

Committee to accept last senior gift ideas

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Students, faculty and alumni have already submitted more than 40 ideas for the 2011 senior class gift — but after 5 p.m. today the Senior Class Gift Committee will be closed to new proposals.

Geoff Halberstadt, a member of the Senior Class Gift Committee, said he encourages everyone to submit an idea, even if that idea doesn't seem detailed enough to turn into a class gift.

"If you have an undeveloped idea we can pair it up with another proposal that we've received," Halberstadt (senior-political science and history) said. "The greater number of proposals we get, the greater diversity and selection we'll have to choose from."

Halberstadt said the proposals have been rolling in since the summer, but the submissions from Penn State students, especially seniors, have sped up since the start of the fall semester. The proposals can be submitted by anyone in the Penn State community, he said.

University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland said he is planning to submit a proposal and added the class gift is a tradition that allows seniors to leave a legacy that will last for decades.

"Think about the impact of the Nittany Lion Shrine or the Allen Street Gates," Ragland (senior-political science) said.

Halberstadt said he has seen a wide variety of submissions, including scholarships, campus improvements and supplements to existing campus projects.

He declined to comment on any of the proposals specifically. After closing submission of new proposals today, the Senior Class Gift Committee will start the process of narrowing down the proposals to the final three, committee member Ben Witt said. The committee will meet with university representatives in a ballot selection meeting to pick 10 proposals, Witt (senior-biology) said. Those 10 proposals will be shown to students in an Oct. 11 town hall-style meeting, where the Senior Class Gift Committee hoping to get input from students, Witt said. The town hall meeting is the first of its kind for the Senior Class Gift Committee, but Witt said he hopes the meeting will give the committee a better idea of what students are favoring.

The committee will then pick three final proposals that will be voted on by seniors from Oct. 25 to Oct. 29, Witt said.

Submissions should be e-mailed to Halberstadt at glh5028@psu.edu by 5 p.m. today.

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A fisherman walks on a dock in Golden Meadow, La. Students in EARTH 297H will get the chance to travel to the Gulf of Mexico to see the factors and effects of the BP oil spill.

Class to study BP oil spill, gain hands-on experience

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It's the company responsible for what has been called the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

But despite the negative feedback the nation has expressed towards BP, Glenn Gesoff — campus coordinator for BP at Penn State — said student turnout was very high at the company's booth during Thursday's career fair.

"We haven't had any animosity towards us," he said. "People have been very interested in our program, and if there is any resentment [about the spill] it hasn't been demonstrated here."

Gesoff said more than 600 students have shown interest during Fall Career Days. BP recruiters said they were seeking petroleum and reservoir engineers, geologists, geophysicists and supply chain specialists to participate in the company's internship program.

The goal is to recruit 500 graduate students from around the country — a 20 percent increase from the 400 students who were recruited last year, Gesoff said.

This past summer, four Penn State students interned for BP, Gesoff said, and despite the oil spill, BP is "here to stay."

Meanwhile, some students will have the chance to experience the effects of the disaster firsthand.

EARTH 297H (2010 Gulf Oil Spill: Science and Ethics of a National Catastrophe) meets twice a week, allowing the 25 students to discuss the spill.

Geoscience professor Timothy Bralower said he asked students to share their thoughts on the lasting effects the spill might have on the environment.

While some students focused on how the environmental disaster impacted the Gulf Coast's tourism industry, others said the tragedy will forever shape the political and environmental landscape of America. Some said politicians need to pursue alternative sources of energy to replace crude oil. Megan O'Hara said she enrolled in the course because of her interest in the implications the spill had on the marine environment.

"I worked for Shell for a little bit, so in a way I can relate to this topic because it affects everyone," O'Hara (senior-finance) said.

Bralower, an expert in marine geology and oceanography, said he has lectured on a range of topics in the course's inaugural semester — from the mechanics of shallow water ecosystems to the reasons why BP's Deepwater Horizon rig failed.

This November, students will have a chance to travel to the Gulf of Mexico and see firsthand the many factors that contribute to the oil industry, Bralower said. They will have the opportunity to visit Shell headquarters, and take excursions by boat and aircraft to see wetland and barrier islands. Bralower said the course and trip is designed to showcase the natural, human and economic conflicts surrounding the BP oil spill.

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5K to raise money for THON

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For T.C. Cawley, the opportunity to spend time with THON families is all the motivation he needs to wake up early Sunday morning to make the two-hour trip to Hershey for the Four Diamonds 5K Run and Fun Walk.

This is the first year the race has included a 5K, Four Diamonds Foundation Assistant Director Linda Barry said — and so far the response has been great.

The race starts at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Cawley (senior-accounting), executive chairman for the independent Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon group Ohana, said several organization members are planning on walking with one of their THON children in the race. This is the second year Ohana has sent members to the event and Cawley said he expects to see about 15 Ohana members — as well as other Penn State students — at the event.

The allure of the event isn't the race or competition, but the chance to spend time with the Four Diamond families, he said.

