

HERE COMES THE SUN



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Students walk to class on campus, enjoying the warm weather. Though the first few days of classes saw cloudy skies and showers, temperatures rose on Thursday.

Fest crowns new wing king

By Katrina Wehr
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Eager crowds and the smell of hot sauce filled the parking lot of Tussey Mountain Thursday for the conclusion of the 12th annual Wing Fest Challenge.

The seven-week event began July 15, and each week featured hot wings from four different restaurants. Attendees received a voting card upon entering the festival, which they used to indicate their favorite wings each night.

At the end of each week the votes were tallied, and the winners were invited back for the final week, when the king of wings was crowned, said Fred Wilson, business manager at Tussey Mountain.

That crown was given to Major League Sports Bar, 809 Main St. in Sugar Notch, Pa.

"We came into this competition knowing we had the best wings here," owner Brodie Dalton said. "We just had to prove it."

The other five finalists included Cafe 210 West, 210 W. College Ave.; Hublersburg Inn, 449 Hublersburg Rd.; Main Street Cafe, 214 Main St.; Prospector's Allegheny Rib Co., 2080 Cato Ave.; Major League and Wingman Catering, a Colorado-based franchise.

Along with the changing hot wing selection, festival patrons



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State College resident Sandra Ellenberger serves hot wings to customers at the Tussey Mountain Wingfest on Thursday evening.

also enjoyed music from different local bands each week.

Wilson said he attributes the growing popularity of the Wing Fest Challenge to the social aspect of the event.

"It's turned into a real tradition for the area," Wilson said. "It's almost like a huge tailgate."

For Lynne Corl of Stormstown, the opportunity to relax and meet up with friends was what brought her and husband Roger to Wing Fest. They have been coming to the festival for at least eight years, she said.

"It's an easy, relaxing, and fun evening with lots of friends," she said.

While Corl herself was not a

hot wing connoisseur, she said her husband likes his hot wings with as much heat as possible.

After indulging in a plate of hot wings, revelers could enjoy ice cream, french fries, and beer as they waited for Velveeta, a local 80's cover band, the headlining act of the night.

But even first-time Wing Fest attendee and Penn State student Brian Rigney knew to come to the festival hungry for lots of hot wings.

"I like my wings so hot that they're almost toxic," Rigney (senior-electrical engineering) said.

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Frat uses Pac-Man stunt for recruitment

By Leah Gillen
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Dressed as characters from Pac-Man, Zeta Beta Tau brothers ran from the HUB-Robeson Center to Willard Building Thursday, through the hungry masses pouring out of their morning classes.

As about 200 students walked to classes outside of the HUB on Pollock Road, they stashed as the brothers — donning colored boxes and sheets — ran by in an attempt to spread the fraternity's name around campus.

"I think the people who will find this amusing like we do will see this in a good way and contact us about joining, or will at least recognize our name in a good light," fraternity president Travis Miecnikowski said.

Zeta Beta Tau, a non-pledging fraternity with 26 members, is looking to increase its numbers through stunts like Thursday's event.

"We want to show people that we're good, fun guys," Miecnikowski (senior-elementary education) said. "And hopefully people like us will recognize this as fun and creative."

Zeta Beta Tau also had a booth inside the HUB as part of the Greek involvement fair that happened Thursday.

Most passersby sitting outside the HUB said they found the stunt amusing — and some responded just as Zeta Beta Tau had hoped.

"I would have joined that club," Julian Pritcher (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said.

"If that's the way the guys are, that just seems fun."

Pritcher said he appreciates that the brothers found an enter-



Courtesy of Rick Singer

Members from Zeta Beta Tau reenact a game of Pac-Man on Thursday.

taining way to advertise their name.

"I enjoy things like that," he said. "I like when people go against the grain."

The stunt left some students perplexed.

"I was confused," Amandasue Gubich (senior-kinesiology) said. "They just looked like Pac-Men. Most people just looked around like, 'What just happened?'"

The brothers, Miecnikowski said, chose to dress as Pac-Men because they knew most students would recognize it.

"I don't see any harm in it," Nathan Cornell (junior-turfgrass science) said. "It's just a funny act."

Zeta Beta Tau members planned for a few weeks to plan the stunt, Miecnikowski said, and selected a break between classes in the hopes of gaining the most attention possible.

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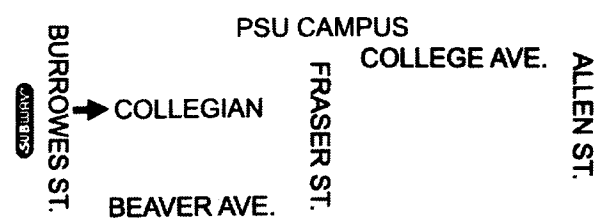
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