

Penn State holds Pride Parade

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Philadelphia and New York City, move over. Penn State finally has its own pride parade.

Wearing colorful accessories and waving rainbow flags, about 100 people participated in the first-ever Pride Parade, held Friday across campus.

Part of Pride Week, the parade was organized by the Discussion on Women in Need of Encouragement (D.O.W.N.E.) organization.

Evonna Crudup, president and founder of the newly established club, said the parade was the organization's first official event and reminded her of similar pride parades held in larger cities.

To ensure the march lived up to the enthusiasm and the spirit of big-city parades, D.O.W.N.E. members contacted student organizations outside of the LGBTA community and even off campus.

"This parade is for everybody — not just members of D.O.W.N.E. Allies are definitely invited," Crudup (senior-biobehavioral health) said. "We're letting people know 'we're here, we're queer,' and we do exist, so hopefully Penn State will care more now."

Marcher Kami McManus said

she has supported multiple pride events this past week at Penn State as a gay rights activist and ally.

"I was raised in a very inclusive environment, and as a heterosexual female, I have to take a stand," McManus (graduate-social sciences) said.

The parade began at the Life Sciences Building and concluded on the steps of Pattee Library.

While walking down Pollock Road, participants chanted "We are — Penn State. We are — not straight," and "Black, white, gay, straight, love does not discriminate."

Allison Jones, vice president of the Rainbow Roundtable, said pride parades increase the visibility of the LGBTA community.

"We're a part of this campus as much as any other organization,

but because we don't wear our sexual orientations on our skin we're often forgotten about," Jones (junior-nursing) said.

Lianna Newman, treasurer of D.O.W.N.E., said Penn State's campus is more receptive to the LGBTA community than it was years ago, but education on the community is still lacking.

"LGBT issues aren't brought up in common places, like the classroom," Newman (senior-media studies) said. "This is a large campus, and students come from different backgrounds and bring their different backgrounds with them. It takes a while for everyone to reach a certain level of acceptance."

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Kirstie Hartman (sophomore-marketing) holds up a dog Simba after they marched in the parade.

Student magicians perform final show

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To see photos of various magicians performing tricks at the event: psucollegian.com

At first it was an average newspaper ad depicting a saxophone, but with a wave of his hands, Nathan Kepner transformed the paper into the shining gold instrument in the picture.

Illusions like that — along with juggling, baton-twirling, footbagging and mentalism — were a part of Out of Hand Entertainment's final variety show Saturday night at the State Theatre.

As all of the performers are graduating, Clavens said, adding the group ended its run in State College on a good note.

Former Penn State Juggling Club President Chris Ruggiero, Class of 2008, opened the show on his unicycle, juggling clubs and tennis balls. He finished the act by juggling three large knives while also balancing on top of a teetering board placed on his magic trunk. The performers rotated, each displaying his or her own talents for the audience. Champion footbagger David Clavens (senior-marketing) performed "Footbag 101," explaining some of the rules and moves involved in the sport. He also performed

freestyle footbag competition routines.

P.J. Maierhofer (senior-public relations) graced the stage with her baton-twirling prowess, putting a twist on her talent by performing in the dark with lighted batons. Jugglers Mike Simon and Joe Scholz presented a variety of routines, juggling everything from clubs to glow-in-the-dark balls. They even juggled cereal boxes in an amusing "Morning Routine," which Simon (senior-German studies) and Scholz, Class of 2009, performed in pajamas and slippers.

Out of all the acts, attendee Jonas Schnur said Kepner's magic was his favorite.

"I'm impressed by the slight of hand," Schnur (sophomore-anthropology) said. "It's fun trying to figure out the tricks."

Kepner (senior-education) and fellow performer Morgan Tsu-Raun (senior-sociology) took the stage to perform a trick involving two empty red tubes, a bottle of wine and a glass. He instructed



Morgan Tsu-Raun (senior-sociology) and Nathan Kepner (senior-education) perform a magic trick.

Tsu-Raun to place the tubes over the bottle and the glass, and make the objects switch places. The trick worked, but every time Tsu-Raun lifted a tube from the table, another bottle of wine appeared seemingly out of nowhere. Though the show mainly revolved around the performances on stage, the way the group members interacted with each other stuck out for Aiana Rodriguez.

"Everything is great, even how they act together between the acts," Rodriguez (junior-psychology) said. "They work really well together."

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Downtown bars close on Friday

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After turning 21 two weeks ago, Mike Phu planned to finally go to the popular downtown bar Indigo on Friday night.

But that plan had to be put on hold. Instead, Phu — along with most of the bar-hopping crowd in downtown State College — spent their night waiting in lines that barely moved.

"I was actually really upset," Phu (junior-industrial engineering) said.

A liquor code violation that suspended the Hotel Star College liquor license for 24 hours Friday closed Bill Pickle's, Top Room, Chumley's, Indigo and Zeno's Pub, altering many students' nighttime plans.

