

Students give preview of Greek Sing tunes

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Heritage Hall in the HUB-Robeson Center looked like a maternity party Thursday night as the Greek Sing kicked off its event.

Fraternities and sororities showcased one minute of their performances, which will be shown in full at the Greek Sing event on Nov. 14 at the Eisenhower Auditorium, Penn State's public relations overall chairwoman, Melissa Sing, said. The 51 participating fraternities and sororities put on 19 performances total.

But rather than playing live music, the room was filled with a variety of Broadway songs like "I Just Can't Wait to Be King" from "The Lion King," "Gimme a Day" from "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and "The Little Mermaid."

The winning song on Tuesday night was "Always Look on the Bright Side" from "Spamalot," performed by the sorority Delta Gamma.

The team was awarded 10 smart points. "We're so excited to have a part of our Greek Sing history put into a song," said a member of Delta Gamma.

Malcolm said he was proud to see his and her group's song being chosen for Greek Sing.

the past month. She described the event as "nerve-wracking, but very exciting."

With so many students packed into Heritage Hall, it was almost impossible to avoid confusion.

Kait Sawyer, a member of the Greek Sing executive team, said she was disappointed about the noise level Thursday night during performances. The executive team had to ask the audience to quiet down after almost every performance, and threatened to deduct spirit points too.

Sawyer (senior-public relations) said crowd noise will not be a problem for the real event since Eisenhower Auditorium will set up microphones for the event.

Sawyer, who has been involved in Greek Sing since she was a new member of her sorority in fall 2008, said she and her team have put too much time into the event to see noise bring it down.

"We have worked really hard," Sawyer said.

"We set the precedent for future Greek Sings."

The event ended with the announcement of the master of ceremonies for Greek Sing 2010.

Jaysen Gold, a local radio DJ, will be Greek Sing's 2010 special guest.

Gold is a DJ for Froggy Radio-FM (101).

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Center sponsors display, spreads abuse awareness

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Heritage Hall in the HUB-Robeson Center was the site of a display Thursday night to raise awareness about domestic violence.

The display, titled "Domestic Violence: A Silent Epidemic," was sponsored by the HUB-Robeson Center.

"It's about raising awareness and making people more aware of the issue," said Hilary Khatner, a member of the HUB-Robeson Center's community relations committee.

The display featured a table with information about domestic violence, including statistics and resources. It also included a poster by the Women's Resource Center.

The display was set up in Heritage Hall from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday. It was open to the public and was free of charge.

"Each place has its own culture and while victims may not always mark it as a result of domestic violence," she said.

Dickert said she was glad to see a personal message about domestic violence at the display.

At the display, visitors could receive information about domestic violence and had the opportunity to speak with a representative from the Women's Resource Center. The display also featured a poster about domestic violence.

"It's a personal message that really acknowledges the issue and shows that domestic violence leaves a

place empty at the table," she said.

Most place settings also featured a picture of the victim as well as either their story or a message from family members and loved ones.

"I think it shows that a lot of their family really cared about them," Rachel Brown (sophomore-human development and family sciences) said.

Brown said she noticed how normal the victims seemed.

"They look like they come from loving families. It just shows that this could happen to anyone," she said.

Dickert said domestic violence does not discriminate on race, social class, age and other factors.

"One in every four women will experience some form of domestic violence," she said. "It includes emotional abuse, isolation, name calling and even sexual assault."

Dickert said the organization was glad to be at Penn State after attempting to showcase the display on campus since last academic year.

"We want the community to speak about it. It's a societal issue," she said.

Dickert said that the point of the display is really to show that domestic violence does happen to all kinds of people, from all walks of life.

"I think that the impact of the table is to put a name face to victims of domestic violence," she said.

Miller agreed. They're just average, everyday people," she said.

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Presentation takes look at Pollock, Simmons changes

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Students were invited to a presentation of Simmons Dining Commons and their changes. The presentation, titled "Simmons Dining Commons: A New Chapter," was held in the Pollock Dining Commons.

Director of Dining Services Lisa Wandel gave a presentation in a room of about 100 students and staff members.

She explained the changes to Simmons Dining Commons and why they were necessary. "We found that first-year students especially are really attached to the commons. I think it's important to let them know what's going on and why," Wandel said.

Some students at the presentation questioned whether or not Pollock would be able to handle the influx of students who usually ate at Simmons, but Wandel said that it would not be an issue.

"We're hoping to make Pollock so attractive that students who are used to the convenience of Simmons won't mind walking the extra block to get there, she said. She stressed that the plans regarding changes to Pollock are preliminary and have yet to be approved by the Board of Trustees, but that plans will be finalized in mid-November. At that time, blueprints will also be available for students who are curious as to what the new Pollock will look like. But regardless of the changes being planned for Pollock, some students said they are still sad to see Simmons go.

"It's still sad because I enjoy Simmons, and it's really unique compared to the other dining options on campus," said Haley Kragness (sophomore-division of undergraduate studies). "But I do see why the changes are necessary. I trust that they'll do a good job, because they really are asking student questions and seeing what we want."

At the end of the spring semester, Simmons Dining Commons will be closed for renovation. Renovation will be open for students attending both summer sessions.

The revamped Pollock Dining Commons will open in August 2011.

After its renovations, Pollock will operate more like West Dining Commons, Wandel said. Students will enter Pollock and swipe their card before entering a large area with different all-you-can-eat food stations, which will help to eliminate long lines.

