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Students gather to discuss spirituality and sexuality in the Memorial Lounge in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on Thursday afternoon as part of National Coming Out Week.

Students discuss religion, sexuality

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Despite their different Catholic, Jewish, Lutheran and Methodist faiths, Penn State students came together Thursday afternoon to discuss the impact religion has had on their lives as members of the LGBTQA community.

Part of the university's National Coming Out Week celebration, the five student panelists gathered for the "Is Faith Straight?" talk at the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center to share their perspectives on faith and sexuality with other students.

Panelists revealed both their positive and negative experiences with their faith by sharing their spiritual journeys, family backgrounds and the processes they went through in coming out.

One panelist described the pride she felt for her Jewish faith and its acceptance of homosexuality, while another panelist said his relationship with his Catholic faith has been damaged because of the Catholic church's outlook.

While some panelists found acceptance and support from their faith, others had more troubling experiences that have left them uncertain.

As friends of one of the panelists, Yosifa Greenberg and Zach Moore said they came to the talk to support not only their friend — they came to show their support as allies.

"I just think it's a really good thing for the Penn State community to have a multifaceted support network for the LGBT community," Moore (junior-geography) said.

Greenberg (senior-psychology) and Moore said they were glad they got to see another side of their friend, since they don't usually discuss politics or religion together.

"It was really great to come and support him and hear everyone's stories," said Greenberg. "I just thought it was a really great program and I would definitely come to another one."

Panelist Alex Thoms (senior-biobehavioral health) said he hopes students realize "that everybody fights with spirituality and sexuality and they can both be integrated into your life and that there are support groups that can help you express your identity."

Brian Patchcoski, assistant director of the LGBTQA Student Resource Center, said the talks could help students embrace all the different aspects of their identity without sacrificing one for another.

"I think it's so important for individuals who identify as LGBT to recognize there are resources for them to explore their spiritual and religious identity — they don't need to be polar opposites," Patchcoski said.

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Fraternities to unite, walk for philanthropy

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When Marenah Dobin walks this weekend in the Easter Seals fundraiser walk for disabled individuals, she'll be walking for her brother.

"My brother has special needs, and I can definitely say this kind of thing really makes a difference," Dobin (sophomore-business administration) said. "Every little bit counts, and getting to interact with them is just as awesome."

Five fraternities teamed up to sponsor the second annual "Walk With Me" Saturday morning to raise money for Easter Seals, an organization that helps individuals with disabilities and special needs.

Students from the State College Easter Seals Inclusive Child Development Center will walk with participants and four business fraternities.

Walk organizer Lisa Drobka said more than 100 people will line up at Beta Theta Pi, 220 N. Burrowes Rd., at 10:30 a.m. to walk 2.5 miles around campus.

Through fundraisers, more than \$4,000 has been raised for Easter Seals.

"We've been raising money since summer, but it takes on a whole different meaning when you actually get to meet the kids," said Will Sheehan, Beta Theta Pi

If you go

What: "Walk With Me" walk for disabled
When: Sat., Oct. 16 10:30 a.m.
Where: 220 N. Burrowes St.
Details: All benefits go to Easter Seals Organization

community service and philanthropy chairman. "Putting faces to the project, getting to hang out with them — then it means so much more."

Sheehan (junior-civil engineering) said that when the fraternity partnered with the organization officially as its main philanthropy, the kids came to a Beta Theta Pi chapter meeting to make a presentation.

"It was so awesome. They were telling us what our help meant to them," he said. "A few of us even teared up a little bit."

Drobka said she is excited students are involved with the Easter Seals children.

"They've come in and done homework with our kids, and a few business fraternities even had family parties for them," she said. "It's really valuable, and it's not just Saturday but what they've been doing all year."

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'Idols' to grace stage at this year's THON

By Megan Rogers
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The first time Mike Fitzpatrick looked out from the THON stage, he was stunned.

"It's one of the coolest views. It's pretty awe-inspiring," said Fitzpatrick, the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon entertainment overall chairman. "When you look out, it's a sea of color."

This year, winners of the first ever THON Idol will get a chance to have the same experience.

Fitzpatrick (senior-agribusiness-management) said this is the first time individuals have been offered the chance to perform at THON. Typically, student groups, bands and dance teams make up the performance roster — not solo performers, he said. But through the new event, three students will win the opportunity to entertain the crowd.

He said starting out from the THON stage is a sight that's hard to put into words.

"It was a little bit of shock. Just to see that many people in one venue was pretty awesome," Fitzpatrick said.

