

Library hosts open house, welcomes students

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Lured by magic tricks, video games and giveaways, about 1,500 students attended the University Libraries Open House on Tuesday.

The annual open house, designed to familiarize students with the library's services, ran from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and will run today at the same time.

Megan Gilpin, Department of Learning Services Library Assistant, said the open house is an opportunity to reach students, especially freshmen, early in the semester.

"We bring them here hoping they will learn about the services we can provide them in a friendly atmosphere," Gilpin said.

"We find that if they come to the open house, they're more likely to come back, because they've had that friendly introduction."

The music of Queen, Bon Jovi

and other rock stars filled the lobby of Pattee Library, emanating from the Rock Band video game provided by the Media Technology department.

Penn State President Graham Spanier performed card tricks for a small crowd of students and librarians gathered in the prize room, after a brief tour of the library's festivities. He seemingly changed the colors or suits of cards before the students' eyes — and showed them how he lost \$14 to a street magician with the three card monte.

On entering the library, students received a map with 18 stations — each collection or college's library.

Students who collected at least eight stamps could enter to win grand prizes including an Apple iPad and two textbook scholarships to the Penn State bookstore.

Ryan Offney (freshman-mechanical engineering) said the

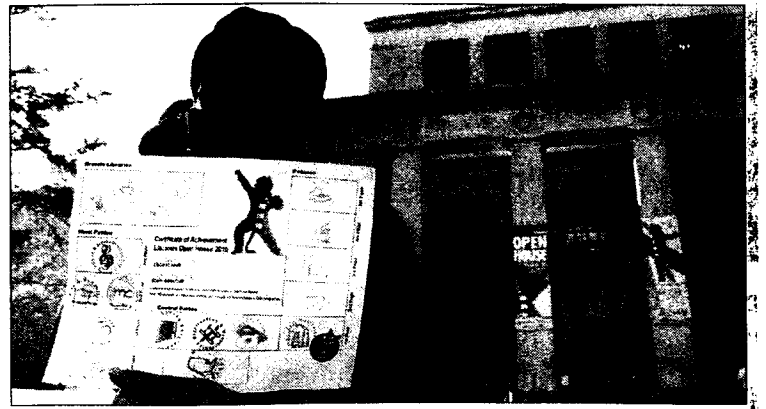
number of specialized libraries surprised him.

"It's pretty big, but it seems pretty easy to use, because it's specialized and it's free, which is awesome," Offney said.

This year, students touring the stacks found artificial flowers, birds and trees decorating the shelves, highlighting the event's jungle theme. At the end of the tour, students encountered a large cardboard cutout of Penn State's original mascot — an African lion that roared as they passed by.

While most of the stations were scavenger hunts or self-guided tours, others had a more hands-on approach. Students could play the piano of "the man who taught America to sing," Fred Waring, in the Waring Archive & Blockson Collection or practice their putting in the business library.

Tim Gonzalez (freshman-physics) said he was surprised by the library's vast resources and is



Chloe Elmer/Colegian
Zhuyu Wang (freshman-statistics) holds her library map outside of the Pattee and Paterno Library on Tuesday evening.

glad to know where each college's library is located.

"If I have a class close by, it's nice to know that I can stop in quick and do what I need to do," he said.

Colleen McDonald (senior-sec-

ondary education) said she visited the open house as a freshman.

"I figured it would be a good way to bookend college," McDonald said.

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Fraternities to host series of speakers

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Sexual assault, alcohol abuse and hazing — no topic is too uncomfortable for the greek community to discuss in the four-part "Masterpiece Speakers Series."

Personal behavior and responsibility, sexual assault, alcohol education, ethics and hazing are the topics of discussion for the four educational events, which begin tonight.

Presenters for the events, who are scheduled to speak throughout the fall semester, include representatives from the University Park Police Department, University Health Services, the Center for Women Students and the Center for Ethics and Religious Affairs.

Beta Theta Pi Risk Management chairmen began planning the "Masterpiece Speakers Series" at the end of the summer and David Adewumi said the responses they have received have been positive.

The series derives its name from the idea to make each day a

"masterpiece," Adewumi (senior-Spanish) said. One decision can have negative consequences on the rest of a life, he said. But, he added, the series will focus instead on the flip side — how positive decisions can be beneficial.

The series aims to take a proactive approach on important issues to the greek community, Adewumi said. The focus will be placed more on education than on a "policing" angle.

"It's definitely our goal to be active leaders and role models and active leaders on campus," Adewumi said.

Sigma Nu fraternity, Gamma Phi Beta sorority, Zeta Psi fraternity, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Inc. fraternity are all partners with the series. Members of the greek organizations said they are proud to be a part of the event.

The series covers topics that are crucial for greek community members to be aware of, Sigma Nu President Blake Bonnewell said. Though some of the topics have stigmas that often make discussion difficult, the series will cir-

If you go

What: Masterpiece Speakers Series

When: Sept. 15, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 10

Where: Beta Theta Pi fraternity, 220 N. Burrowes Rd.

Details: The series is free and open to the public.

cumvent that and allow fraternity members to become more aware of risk-related issues, he added.

"They can be [uncomfortable], but they don't have to be and that's something that this series is talking about," Bonnewell (senior-mechanical engineering) said.

The series will kick off 5 tonight at Beta Theta Pi, 220 N. Burrowes Rd., with University Park Police Director Steve Shelow and Officer Rebecca Bywater's presentation on personal behavior and responsibility. The other presentations — which Adewumi said include more than just being "talked at" — will occur on Sept. 29, Oct. 27 and Nov. 10. The event is open to the community, but Adewumi said they only anticipate about 100 members of the five partner organizations being in attendance.