"Our main focus is to support our Four Diamonds families, so any chance we can get to spend time with our Four Diamonds family we want to take advantage of that,"

If you go

What: Four Diamonds 5K Run and Fun Walk
When: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
Where: Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
Details: Register online at fourdiamonds.org

Cawley (senior-accounting) said. Registration for the event is \$25 and can be completed at fourdiamonds.org, Barry said. So far about 500 people have signed up, she said.

And she said she expects to see plenty of Penn State students on Sunday.

While the race isn't quite like the THON 5K at University Park, where participants wear crazy costumes, Cawley said he expects to see other Penn State students at the event. The THON Overall Committee will be cheering on runners and volunteering at the event as well, said Jony Rommel, Overall Public Relations chairwoman. Rommel (senior-philosophy) said many students embrace the event as an opportunity to spend time hanging out with THON families.

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CREATIVE CRAFTS - Paint and decorate a bucket container! - 9 PM - 1 AM, Ground Floor
GAPS GAMING - 9:30 PM - 1:30 AM, Ground Floor
LATENIGHT BILLIARDS - 9 PM - 1 AM, Corner Pocket
ARHS MOVIE: TOY STORY 3 - 7 PM, 9:30 PM & 12 AM, Auditorium

FRIDAY LATENIGHT FOOD SPECIALS:
Ground Floor Carts:
\$1 Nathan's Hotdog,
\$1.29 Soft Pretzels,
David's Large Cookies at \$1.59, and 75c Box of Popcorn - 9 PM - 1 AM
Sbarro: \$1.99 Meatball Hero or Pasta Special and \$1 slice of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza - 9 PM - 2 AM

WHITE BUILDING ACTIVITIES:
LateNight Basketball League - 7:45 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, Sept. 18
TRONSYSTEM LASER TAG - The most exciting 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 and decorate a bucket container! - 9 PM - 1 AM, Ground Floor
GAPS GAMING - 9:30 PM - 1:30 AM, Ground Floor
LATENIGHT BILLIARDS - 9 PM - 1 AM, Corner Pocket
ARHS MOVIE: TOY STORY 3 - 7 PM, 9:30 PM & 12 AM, Auditorium

SATURDAY LATENIGHT FOOD SPECIALS:
Ground Floor Carts:
Fruit Smoothies, \$1.29
Soft Pretzels, David's Large Cookies at \$1.59, and 75c Box of Popcorn - 9 PM - 1 AM
Nathan's: 59c Mini-Hamburger, 99c Nachos, \$1 Nathan's Hotdog, and 5 Kenny Rogers Roasters Wings for \$1.99 - 9 PM - 2 AM

WHITE BUILDING ACTIVITIES:
Pickle Ball 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, Sept. 19
ARHS MOVIE: TOY STORY 3 - 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. Check out Union St. and get a great deal on late night food on Friday and Saturday nights! www.latenight.psu.edu

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COMING UP

The Center for Arts & Crafts Fall 2010 Art Classes

The Center for Arts & Crafts is now taking registrations for our fall 2010 art classes! Classes include wheel thrown pottery, Irish dance, Zumba, drawing, watercolor painting, acrylic painting, scrapbooking, stained glass, recycled workshops and more! Class fees are discounted for PSU students with valid ID; Penn State affiliation is required to participate. To register, stop by our new location in 003 Ritenour Building, or mail in a registration form found in the Fall 2010 catalog. For questions or catalog request, please call 814-863-0611 or email mandi@psu.edu Classes start Sept. 13. Reserve your spot today! For class info visit: www.sa.psu.edu/usa/craftcenter

The Office of Student Activities Attention New and Returning Student Organization Leaders!

The Office of Student Activities will once again be offering the Student Organization Success Series to better train you so that you may better serve your organizations. If you have any questions please contact us in 209 HUB or email studentorg@sa.psu.edu

All programs start at 6 PM.
Oct. 12 129A HUB
Risk Management

Presented by: Jay Arcuri, Union and Student Activities

Nov. 9 Hetzel Lounge
Organization Transitioning

Presented by: Andrea Mosby, CampuSpeak, Inc.

Dec. 7 129A HUB
Reflection Facilitation

Presented by: Beth Bradley, Center for Ethics and Religious Affairs

Mexican American Student Association Presents:

Una Noche en México - Featuring the los Quetzales Dance Ensemble

This year marks Mexico's bicentennial celebration, and we will be celebrating it as part of Hispanic Heritage month!

Sept. 25 7:30 PM

Heritage Hall - HUB-Robeson Center

Student Red Cross Club

Special September Blood Challenge Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh Donor Challenge

With a critical appeal for blood donations, the Red Cross has launched the Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh Blood Donor Challenge. Throughout September, donate and vote for your favorite city and be eligible to win prizes and giveaways. Appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment, visit www.psucredcross.org Your single donation can save up to three lives



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 the students? Then stop by the UPAC office located in 229 HUB Robeson and pick up a form, fill it out and 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!

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