

Club to screen 'Diaries'

By Karina Yücel
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Penn State will be invaded by vampires tonight.

The Public Relations Student Society of America at Penn State split into two groups of three students each — the blue team and the white team — to promote the CW's "Vampire Diaries."

The white team's event will take place at 6:30 p.m. tonight in 101 Osmond Building and is expected to last until 10:30 p.m.

The blue team's event will take place at 8 tonight in 106 HUB-Robeson Center.

"The best time to come to the event would be in the beginning. There will be way more free food," said Liz Ferrari (junior-public relations), a member of the white team. "After that we are going to be screening the last four episodes of season one, and in between episodes we will be giving out the prizes."

The prizes include free gift cards from local downtown retailers, Starbucks mugs and promotional items from the show, given out by the CW, said Laura Platt

(junior-public relations), a member of the white team.

The group will also recap the episodes so everyone will feel like they have caught up, Ferrari said.

This will make it easier for people to go from this event to watching the second season's new episodes, she added.

While the white team will catch people up on past episodes, the blue team is taking a shorter approach, airing only the first episode of the second season.

This team will also hand out free items like posters and other promotional items during the screening, said Ally Inverso (senior-public relations), a member of the blue team.

Blue team member Rachel Baker (senior-public relations) said people will be able to take any promotional item they want when they walk into the room.

Some Penn State students said the screening is an interesting opportunity.

Sadie Stellfox said she's excited to learn more about the show and see the episodes.

"People say it's a good show," Stellfox (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said. "I'd check it out."

And while Erin Ball (senior-communication arts and sciences and political science) said she doesn't understand everyone's vampire obsession, she said she has a lot of friends who watch the show.

As a result, Ball said, she'll probably attend one of the events.

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If you go

What: "Vampire Diaries" screenings, presented by the Public Relations Student Society of America

When: White Team meets at 6:30 p.m.; Blue Team meets at 8 p.m.

Where: White Team: 101 Osmond; Blue Team: 106 HUB-Robeson Center

Details: Free food and prizes will be available for students



Julie Jacobson/Associated Press

Paris Hilton arrives in county court with her attorney on Monday to plead guilty to reduced charges related to her Las Vegas cocaine arrest.

Japanese authorities delay Hilton at airport

By Anthony McCartney
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LOS ANGELES — Japanese officials delayed Paris Hilton at Narita Airport while they decide whether she will be admitted to the country after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor drug charge in Las Vegas.

An e-mailed statement by Hilton's rep, Dawn Miller, said the 29-year-old was stopped by immigration authorities upon her arrival in Japan on Tuesday, one day after her plea.

Hilton was scheduled to appear at a news conference in Tokyo on Wednesday to promote her fashion and fragrance lines, but that appearance was canceled.

Narita Airport's immigration office questioned Hilton "for hours" to determine if she should be allowed to enter the country, the Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau said, according to Japan's Kyodo news agency.

Authorities adjourned questioning and asked Hilton to stay at a hotel in the airport so they could continue immigration procedures Wednesday, Kyodo reported. There was no answer at the immigration office early Wednesday.

Under Japanese law, immigration authorities are empowered to deny entry to those who have been convicted of drug-related offenses.

Tokyo was the first stop on Hilton's planned Asia tour, during

which she planned to visit Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and open a new retail store in Jakarta, Indonesia. Both countries have strict anti-drug laws and immigration procedures, and it was unclear whether Hilton would continue her travels.

Miller's statement said Hilton was disappointed with the scrutiny by Japanese authorities.

"Paris was contractually bound to her business trip and didn't want to let down her brands and many Asian fans," the statement said. "She intended on fulfilling her contract and is trying hard to do the responsible thing, but this is beyond her control. She is very disappointed by tonight's events."

Hilton rose to fame after appearing with Nicole Richie on the series "The Simple Life" and has since starred in another reality series and minor films. The Asia trip had been planned before Hilton's arrest last month in Las Vegas, when an officer found a small amount of cocaine in her purse. She pleaded guilty Monday to drug possession and obstructing an officer and was placed on informal probation for one year. The terms of her sentence did not restrict travel overseas.

"We have no legal basis to restrict her from traveling throughout the United States or throughout the world," Clark County District Attorney David Roger said.

ABC dances to top with 'Stars'

By David Bauder
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NEW YORK — Forget Bristol Palin and The Situation. It's the folks at ABC who are dancing.

The 21 million people who watched Monday's two-hour "Dancing With the Stars" made it the clear winner on the opening night of a new television season, the Nielsen Co. said on Tuesday. After a long, slow summer, CBS and NBC had some good news, too.

The "Dancing With the Stars" debut was up 18 percent over last season's opener, Nielsen said.

Veteran shows usually aren't growing like that at this stage of their career, said Marc Berman, an analyst for Media Week Online. "They put together a very good cast of characters," he said.

CBS' remake of "Hawaii Five-0" dominated in the 10 p.m. hour, with the night's second biggest audience at 13.8 million people. ABC's "Castle" at that hour had a strong showing with 11.2 million people, Nielsen said.

NBC's much-hyped mystery "The Event" also had 11.2 million viewers, a strong sampling that nearly doubled the audience for "Heroes" at the beginning of last season.

Curious viewers also gave a



Adam Larkey/Associated Press

Bristol Palin and her partner Mark Ballas perform on the celebrity dance competition show "Dancing with the Stars" on Monday.

good start to the new CBS comedy "Mike & Molly."

Its audience of 12.2 million people is considered strong retention out of the season premiere of "Two and a Half Men," which had 14.5 million viewers.

The night's biggest loser — and we're not talking about excess weight — was probably Fox's new "Lone Star," which may be on life support after getting only 4.5 million viewers and losing more than half the audience that watched "House" in the time slot before it.

The show "declined significantly in the second half hour," Berman said.

"Whoever did tune in didn't stay with it."

Only two days after its premiere on Sunday, HBO announced that it was ordering a second season of the prohibition-era drama "Boardwalk Empire."

The show was seen by 4.8 million people on Sunday, Nielsen said.

It was the biggest debut of an HBO series in six years, Nielsen said.

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