# Community clears faith misconceptions

Local Muslim, Jewish and Christian followers joined to talk interfaith issues.

> By Matt Morgan FOR THE COLLEGIAN

State College resident Della Chuderewicz said there aren't enough interfaith social gatherings in the borough.

But Sunday afternoon's interfaith picnic at Tussey View Park on East Marylyn Avenue provided

day of food and interaction with a diverse group of people.

The event gave Muslim, Jewish and Christian community members the chance to interact in a relaxed, social atmosphere and clear up misconceptions about their faiths.

'My goal was simple: to show that all Muslims don't support Al-Qaeda," Alamgir Rahman (graduate-plant pathology) said.

Another goal of the picnic was to show people a different side of the Muslim community rather than all her and more than 100 other peo- the controversial information in

ple with the opportunity to enjoy a the news, like the proposed construction of a mosque near Ground Zero and the proposed Qur'an burnings.

Penn State plant pathology professor Wakar Uddin said he is very concerned with the message foreign Muslim students might take back to their home countries upon experiencing ignorance.

'The Islamic community is not sure how their faith is perceived," Uddin said. "They may be stereotyping Americans as people who want to burn Qur'ans, but those people don't represent the United

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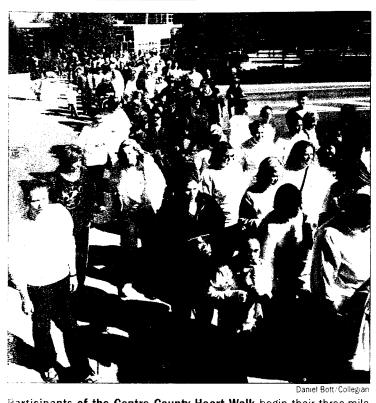
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But when Koray Sekeroglu (graduate-engineering science and mechanics) moved to the United States from Turkey, he said he had a positive experience incorporating his religion into American society.

"When I came to this country I was uncomfortable praying, but I felt accepted right away," he said. ticultural values for a long time."

"When you pray in public places people don't bother you.' Uddin said State College offers

something special for all religions. 'What I've seen in my 14 years in State College that is unique is the level of tolerance," Uddin said. "This is a multicultural town and people have been exposed to mul-



Participants of the Centre County Heart Walk begin their three-mile walk from Medlar Field to raise awareness for heart disease.

## 518 participate Heart Walk

By Danae Blasso

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entre County Heart Walk - an all starts at a young age." went to support heart disease survivors and a tribute to those tion died from it.

Each year the American Heart issociation elects two Heart Seconds to represent the many when others disease, the No. 1 cause of death in America, Biogram said.

Jody Friling a Heart Hero dong with Bartram, suffered from a heart attack in 2006 at the age of E

"People know their bodies," Friling said. "It something's not right they shouldn't hesitate to seek medical attention and Diane major influences in how people and I both waited."

Elizabeth Palumbo, an Alpha Phi sorority member, attended

ty's philanthropy.

It is important that we spread awareness for it and devote our con these Barteam having a time." Palumbo (sophomore-secsmall ache was nothing ondary education and mathemat-

Sophia Medairy, the current Miss Teen PA International, participated in the walk to support her team, "Staying on Beat."

Medairy has traveled throughthe thought her pain was out the East Coast participating are a suft of a stomach flut "The in pageants and educating chilhave in the left arm and the chest dren about heart disease, which took the life of her grandmother

"I talk to kids about being tron. Medlar Field at healthy," Medairy said. "Heart and ano Park through campus disease can be found at any age, countries and any ethnicity. It

The 518 walkers finished in an hour and spent their time talking and sharing heartfelt memories while eating healthy snacks.

Rachel Zacharie, the division director of the Central Susquehanna division of the American Heart Association, said the organization hopes to raise \$50,000 by 45 days after the walk.

Friling said the Heart Heroes are responsible for sharing their stories and showing that life is still worth living even after a heart attack.

She said family and friends are deal with heart disease.

There's no reason why I shouldn't live a normal life from the event to support her sorori- this point forward," Friling said.

### Students rock to MP3 adventure By Erika Spicer

FOR THE COLLEGIAN

After being signaled to "push play" by a foghorn, Clown Nose Club members danced, made snowless snow angels and played air guitars on Saturday in the East Halls quad.

