

Candidates set to visit

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Happy Valley is the next stop on the 2010 campaign trail, with both the Republican and Democratic tickets visiting State College as the Nov. 2 election day approaches.

The first candidate to come to campus in the last week of campaign season is Democrat Joe Sestak, who is running against Republican Pat Toomey for Arlen Specter's seat in the United States Senate.

Sestak will hold a rally on

Saturday, Oct. 23 at Old Main at 2 p.m. to talk with students about issues that benefit them, like student loans, credit card and health care reform, said Rob Ghormoz, president of the Penn State College Democrats.

Gubernatorial Democratic candidate Dan Onorato is also scheduled to visit campus Monday, Oct. 25 at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center's Heritage Hall from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to speak at an event held by the Penn State Alumni Association Grassroots Network. However, Onorato's

appearance has yet to be finalized, Ghormoz (senior-political science) said.

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Corbett and Toomey will visit campus to rally supporters and spread the word for people to get to the polls and vote, said Kirsten Page, a representative from the Corbett for Governor campaign. The event will be held in room 129 of the HUB-Robeson Center from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Doors will open at 10:15 a.m.

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Campaign crunch time

Starting this weekend, Pennsylvania gubernatorial and senate candidates will be making a final campaign push at Penn State.

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Tom Corbett with Pat Toomey at 129 HUB

Dan Onorato at Heritage Hall

Joe Sestak at Old Main

Source: Penn State College Democrats, Corbett campaign
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STABBING INCIDENTS

Town hall talks issues

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An hour long delay would not prevent NAACP president Travis Salters from holding the "town hall" meeting he and others had been planning since the stabbings that occurred Homecoming Weekend.

Salters planned the meeting with Black Caucus President Christopher Nock (senior-public relations) and National Panhellenic Council President Shadiyah Haines (senior-industrial engineering).

Nearly forty black students showed up to discuss potential ways to increase safety on campus in response to the stabbings.

The first incident erupted early Saturday morning during an independent Homecoming party held at the Knights of Columbus, 850 Stratford Dr., police said. Three men suffered "life-threatening stab wounds," according to police.

The second incident occurred when two men were stabbed at about 2 a.m. Sunday when a fight involving dozens of people began inside 797 Lounge, 244 W College Ave. and spilled onto the street.

The town hall meeting took place at 10 p.m. Wednesday in the Paul Robeson Center's Heritage Hall, but was scheduled to start at 9 p.m. The delay was caused by an event hosted by the Paul Robeson Cultural Center that was using the same venue.

"This issue is serious enough where we can't keep pushing it back," Salters (junior-broadcast journalism and African and African-American studies) said.

Kimeka Campbell said off campus parties have fewer regulations but are out of university jurisdiction.

"Students don't like to throw parties on campus because the university has strict regulations," Campbell (graduate-education) said.

The best thing is for the university to work with students to

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Members of the LGBTQA community and supporters gather at the Allen Street gates for a candlelight vigil in honor of the recent suicides.

Vigil held to remember suicides

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More than 50 students and community members held hands, hugged, cried and remembered. Wearing purple, Penn State's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied community gathered Wednesday night on College Avenue in front the Allen Street gates to remember the lives lost in nine suicides recently committed by gay students across the country with a candlelight vigil.

Kate Roche (sophomore-meteorology) said she was glad that Penn State's LGBTQA community is concerned with making a difference and spreading awareness for bullying prevention.

"The goal of this event is to remember all LGBT kids who were killed or have taken their lives because of bullying," she said before the vigil.

Wednesday night's event, which was sponsored by Penn State's LGTBTA Student Alliance, was held from 7 to 9 and included

not only a candle lighting ceremony, but also a session where students and community members had the opportunity to read poems and share stories.

Jordan Darosh, the alliance's co-vice president, said he was pleased with the night's outcome.

"This just seemed like a dream. It's great that the community comes out for events like this," Darosh (sophomore-liberal arts) said.

Brett Meyers (junior-telecommunications) said that he hoped

the event would open people's eyes to recent events.

"It's not right to pick on someone because they are different than you," he said. Meyers said that he wants other Penn State students who may be struggling with their sexuality or identity to know that there is help available at Penn State.

"We are united as a community. People that are picked on do have support. No one should struggle alone," he said.

Meyers emphasized that

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Women report trespassing in dorm

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Two second-floor women's restrooms in Simmons Hall were the target of three separate incidents of trespassing early Monday and Tuesday mornings, Penn State Police said.

All three incidents happened in restrooms 2B and 2C on the second floor of the building, near the Albion and New Hope houses, police said.

Police said the first report came in at about 9 a.m. Monday from a Simmons resident who saw someone looking through

the slats of a bathroom door at about 2:30 a.m. that day.

The woman told police she "banged her hand on the door" when she saw a pair of eyes peering through the opening, but the person ran away before the student could see what he or she looked like, police said. Police said the woman thought it was a man, but couldn't tell with certainty.

Monday night, all Simmons Hall residents received an e-mail at about 9 p.m. from Simmons Hall Coordinator Jared Hammond, saying, "An incident occurred in the early hours this

morning in one of our restrooms, where an individual was trying to peer into a stall."

After the e-mail was sent out, police said a Residence Life Coordinator told them two more students came forth with additional reports of restroom trespassing on the same floor.

One student said she was getting out of the shower between midnight and 1 a.m. Monday when she felt an "eerie presence" and turned to notice a hand holding the top of the shower wall, police said.

After she exited her shower stall, the student saw what

appeared to be a man — light-skinned, about 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall, medium build — standing inside the adjacent stall, attempting to pull the shower curtain back, police said.

The student left immediately and didn't see anything else, police said.

Another student told police she also saw a man inside of a second-floor women's restroom in Simmons Hall between midnight and 1 a.m. Tuesday, but police said they could not provide any additional details on that incident.

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Jamika Williams (junior-theatre design and technology) voices her opinion during the meeting.

Lion Ambassadors travels through PSU's history

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Before former Penn State President George Atherton died, he requested to be buried on a part of campus with a low amount of traffic.

But tours led by Lion Ambassadors filed past his Pollock Road gravesite last night — ignoring his death wish to celebrate Penn State history.

Students and community members learned of Atherton's request and other university trivia at the annual Lantern Tours event.

From 6 to 9 p.m., lantern-wielding Lion Ambassadors led over 500 tourgoers around campus, stopping to

watch appearances from historical figures.

President Atherton wasn't the only historical figure roaming the campus Wednesday night.

Former President Milton Eisenhower, alma mater author Fred Pattee, Sue and Joe Paterno and Andrew Carnegie told of the foundations of the "Farmer's High School" and Penn State traditions.

Those who attended the event said it was successful.

"I recommend it," Grant Kovich said. "It was really fun."

Kovich (freshman-neuroscience) and Luke Stawovy were walking by when they were lured into the event

because of the loud music coming from the Old Main patio.

Stawovy (freshman-astrophysics) said they made the right decision because they got to learn interesting facts about the university.

Most of the facts the characters gave were pretty surprising, Kovich said. He said he was shocked to hear that involvement in ROTC was once a graduation requirement.

But it wasn't just a history lesson.

Penn State groups, like the Blue Band, ROTC, THON and greek life, were also present to explain how their organizations have evolved over the years.

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Lion Ambassadors participate in their annual Lantern Tour. The tour gives information about PSU history.