uses Mozart's birthday as the basis for an annual tradition.

"Mozart's birthday is Jan. 27, so while we are a little early this year, we play Mozart pieces as a tribute to him," Meyer said.

Students said they were excited that classical music performances are being offered on campus.

"I am a former music education major, and I remember my teachers telling us about these kind of performances," Alyse Burroni (junior-print journalism) said.

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## Professor promotes Poe, celebrates written works

By Chidi Ugwu  
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Jan. 19 will mark the 201<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe, and the date hasn't gone unnoticed by Penn State professor Richard Kopley.

Kopley will give a lecture titled "The Secrets of Poe's 'The Purloined Letter' and Its Relevance Today" to commemorate the event. Beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, the talk will be held in the social hall of the Congregation Brit Shalom, 620 E. Hamilton Ave.

Exploring some of the themes of the short story, Kopley will explain how they are still applicable more than a century and a half after it was first published.

"This lecture is about the making of the first mystery," said Ralan Kopley, Richard Kopley's wife. "It unravels a lot of the secrets in Poe's writing."

Poe himself considered "The Purloined Letter" the third and final installment of his detective stories featuring C. August Dupin, to be his best. Poe's detective stories are considered some of the earliest of the genre.

"Poe really was the inventor of the mystery story," Ralan Kopley said.

Rabbi David Ostrich of the Congregation Brit Shalom said the lecture is part of a

series designed to help the congregation learn more about their fellow members' professional lives.

Richard Kopley is a member of Brit Shalom, a professor of English at Penn State Dubois, and a scholar in early American literature specializing in the works of Edgar Allan Poe.

"It's always very interesting to me to see some of the different interests of the congregation," Ostrich said.

Kopley has written a book on Poe and his work — titled "Edgar Allan Poe and the Dupin Mysteries" — that has been getting a lot of positive publicity, Ostrich said.

Kopley was also the editor of "Poe's Pym: Critical Explorations," a collection of essays analyzing Poe's work, and is a former president and an honorary member of the Poe Studies Association. He was unavailable for comment by press time Thursday.

Daniel Walden, a professor emeritus of English and comparative literature, is also a member of Brit Shalom and helped to organize the event.

"Dr. Kopley is a renowned Poe scholar, and I think we're very lucky to be able to hear his thoughts on some of Poe's work," he said.

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# WHAT'S GOING ON

YOUR GUIDE TO MOVIES, LATENIGHT, MEETINGS & EVENTS AT PENN STATE

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## LATENIGHT

## NOW PLAYING

**Friday, January 15**

**TRONSYSTEM LASER TAG** – The most exciting laser game in the country! – 9:30 PM–1:30 AM, Alumni Hall

**BALLOON ARTIST LOUIS PAUL** – Balloons like you've never seen! – 9:30 PM–1:30 AM, 1st Floor

**CREATIVE CRAFTS** – Paint a wooden shadowbox frame! – 9 PM–1 AM, Ground Floor

**OPEN GAMES NIGHT** – 10 PM–1 AM, Ground Floor

**GAPS GAMING** – 9:30 PM–1:30 AM, 1st Floor

**LATENIGHT BILLIARDS** – 9 PM–1 AM, Corner Pocket

**ARHS MOVIE: ZOMBIELAND** – 7 PM, 9:30 PM & 12 AM, Auditorium

**FRIDAY LATENIGHT FOOD SPECIALS:**

**Ground Floor Carts:** \$1 Nathan's Hotdog, \$1.29 Soft Pretzels, Cookies & Milk featuring 4 varieties of David's smaller cookies at 69¢ or 2 for \$1.09, and 50¢ Box of Popcorn – 9 PM–1 AM

**Starrco:** \$1.99 Meatball Hero or Pasta Special and \$1 slice of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza – 9 PM–2 AM

**WHITE BUILDING ACTIVITIES:**

**Half Court Shot Contest** – 9 PM start

**Open Recreation** – 9 PM start

**Open Pool Recreation** – 9 PM–12 AM (Closed if no Lifeguard)

**Fitness Center** – 9 PM–1 AM (\*Requires Fitness Pass/ID)

**Saturday, January 16**

**TRONSYSTEM LASER TAG** – The most exciting laser game in the country! – 9:30 PM–1:30 AM, Alumni Hall

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**Nathan's:** 59¢ Mini-Hamburger, 99¢ Nachos, \$1 Nathan's Hotdog, and 5 Kenny Rogers Roasters Wings for \$1.99 – 9 PM–2 AM

**WHITE BUILDING ACTIVITIES:**

**Dome Hockey Tournament** – 9 PM start

**Open Recreation** – 9 PM start

**Open Pool Recreation** – 9 PM–12 AM (Closed if no Lifeguard)

**Fitness Center** – 9 PM–1 AM (\*Requires Fitness Pass/ID)

**Sunday, January 17**

**ARHS MOVIE: ZOMBIELAND** – 7 PM & 9:30 PM, Auditorium

PSU-UPark Student ID required at most events. All events are in the HUB-Robeson Center unless noted otherwise. [www.latenight.psu.edu](http://www.latenight.psu.edu) Check out Union St. and get a great deal on late night food on Friday and Saturday nights!



Does your organization have a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly meeting? Or do you have a special event coming up? Would you like to get the word out to students? Then stop by the UPAC office located in 229 HUB Robeson and pick up a form, fill it out return it to the UPAC office as early as possible but no later than the week before the event. We will be happy to publish your information in our weekly meeting section. The Meeting List is published each Monday in the What's Going ON page. Events are published Monday and Fridays! This service is free and provided by UPAC! Your Student Activity Fee at Work!