Using personal music players, participants listened to a highenergy 16-minute instructional MP3, which they downloaded from the Clown Nose Club's website for the Audio Adventure 2010.

At the first command, students "celebrated their existence" by screaming and cheering loudly, and after a few more instructions they silently blew up balloons, formed a mosh pit and waltzed.

"All of this is really just about a bunch of outgoing people taking themselves a little less seriously, Clown Nose Club Vice President Maarten Levert (sophomoreenergy engineering) said.

Students smiled and laughed as they listened to the MP3, and after the event some said they really enjoyed it.

"I thought it was really cool, especially because I saw the video of the same thing that was done in New York City. I loved the randomness," Brian McCormick (senior-electrical engineering)

The club got the attention of students through Facebook event invitations and advertising around campus. About 50 people attended the event.



Clown Nose CLub members perform a dance at the Audio Adventure 2010 in the East Halls quad on Saturday afternoon.

Obviously, the 500 we wanted didn't show up, but I still thought it was a lot of fun," Clown Nose Club President Chad Littlefield (sophomore-rehabilitation and human services) said. "Everyone that participated was really, really high energy

Some students said they had requests for future Audio Adventures. "I thought it was fun, but I think it would be better if there was even more person-toperson interaction in the event. I really liked the interactive stuff like the high-fiving and dancing," Drew Golterman (freshmanmechanical engineering) said.

The Clown Nose Club prepared for Audio Adventure by compiling the MP3 and making the signs that read "Ready, Set, Play," "You Rock" and "You Da Bomb" that were used during the event. About 20 members of the club also rehearsed the instructional MP3 to ensure that everything ran smoothly.
"I loved it," Clown Nose Club

member Alli Collins (junior-secondary math education) said. "We've been planning for a while now, and finally doing it felt awesome. I thought it went better than I expected, and everyone seemed really into it.'

### Guide introduces disability services

By Cassie Wiggins FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Having a disability can some-

times make life challenging. Factor in college responsibilities like tests and homework, and it can make life even more diffi-

But a new Penn State student disability guide hopes to help ease students' frustrations.

The new 16-page pamphlet, 'Guide to University Park Services for Persons with Disabilities," is now available to current and prospective University Park students.

Stephanie Sarnese (freshmanforensic science), who is hearing impaired, said the new guide is a great idea.

"It's very confusing surfing the Web trying to find services," Sarnese said. "The guide makes it easy to find services because it's all in one place."

Jacqueline Zakon (freshmanbroadcast journalism) said it's frustrating not knowing what

"Since I have ADHD, I someresources available to me," she said. "It was very overwhelming."

The new guide gives a comprehensive outline of all the services for students with disabilities offered to students on campus and in State College. The guide lists important information such as frequently asked questions, phone numbers, addresses, internships, clubs, hardware and software available to students with disabilities.

University Libraries and Susan Hayya, coordinator of library services for persons with disabilities, produced the guide. Hayya's group's efforts were sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity, University Access Committee and the University Libraries.

Last year, the Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity brought together community members to form a disability advisory group, Hayya said.

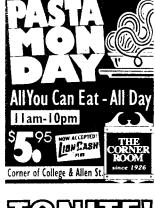
"We wanted to develop a Web times need to use some extra page where all of the services services or accommodations. But were all in one place. [The web-I didn't really know all the other site is still a work in progress. she said. "However, I also wanted to develop something other than the Web page, something someone could actually hold on to, like a pamphlet.

Hayya said she received grants from the Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity and the University Access Committee to help fund her efforts for the pamphlet. Eventually Hayya said she'd like to create a similar pamphlet for each of Penn State's campuses.

The pamphlet will be helpful to both new and current students and their parents, Hayya said.

"We get calls where our students need different services and they don't know where to go. It can be a very confusing process for them," she said.

The guide can be seen online at www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/disabilities/news.html. To receive print copies of the guide, contact Hayya at shh2@ psu.edu.





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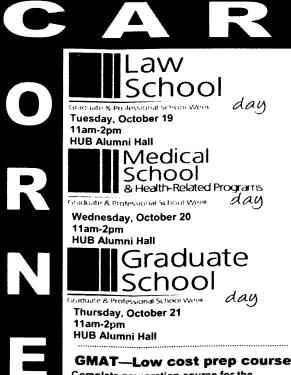




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