

# Commission for Women raises student awareness

By Mary Schultz  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Penn State's Commission for Women welcomed students, faculty and staff Wednesday for its annual fall kick-off in the Hintz Family Alumni Center.

The four-hour event was designed to recruit new members and raise student awareness of the commission and what the organization does, former commission chairwoman Auden Thomas said.

"For us to be able to work on issues, we need student involvement," she said.

The Commission for Women serves Penn State women by recognizing and advocating for issues that affect all women at the university, including students, staff, and faculty, according to the group's mission statement.

The group advises the president of the university on concerns regarding the condition of women at Penn State — in addition to offering solutions.

The commission acts as a voice for all women at all Penn State campuses, commission chairwoman Karin Foley said.

The Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Equality and the Commission on Racial/Ethnic Diversity also report to and work with the president, Foley said.

"We often work in conjunction with these groups on equity issues," she said.

Wednesday's kickoff featured opportunities for attendees to join the commission through its various committees. Breakout information sessions allowed new recruits to get an idea of which committee they'd like to join.

One committee is of particular interest to students, Foley said. The Personal Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Issues committee is made up almost entirely of students — including University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland.

Other committees include the Wage Equity Issues committee and the Family Leave Issues committee.



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Dianne Crust, of the Commission for Women, speaks to faculty and students Thursday at the Hintz Family Alumni Center.

As a full-time student and former graduate assistant at Penn State Altoona, Hsin-Ling Tsai (graduate-workforce education) said she is looking to impact the status of women who have multiple roles.

"I want to help improve the work and study environment for female students," she said.

Those who attended the kick-off were asked to write on a yellow Post-It note what issues they thought needed to be addressed concerning women at Penn State.

This exercise was designed to help the members of the commission decide if a new committee is needed, Foley said.

The commission's next monthly meeting will be held on Oct. 13 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in 404 Old Main and is open to anyone who wants to attend.

Foley said she urges women on campus to get involved.

"Sadly, there are still issues that face women still," she said. "The Commission for Women would love to be out of business."

# Alumnus' website honors black history at Penn State

By Cassie Wiggins  
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Penn State admitted its first black student, Calvin H. Waller, in 1899.

The university's black community has come a long way since 1899, but not many people know its history — Darryl Daisey, Class of 1983, wants to change that.

The "African American Chronicles" website, [blackhistory.psu.edu](http://blackhistory.psu.edu), was officially launched on Sept. 10 at Penn State's 2010 Black Alumni Reunion. The website compiles the events, organizations and stories of Penn State's black history.

Daisey launched the website, who began gathering information about Penn State's black history in November 2007.

Prior to 1970, Penn State didn't keep any records based on race. Daisey said he relied on black alumni and on old archives such as past newspapers and yearbooks to get the information.

His first "African American Chronicles" booklet was debuted and distributed at the 2008 Black Alumni Reunion.

"The problem with [the booklet] was that the alumni who attended the reunion were the only people who could see it. Once you print it, it just goes to those alumni," said Daisey.

Daisey said he created the website so he could get updated information to a broader audience.

"I want the students to understand that there were a lot of people who sacrificed to create the opportunities that minority students now have at Penn State," Daisey said. "Prior to this, people black or white didn't understand the black history at Penn State, and how can you build on something that you can't understand?"

Penn State Public Broadcasting employees played a huge role in creating the Chronicles website, Daisey said. Along with Daisey's research, they also obtained many archival photos and videos to make it as interactive as possible.

Cheraine Stanford, an associate producer at Penn State Public Broadcasting, said she hopes "when a student goes and learns about people who have graduated and see that they have done some really amazing things, it will be an inspiration to them."

The website is something very special to student body president Christian Ragland, the first black University Park Undergraduate Association president.

"When I make certain decisions, I can always reflect back on those who came before me — to know that as an African American, I didn't do it alone," Ragland (senior-political science) said.

The Chronicles website features various photos and interviews. Whether it's a video about students commemorating the assassination of Malcolm X, or a photo of the first black faculty member Mary E. Godfrey, the website is full of invaluable resources.