**Eberly College of Science**

**Winter Wonderland Formal**

**Sat. Dec. 16 8:30 PM Life Science Bldg**

The College of Science is hosting a semi-formal dance for all Penn State students. Tickets are \$2.00

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**ARHS Movies Presents**

## ZOMBIELAND

**Friday & Saturday: 7 PM, 9:30 PM, & MIDNIGHT**  
**Sunday: 7 PM & 9:30 PM**

PSU Student ID required. All ARHS movies are shown in the HUB Auditorium. All ARHS movies are free & funded by UPAC! Your Student Activity Fee @ work!

**COMING UP**



**Got SES?**

Are you passionate about serving, learning, and leading? Do you want to make a difference? Become a part of a group of enthusiastic individuals who work to enrich our campus community! Apply Today to become a member of Students Engaging Students (SES) Apply Today! Applications Due Friday, January 15, 2010 @ 5 PM Applications available online: [www.sa.psu.edu/usa/studentactivities](http://www.sa.psu.edu/usa/studentactivities) or in The Office of Student Activities-209 HUB

**Center for Arts & Crafts**

**Session 1 Spring Enrollment**

The Center for Arts and Crafts at Penn State is now taking registrations for Session 1 Art Classes. Classes include wheel throw pottery, oil painting, belly dance, Irish dance, digital photography, stained glass, and much more. Penn State affiliation is required to participate; reduced rate for PSU students with valid ID! To register, stop by 11A Grange Building or mail in a registration form found in the Spring 2010 catalog. For questions or catalog request, please call Mandi at 814-865-9278. Classes start the week of January 25th. Reserve your spot today! For class info visit: [www.sa.psu.edu/usa/craftcenter](http://www.sa.psu.edu/usa/craftcenter)

**Student Activities- EdAware Series**

**Post Graduate Service Opportunities**

**Jan. 26 11AM- 2PM, First Floor HUB**

Not sure what you're doing after graduation? If you are looking for a job, looking for some experience, or looking for a way to serve, check out the tables on the first floor of the HUB during lunch on Jan. 26th. Representatives from a variety of service organizations like AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, City Year, Teach for America, Habitat for Humanity, Hillel, and others will be available to share more information and answer questions about serving with their organizations upon graduating. Most positions compensate you and provide you benefits in various different ways, as well as giving you the chance to gain experience and serve others. For more information please e-mail: [servicelearning@sa.psu.edu](mailto:servicelearning@sa.psu.edu)

**Dream the Change Lead the Change**

**Be the Change**

**25th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr Commemoration**

**Jan. 2010**

Jan. 17- 25th Anniversary MLK Community Showcase 3 PM- 5 PM Worship Hall- Pasqueville Spiritual Center

Jan. 18- Day of Service 9 AM- 4 PM Registration: HUB Heritage Hall- Pre-register at [volunteer.psu.edu/mk](http://volunteer.psu.edu/mk)

Jan. 18- Social Justice Reception 7 PM- 9 PM Heritage Hall- HUB- Complimentary tickets required.

Jan. 19- Peace March and Service 4 PM- 5:30 PM March begins at Old Main steps. Service & reception at Pasqueville Spir. Center.

Jan. 20- Evening Celebration Keynote Speaker: Soledad O'Brian 6 PM Eisenhower Auditorium- Complimentary tickets required.

For more information and complete schedule please visit: [www.mlk.psu.edu](http://www.mlk.psu.edu)

**Fresh Start 2010 Day of Service**

**Team Leader Applications Available**

**Now Through Jan. 25th**

**209 HUB-Robeson Center**

Want to get involved in leadership and service at Penn State? Then pick up a 2010 Fresh Start Team Leader Application in 209 HUB. Join Penn State's largest day of service for First Year students. Get rooted in service! For more information please stop by 209 HUB or email Mike at [mbc5043@psu.edu](mailto:mbc5043@psu.edu)

**Black Graduate Student Association**

**11th Annual Kwanzaa Extravaganza**

**Jan. 16 6PM, Heritage Hall**

We will be discussing the principles and values of Kwanzaa, which focus on family and community. We also will be honored to have Judge Greg Mathis as our featured speaker. The Essence of Joy will also be performing for us.

**RAWR!**

**Penn State Improv Festival**

**Fri. Jan. 15 & Sat. Jan. 16**

**8PM, Pavillion Theatre**

Sponsored by PSU Improv & Full Ammo Improv Taste the funny! Free Event for all- funded by UPAC.

Fri. Jan. 15

8PM Your Ex-Boyfriends

8:20PM University of Richmond

8:40PM Princeton's Quipfire!

9PM Upright Citizens Brigade

Sat. Jan. 16

8PM Penn State Full Ammo

8:20PM NYU's Maybe Shermna

8:40PM Univ. Delaware: Rubber Chickens

9PM M@&

9:30PM Rare Bird Show

10PM Baby Wants Candy- Musical Improv

**UPAC Policy Meeting**

**Tue. Jan. 19, 6:15PM, 330 HUB- Robeson**

UPAC's first policy meeting for the Spring 2010 Anyone is welcome to attend. Meeting starts at 6:15PM!

**University Park Allocation Committee (UPAC)**

**2010-2011 Applications Available**

Are you interested in getting involved on campus? Want to have a say in how your student activity fee is spent? UPAC is a university appointed committee responsible for allocating over \$3,000,000.00 of your student activity fee. Applications for the 2010-2011 Academic Year are now available. UPAC representatives will be hosting an information table on Tue. Jan. 19 and Wed. Jan. 20 on the first floor of the HUB-Robeson Center from 10AM-3PM. You may also pick up an application in 229 HUB-Robeson Center or download one from our website [www.upac.psu.edu](http://www.upac.psu.edu).