Adewumi said if successful, the series will expand in the spring.

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Male leaders gather, discuss sexual assault

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Student body president Christian Ragland said he wants to go beyond sending the message that sexual assault is wrong.

Ragland (senior-political science) said one of the ways in which he hopes to accomplish this is by having meetings with male leaders to brainstorm ideas to spread awareness and help combat the issue.

The first meeting of the group, tentatively titled Males Against Sexual Assault — which Ragland hopes to host monthly — was held Tuesday night and brought together male leaders from organizations such as the Penn State College Republicans, the Dominican Student Association and the Off-Campus Student Union.

"We all come from different communities," Ragland said. "I think that's our strength. We have a diversity of different ways to approach this. It's great to do meetings but the next thing you know it's the end of the semester, so I really want a start that will

show the student body what we can do."

During the meeting, members discussed having a golf tournament to raise money for the women's center, launching an advertisement campaign, talking about sexual assault to people who throw parties and holding a Walk a Mile in Her Shoes march.

"It's a men's march, but the reason it's significant is because it's in high heels," President of Penn State College Republicans Josh Crawford (junior-crime, law and justice) said.

Vice President of Black Caucus Sedrick Hines (senior-economics) also proposed the idea of having PSUTXT send out a message every Friday night reminding people to be safe, while going out. Ragland said that he is not expecting to produce miracles. But he does hope to jumpstart initiatives that continue after he graduates so that a difference can be made.

"All we need to do is show that we're completely genuine in our approach," he said.

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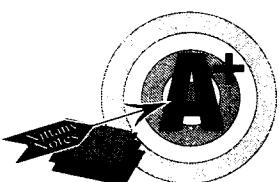
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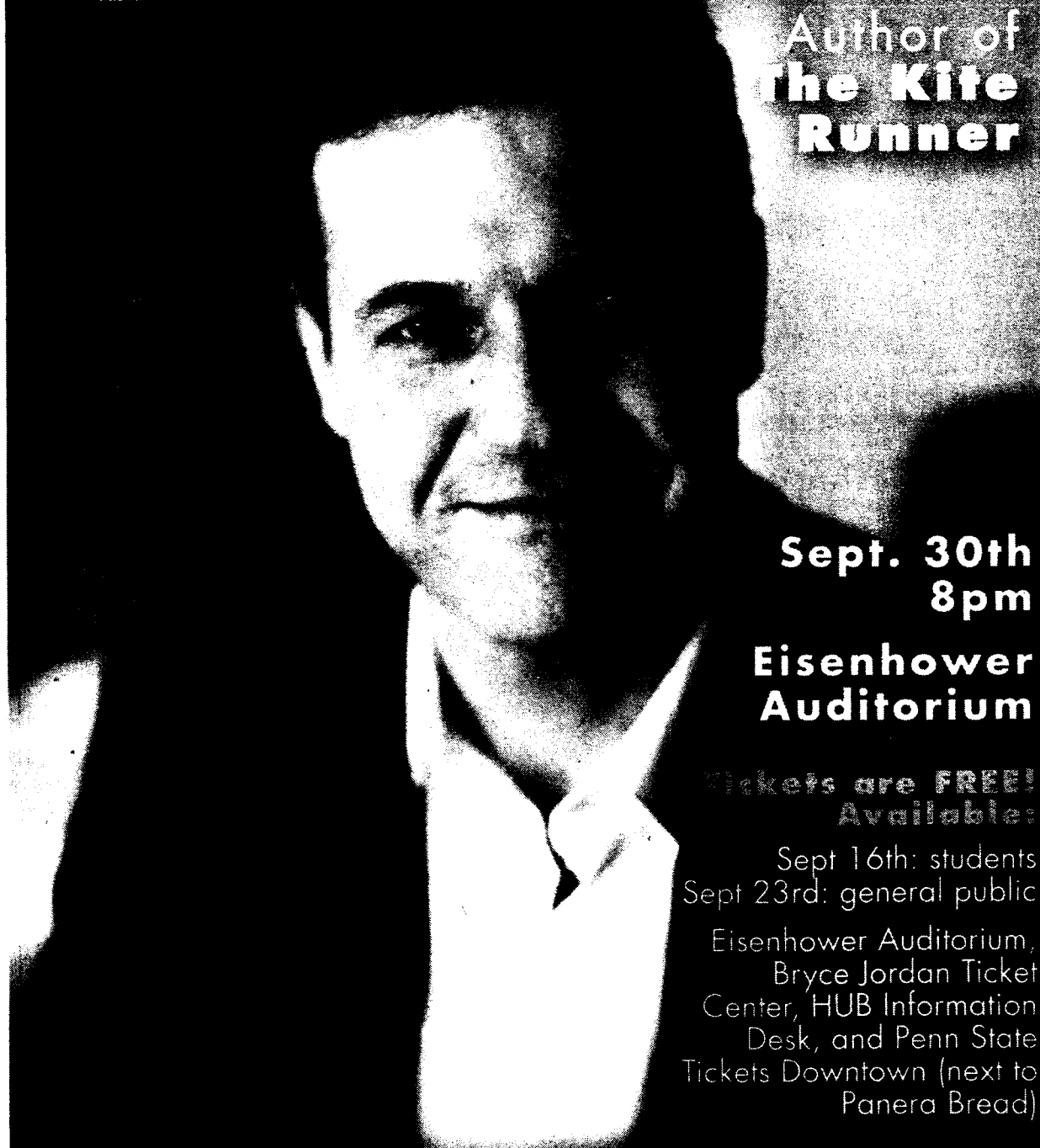
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