Travis Salters, president of Penn State's chapter of the NAACP, said he uses the Chronicles website for his organization meetings.

"A lot of black students that come to campus sometimes think that they don't belong here at a predominantly white school. It can be very uncomfortable for them," Salters said. "The site shows black and other minority students that they do belong here. People can see how it was done, why it was done, and how they can do it better."

# 'Reps' aim to lower energy use

By Jessica Tully  
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As September wraps up, 25 Penn State Eco-Reps have been busy promoting last month's goals: 90 fewer minutes of TV and computer "screen time" per day and powering down all entertainment electronics when not in use.

To achieve these two goals, the Eco-Reps have organized activities for East Halls, such as capture the flag, powderpuff football and volleyball to give students the opportunity to have "Fun Unplugged."

Part of a four-month plan, the group hopes to reduce ceiling lighting by 25 percent in October, power down all personal appliances when not in use in November and reduce elevator use by 50 percent in December.

Penn State psychology professor Janet Swim created the model for the Penn State Eco-Rep program last spring when a small group of students wanted to give peer-to-peer environmental advice.

The Eco-Reps have weekly meetings for energy training, team building and programming tips.

The Eco-Reps will each receive \$500 if they have actively participated for the duration of the semester.

Student Eco-Reps said they had different motivations for joining the cause.

"I wanted to become an Eco-Rep because I already cared about the environment, and I liked the idea of informing

other students of our message," Libby Tieman (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said. "We are trying to help others make simple lifestyle changes, such as to always recycle because in the long run, every little change makes a big difference."

Being involved in the Eco-Rep program is also a good resume builder, which influenced some students — like Daniel Rueda (freshman-aerospace engineering).

"I would like to get an internship this summer and having leadership experience looks good to hiring companies," Rueda said.

"They will see that not only am I building communication skills by talking to other students, but I am also promoting environmentally friendly behavior in my own community."

And other students decided to become an Eco-Rep because of past experiences, such as Megan Davis (freshman-wildlife and fisheries science).

"I worked as an intern at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the past three years. This made me want to work as an Eco-Rep at Penn State so I could continue to promote good environmental behavior to others," Davis said.

During the spring, the Eco-Rep program will most likely be looking to recruit new members for the fall 2011 semester.

"Our motto is, 'Saving the world, one residence hall at a time,'" Eco-Rep coordinator Milea Perry said.

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### LATENIGHT

### NOW PLAYING

**Friday, Oct. 1**  
**TRONSYSTEM LASER TAG** – The most exciting laser game in the country! – 9:30 PM–1:30 AM, Alumni Hall  
**CREATIVE CRAFTS** – Color your own wooden frame or decoration! – 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: THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT** – 7 PM, 9:30 PM & 12 AM, Auditorium

ARHS Movies Presents  
**THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT**  
Friday & Saturday: 7 PM, 9:30 PM, & MIDNIGHT  
Sunday: 7 PM & 9:30 PM

GSA C.A.F.E. Film Series Presents  
**CASI CASI**  
Thursday Oct. 7: 7 PM  
100 Life Sciences Bldg

PSU Student ID required. All ARHS movies are shown in the HUB Auditorium. All ARHS movies are free & funded by UPAC! Your Student Activity Fee at work!

**FRIDAY LATENIGHT FOOD SPECIALS:**  
**Ground Floor Carts:** \$1 Nathan's Hotdog, \$1.29 Soft Pretzels, David's Large Cookies at \$1.59, and 75¢ Box of Popcorn – 9 PM–1 AM  
**Sbarro:** \$1.99 Meatball Hero or Pasta Special and \$1.00 slice of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza – 9 PM–2 AM