THON Idol was created as an attempt to increase the crowd's involvement at THON weekend, Special Events Overall Chairwoman Mary Dowd said.

There are so many community members who show their support for THON that the Overall Committee wants to reward the crowd and up their involvement during the actual weekend, Dowd (senior-journalism) said.

"We really want to try to get the crowd more involved THON weekend," she said. "We want to dedicate time to the people standing in the stands so long."

Applications to audition for the event are due today at 5 p.m., Public Relations Overall Chairwoman Jony Rommel said. The top five contestants will perform at the 100 Days 'til THON celebration on Nov. 10, she said. Then, Facebook fan pages will be made for each of the five singers and the three performers with the most "likes" will perform at THON weekend, Rommel (senior-philosophy) said.

After the top three idols perform, the crowd will vote for the THON Idol via text messages.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

YOUR GUIDE TO MOVIES, LATENIGHT, MEETINGS & EVENTS AT PENN STATE

LATENIGHT

Friday, Oct. 15

7th ANNUAL STUDENT DRAG SHOW - Featuring Penn State's best Kings and Queens! - 10 PM, Alumni Hall (Sponsored by Undertones)

BALLOON ARTIST LOUIS PAUL - Balloons like you've never seen! - 9:30 PM - 1:30 AM, 1st Floor

CREATIVE CRAFTS - Decorate and color your own plush dog! 9 PM - 1 AM, Ground Floor

GAPS GAMING - 9:30 PM - 1:30 AM, Ground Floor

POKER TOURNAMENT - Prizes for winners! - 10 PM, Ground Floor (Sponsored by GAPS)

UBISOFT PRESENTS JUST DANCE 2 - 10 PM - 1 AM, Ground Floor (Sponsored by GAPS and Minor League Gaming)

LATENIGHT BILLIARDS - 9 PM - 1 AM, Corner Pocket

ARHS MOVIE: DESPICABLE ME - 7 PM, 9:30 PM and 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 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
 Open Recreation - 9 PM start
 Ballroom 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. 16
COMEDIAN KT TATARA - With guests Dave Porter and Gregory Tarbell of PSU's Second Floor Stand-Up! - 10 PM, Heritage Hall

SOCIAL DANCE NIGHT - Lessons followed by Salsa, Tango and Ballroom dancing! - 10 PM - 1 AM, Alumni Hall (Sponsored by Ballroom Dance Club)

BALLOON ARTIST LOUIS PAUL - Balloons like you've never seen! - 9:30 PM-1:30 AM, 1st Floor

CREATIVE CRAFTS - Decorate and color your own plush bear! 9:30 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: DESPICABLE ME - 7 PM, 9:30 PM and 12 AM, Auditorium

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

WHITE BUILDING ACTIVITIES:
 Half Court Shot Contest - 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, Oct. 17
ARHS MOVIE: DESPICABLE ME - 7 PM, Auditorium

NOW PLAYING

ARHS Movies Presents
DESPICABLE ME
 Friday & Saturday: 7 PM, 9:30 PM & Midnight
 Sunday: 7 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!

GSA C.A.F.E. Series Presents
DISGRACE
 7 PM Thursday Oct. 21
 Berg Auditorium 100 Life Sciences Bldg
 Co-hosted by African Student Society

COMING UP

Important Information
The HUB Robeson Center Will Be Closed
 Sunday, Oct. 17 at 10 PM through
 Monday, Oct. 18 at 6 AM
 Due to emergency electrical repair work. We apologize for any inconvenience. Any questions or concerns please contact Mary Edgington at 814-863-9755 or mge3@psu.edu or Judy Albin at 814-863-0573 or jaa4@psu.edu

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

LEARN TO LEAD
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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

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 rename the Corner Pocket and create a new logo! The winner will be chosen by a small committee and will win fabulous prizes!! Questions? Email Keith at kjs5234@psu.edu. Submissions can be turned in until Oct. 15 to Erin in room 230 HUB.

Clown Nose Club
Audio Adventure 2010
 Oct. 16 2 PM East Quad
 Go to <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/up/clownnoseclub> and download an MP3 filled with instructions for the event!

Lambda Theta Alpha-Chi Upsilon Sigma-Sigma Lambda Gamma
Presents Yo Say Latina
 Oct. 15 7 PM 105 Forum
 A showcase of the Latino experience in America.

Movin' On CORE
Applications Due Oct. 15
 Movin' On is currently looking for new members to serve on this year's planning committee! Applications are available at movinon.org. Questions? Contact Katie Steward at movinonmembership@psu.edu

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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