Under the same liquor license, Zeno's To Go Bottle Shop was also closed. The Allen Star and The Corner Room were permitted to remain open, only to serve food. Tavern Association President Jennifer Zamarchi said.

She could not confirm which establishment on College Avenue and South Allen Street received the citation, but said that when a

liquor license is suspended, bars under that license are closed.

Even though he had to change his plans, Phu wasn't angry. "There will always be other ways to go to Indigo," he said, "and the limited choices in bars Friday night was evident when the wait list nearly 90 minutes to get to somewhere else."

Behind the line at Bar Indigo, 14 S. Allen St., was so long that he opted out of waiting altogether.

John Schneider said he had been about some of the bars that were closed Friday, but he wasn't prepared for the 24-hour suspension of the bars that were still open. "She'll probably be in the Penn State building, but that's not what Schneider's arrangement was," and her friends were not going to be there for the party, he said.

"A lot of people waiting in line, and it's a shame and weren't even trying," she said.

Owners of Hotel Star College could not be reached for comment, and management could not

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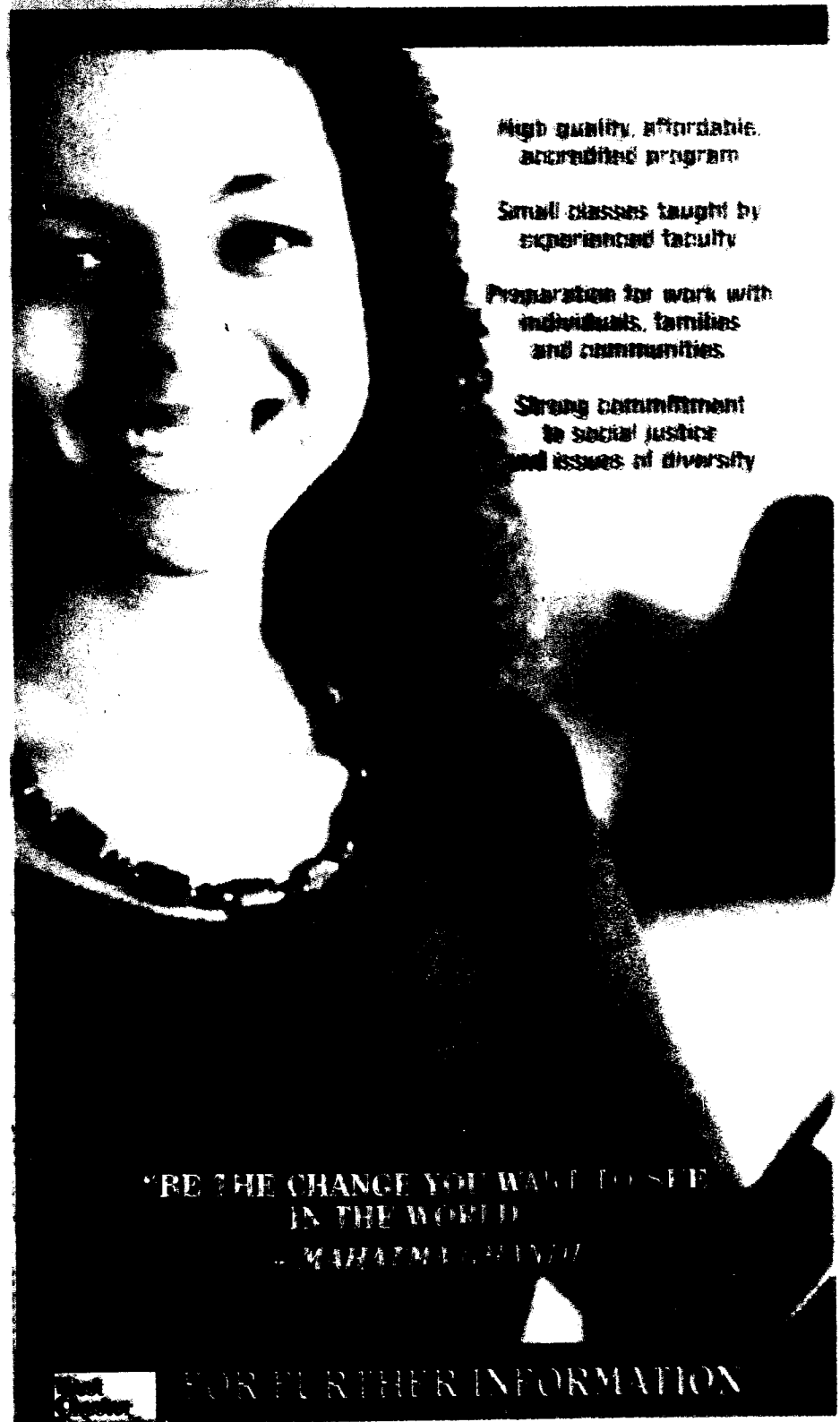
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