**WHITE BUILDING ACTIVITIES:**  
**LateNight Basketball League** – 7:30 PM start  
**Ballroom Dancing** – 10 PM start  
**Open Recreation** – 9 PM start  
**Zumba®** – 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, Oct. 2**  
**TRONSYSTEM LASER TAG** – The most exciting laser game in the country! – 9:30 PM–1:30 AM, Alumni Hall  
**CREATIVE CRAFTS** – Color your own wooden frame or decoration! – 9 PM–1 AM, Ground Floor  
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**SATURDAY LATENIGHT FOOD SPECIALS:**  
**Ground Floor Carts:** \$1.99 Fruit Smoothies, \$1.29 Soft Pretzels, David's Large Cookies at \$1.59, and 75¢ Box of Popcorn – 9 PM–1 AM  
**Nathan's:** 59¢ Mini-Hamburger, 99¢ Nachos, \$1 Nathan's Hotdog, and 5 Kenny Rogers Roasters Wings for \$1.99 – 9 PM–2 AM

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**Open Recreation** – 9 PM start  
**Open Pool Recreation\*** – 9 PM–12 AM (Closed if no Lifeguard)  
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**Sunday, Oct. 3**  
**ARHS MOVIE: THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT** – 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](http://www.latenight.psu.edu)

### COMING UP

**Student Red Cross Club Bleed Blue Homecoming Blood Drive**  
**Oct. 1 Alumni Hall 10 AM - 4 PM**  
The Penn State Student Red Cross Club will be sponsoring the Bleed Blue Homecoming Blood Drive on Friday, Oct. 1. The drive will be located at the HUB-Alumni Hall, from 10 AM - 4 PM. All presenting donors will receive 5 spirit points, food, and entry to win many great prizes, which include Penn State Football Tickets, pre-game hospitality passes, Penn State t-shirts, and much more! Donors will also be eligible to enter to win the Grand Prize: A Penn State Bowl Game Package!  
To make an appointment, please visit [psuredcross.org](http://psuredcross.org)

**HUB Gallery Art Exhibits Uncommon Bond**  
**Dates of exhibition: Sept. 14 - Dec. 12**  
**Reception: Oct. 5 4 - 6 PM**  
Donna Curanzy-Seltzer, Mary B. Hochendoner, Beverlee Lehr, Mary Lundeen and Jo Margolis HUB Gallery - Free and open to the public.

**Club Kreyol and Dominican Student Association Kompangue**  
**Oct. 6 8 PM West Halls Study Lounge**  
Come out and support Club Kreyol and the Dominican Student Association in a night of celebration of culture through dancing. Watch Kompa and Meringue performances and learn some new dance moves.  
Tickets are \$3 at the door.

**Theta Chi and Alpha Xi Delta K.I.C.K.S. Kids In Cooperation with Karing Students**  
**Oct. 3 12 PM IM Fields North of Park Ave**  
KICKS is a soccer tournament hosted by Theta Chi fraternity and Alpha Xi Delta sorority. The proceeds of this event go to Autism Speaks. The first 20 teams will receive free t-shirts, and the winners of the men's and women's brackets will get gift baskets. There will be free food and drinks, a live band, as well as a DJ. There are 8 members per team and the cost is \$80 per team.

**Student Programming Association (SPA) The Beggar Folk**  
**Oct. 1 12 PM 1st Floor HUB lounge**  
A folk performer will continue the noontime concert series. This is a free event!

**Student Programming Association (SPA) Homecoming Dance Competition & Boys Like Girls**  
**Oct. 3 6:30 PM Rec Hall**  
Doors open at 6:30 PM - The dance competition will begin at 7 PM and the show is at 8:30 PM.

**Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Presents Personal Issues Series**  
**Wednesday Oct. 6 7 PM**  
321 HUB-Robeson Center  
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in college.

**HUB Robeson Center Advisory Board**  
The HUB Advisory Board is looking for some new members! Applications now available! Due Date: Oct. 11. Please return all completed applications to Heide in 237 HUB.  
You may pick up an application in 237 HUB-Robeson Center or online at: [http://www.sa.psu.edu/usa/hub/advisory\\_board.shtml](http://www.sa.psu.edu/usa/hub/advisory_board.shtml)

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