The commons will also include a soft seating area, a fireplace, a big-screen TV and a private dining room.

Menu changes will include healthy

options but will also include things like a pizza and pasta bar to replace Rigatony's, Asian cuisine, vegetarian options and a bakery cafe area.

The university has also selected an architect from Seattle, Wash. to help with the interior design process, Wandel said.

She said Simmons employees will be given an opportunity to work in the other dining commons, so no jobs will be lost.

Simmons RA Tiffany Wallace organized the event in an effort to keep students informed about the changes that Pollock will undergo as well as the reasons behind the closure of Simmons.

"My goal is really to promote awareness," Wallace (senior-mathematics) said. "I've found that first-year students especially are really attached to the commons. I think it's important to let them know what's going on and why."

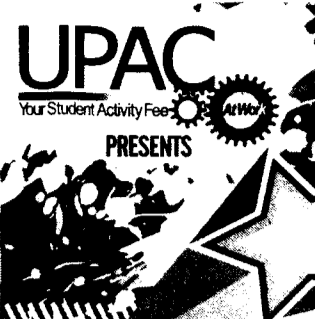
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WHAT'S GOING ON

YOUR GUIDE TO MOVIES, LATE NIGHT, MEETINGS & EVENTS AT PENN STATE

LATE NIGHT

Friday, Oct. 8
CREATIVE CRAFTS – Decorate and color your own Football Helmet! – 9 PM–1 AM, Ground Floor
GAPS GAMING – 9:30 PM–1:30 AM, Ground Floor
LATE NIGHT BILLIARDS – 9 PM–1 AM, Corner Pocket
ARHS MOVIE: THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE – 7 PM, 9:30 PM & 12 AM, Auditorium

FRIDAY LATE NIGHT 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 slice of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza – 9 PM–2 AM

WHITE BUILDING ACTIVITIES:
LateNight Basketball League – 7:30 PM start
Table Tennis Tournament – 9 PM start (Sponsored by Table Tennis Club)
T-shirt giveaways – 9 PM while supplies last
Open Recreation – 9 PM start
Balroom Dancing – 10 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. 9
SWING DANCE – 10 PM–1 AM, Alumni Hall (Sponsored by Swing Dancing Club)
CREATIVE CRAFTS – Decorate and color your own Football Helmet! – 9 PM–1 AM, Ground Floor
GAPS GAMING – 9:30 PM–1:30 AM, Ground Floor
LATE NIGHT BILLIARDS – 9 PM–1 AM, Corner Pocket
ARHS MOVIE: THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE – 7 PM, 9:30 PM & 12 AM, Auditorium

SATURDAY LATE NIGHT 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

WHITE BUILDING ACTIVITIES:
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, Oct. 10
ARHS MOVIE: THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE – 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

NOW PLAYING

ARHS Movies Presents
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE
Friday & Saturday: 7 PM, 9:30 PM, & Midnight
Sunday: 7 PM & 9:30 PM

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!

COMING UP

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

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 come see 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

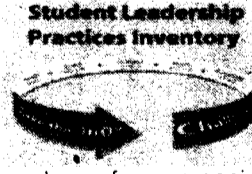
African and African American Studies – Student Council Organization Presents: Jeremy Bunch – speaking on western world relations with Africa
Monday, Oct. 11 5:15 PM
Foster Auditorium

The Time Is Now... Learn To Lead. Lead To Achieve.
Beginning Monday, Oct. 4 - Friday, Oct. 22 – Continuously



The Office of Union and Student Activities is proud to sponsor the 4th Annual Fall Leadership Program on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 11-4 in Heritage Hall – HUB Robeson Center. This year's theme is: The Time Is Now... Learn To Lead. Lead To Achieve. This program offers a valuable opportunity for you to engage in personal leadership development and social justice awareness. This year's keynote speaker is the energetic and inspiring Marlon Smith. Marlon advocates that success is a choice that can be exercised by everyone. This program is FREE and includes lunch and door prizes! For more information or to register for The Time Is Now... leadership@sa.psu.edu

Student Leadership Practices Inventory Take the 360° Challenge!!
Beginning Monday, Oct. 4 - Friday Nov. 19 - As often as possible!



Are you or members of your organization looking for a new and innovative way to improve your leadership style? The Student Leadership Practices Inventory is a 360° feedback instrument based on rating 30 leadership behaviors related to the Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership. Take 10 minutes to learn about your leadership style. This leadership inventory will set the foundation for establishing your leadership identity. The Leadership Practices Inventory is FREE and is done on-line at your convenience, followed up by a hands-on workshop. For more information or to register for the SLPI: leadership@sa.psu.edu

Rename the Corner Pocket!
The Corner Pocket in the HUB-Robeson Center has undergone significant renovations this summer and continues to do so! Part of that change includes the addition of a gaming area with a gaming tower and a gaming island. They will include Play Station 3, Xbox, and Wii stations with 20 game slots to accompany these stations. We aren't just Billiards anymore and the name "Corner Pocket" no longer fits. So we are asking YOU to re-name the Corner Pocket and create a new logo! The winner will be chosen by a small committee and will win a fabulous prizes!! Questions? Email Keith at kjs5234@psu.edu Submissions can be turned in until October 15 to Erin in room 230 HUB.

