

SHC to host immigration debate

By Alaina Gallagher
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Students will have the opportunity Wednesday night to ask questions about one of the most contested and divisive current political issues: immigration.

Hosted by the Schreyer Honors College (SHC), the debate will be held in Schwab Auditorium at 7 p.m. and will be moderated by SHC Dean Christian Brady.

The debate will feature two speakers, college relations coordinator Chris Arbutina said. The speakers are Dan Stein, president of the Federation for American Immigration Reform and Enrique Morones, the founder of Border Angels, an advocacy group for immigrants' rights.

The debate will focus on the question: "How should America deal with the millions of undocumented living and working

among us?" Arbutina said.

The structured debate will include five minutes for opening remarks and a three-minute rebuttal period followed by a 30-minute question-and-answer session in which audience members will have the opportunity to ask their own questions. The debate will conclude with a three-minute summation, Arbutina said.

Schreyer scholar Nick Hannan said immigration is a great topic to be selected for the debate.

"It's a hot issue. I think we definitely should be having a debate about it and I would be kind of disappointed if we weren't," Hannan (sophomore-secondary education mathematics) said.

Hannan attended a debate last year on government bailouts, and said he left with less of an opinion toward one side and more of a respect for both. Moving the debate is a valuable experience for students since debates can provide a better foundation for

understanding political issues rather than just watching the news, he said. Arbutina said it is good timing "to bring an issue here that can address national policy and that can involve our community in that debate."

Tickets for the event are free and open to the public.

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If you go

What: Immigration debate sponsored by the Schreyer Honors College

When: 7 p.m. tonight

Where: Schwab Auditorium

Details: Immigration for American Federation Reform President Dan Stein will debate Border Angels Founder Enrique Morones. The event is free.



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Students wait outside GN Associates Realty on Tuesday afternoon. Those camping overnight hoped to secure a prime apartment for next year.

Students camp out for housing spots

By Zach Geiger
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Securing an apartment was the goal of the campout Tuesday night at GN Associates Realty when Penn State students prepared to stay outside — some even without a tent — all night.

At 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, about 10 groups of students gathered outside of the GN Associates Realty office, 119 S. Burrowes St. The line continued to grow throughout the afternoon.

Kyle Lorenz (junior-political science and media studies) was camped out with his friend Richard Robinson (junior-marketing) in another group's tent. After seeing the line from their Burrowes Corner apartment above the rental office — which began forming early Monday — the pair made soup for a group of four girls gathered in a tent on Monday night.

"We're taking turns watching their tent and letting them use our bathroom if needed," Lorenz said.

When not guarding the other group's tent, Lorenz said he and Robinson could easily return to their apartment, located above the rental office. But for other students, a long night outdoors seemed inevitable.

Allison Bohs (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) made a

"spur-of-the-moment" decision to camp out for an apartment Tuesday afternoon.

"As freshmen you don't realize how fast the apartment thing sneaks up on you," Bohs said.

Her friend and future roommate looked for chairs and blankets to make up for their lack of a tent, Bohs said. The two planned to do homework on the sidewalk.

Though freshmen and sophomores made up the majority of the crowd Tuesday afternoon, some upperclassmen that lived elsewhere in previous years were trying to secure apartments with GN Associates as well.

After living in Meridian Apartments, 646 E. College Ave., Sam Underwood (junior-marketing) said he wanted to live in a more centrally located part of the borough. After a friend texted him that students were already lined up outside the office, Underwood, Steve Barr (junior-aerospace engineering) and their two friends quickly lined up.

Though the group doesn't have the elements throughout the night, acquiring a good apartment will be worth the sacrifice of a night's sleep, Barr said.

"It's a few hours for all of next year," Barr said.

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Mural displays diversity

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FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Students dipped paint brushes in orange, red, pink, green and blue Monday and Tuesday, creating a diversity mural that will hang in the East Halls Cultural Lounge.

The goal of the art project is to bring ideas about the diversity scene at Penn State to the forefront.

Dailyn Rodriguez, who is of Dominican descent, painted the words, "Get to know me" and emphasized the word "me" in a bold red. Rodriguez (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said she can't be put in the same category as other students because of her skin color.

She was one of about 100 students who attended What Diversity Looks Like, organized by Residence Life coordinators in an effort to raise diversity awareness.

"I feel like no one gets to know each other because people are scared of the stereotypes," Rodriguez said. "I want people to



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Amanda Albrecht (senior-human development and family studies) paints on a diversity mural in the East Halls Cultural Lounge on Monday afternoon. The project's goal is to highlight ideas on diversity.

get to know the person, not the black, white, Puerto Rican or Dominican [stereotype]."

Jenny Sak said she agrees with Rodriguez's sentiment, as she is an ethnic mix of Cambodian, Laotian and Chinese. Though Sak (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) grew up in South Philadelphia and attended a diverse high school, she said she feels like a minority at Penn State.

"Not many people get to know the real me," Sak said. "I hope things change."

Sak painted "Hispanic and black" on the mural, because she said diversity includes all ethnicities.

Other students have found Penn State to be an accepting community — like Jamal Atwell (freshman-division of undergraduate studies).

"The majority of people [at Penn State] accept different cultures and ethnicities," Atwell (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said.

Though the percentages of minority students at Penn State are not equal to the percentage of white students, he said he is confident the numbers are getting there — "slowly but surely."

Other students, like Emily Miller, expressed diversity through universal symbols. Miller (freshman-nursing) drew a treble clef because music is a universal language, she said.

Event coordinator Jordan West said the event went well and attracted a wide variety of students. Through upcoming events throughout the year, West said she is hoping to get diversity and social justice.

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