

NEWS IN BRIEF

Author to speak in lecture series

Author James McBride will speak at 7 tonight in Schwab Auditorium, as a part of the Schreyer Honors College Signature Lecture. The lecture, titled "The Color of Water: A Meditation on Identity," is free to the public.

McBride is known for his 1996 memoir "The Color of Water" and "Miracle at St. Anna," a novel adapted to film by director Spike Lee.

CAMPUS NOTES

Department of Mathematics hosts speakers

Penn State Professor Nigel Higson will speak during "Coadjoint Orbits and Kostant's Dirac Operator: Part Two," at 2:30 p.m. in 106 McAllister Building.

Amadeu Delshams of the Technical University of Catalonia (Spain) will speak during "Global Instability in Mechanical Systems via Geometrical Methods," at 4:00 p.m. in 114 McAllister Building.

University of Michigan Professor to visit

Bhramar Mukherjee of the University of Michigan will speak during "Analysis of Case-Control Data: A Bayesian Perspective," at 4:00 p.m. in 201 Thomas Building.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: beef rice soup, black bean chili, broccoli cheddar, baked potato, burger topping bar, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, turkey tetrazzini, vegetarian burger, middle eastern chopped salad, primavera vegetables, shoestring fries

Simmons: tukey cobb sandwich, chicken & broccoli, flatbread pizza, whole wheat, rustica flatbread, pizza whole wheat, shrimp taco, vegan pot pie

Waring: beef rice soup, lunch roll basket, soup of the day, autumn chicken salad, broccoli florettes, cuban sandwich, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, popcorn chicken, primavera, vegetables, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, seasoned curly fries, chicken and snow peas, breadsticks, cheese pizza, grilled veggie piza, macaroni and cheese, marinara sauce, meat sauce, penne pasta plus, pepperoni pizza, turkey tetrazzini, baked sweet potato black bean chili, broccoli cheddar baked potato, cheddar cheese sauce, vegetarian burger

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: beef rice soup, black bean chili, general tso's chicken, grilled chicken, breast, rice, shrimp & pasta, spinach & mushroom strudel, long green beans, primavera vegetables

Simmons: asian beef salad, cajun baked, tilapia, grilled chicken breast, grilled chicken, curry, pasta, florentine, baby carrots with dill, broccoli and cauliflower, buttered parslid potatoes, curried quinoa, green beans, almondine, sauteed zucchini, vegetable, creole rice

Waring: assorted specialty breads, beef rice soup, soup of the day, autumn chicken salad, apple glazed pork roast, chicken friters, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, long green beans, primavera, vegetables, roasted garlic potatoes, general tso's, chicken, breadsticks, cheese piza, grilled veggie pizza, hoagie roll, meat sauce, meatballs in sauce, penne pasta plus, pepperoni pizza, shrimp and pasta, baked sweet potato, black bean chili, broccoli florettes, cheddar cheese sauce, spinach and mushroom strudel, vegetarian burger

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Hunt will reduce deer population

After years of protection, Valley Forge National Historical Park will allow deer hunters on grounds to control the population.

By Maryclaire Dale ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PHILADELPHIA—A federal judge has approved a plan to use sharpshooters to cull the bulging deer population at Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Wednesday's decision rejects a lawsuit filed by several animal-welfare groups and paves the way for the National Park Service to begin the nighttime hunts next month.

The goal is to reduce the herd of about 1,300 deer by 80 percent over the next four winters.

Valley Forge, just outside Philadelphia, would become only the third national park to allow deer hunts, according to Friends of Animals, one of several plaintiff groups.

"In five to six years, are we going to have every animal on public lands controlled the way we want them to be controlled? Because I think there's a macabre, Disneyesque aspect to that," said

Lee Hall, vice president of Friends of Animals.

Hall, who lives in Devon, about five miles from the park, vowed to appeal.

U.S. District Judge Mitchell Goldberg said it's clear the 3,500-acre park is overrun with white-tail deer, destroying the park's habitat, which supports birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

"Because the NPS has clearly identified overgrazing by the herd as the cause of insufficient forest generation, which is a detriment to the scenery and natural and historic objects, the exception to preserving all wildlife under the Organic Act has clearly been invoked here," the judge wrote.

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Organic Act aims to conserve wildlife in national parks, but an exception allows animals to be destroyed if they become detriments, the judge said.

The park service plan also would use birth control and other nonviolent methods in conjunction with the hunt, which would run from November to March each winter.

Animal-welfare activists believe the bucolic park about 20 miles west of Philadelphia, where George Washington and his Continental Army spent the winter

of 1777-78, should be maintained by natural methods.

They propose doing nothing, letting nature take its course, or introducing predators, namely coyotes.

The deer also are blamed for scores of vehicle accidents within the park each year and for wreaking havoc on nearby suburban gardens.

Park officials say they believe the hunt also will reduce the risk of chronic wasting disease, a mad-cow-like brain disease that has been found in adjacent states but not in Pennsylvania.

Deer problems plague many parks throughout the East, and solutions have been debated for years. In the 1990s, Gettysburg National Military Park's deer population was reduced by a hunt from 4,000 to just over 200.

The only other national park to conduct a hunt is Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park, which is trying to thin its elk herd, according to environmental lawyer Michael Harris, a University of Denver assistant professor who represents Friends of Animals.

Litigation over the elk hunt is pending, as is a lawsuit over a proposed deer hunt at Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C.

Rally

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said. They are the ones who will have to pay off that debt — but they also know the jobs aren't here.

"We need a vibrant marketplace for jobs and 'help wanted' ads across the country," he said. "We can do this, but not on the path we're on."

Corbett talked about the importance of not only creating jobs, but keeping them in Pennsylvania. He said that too often, new businesses leave the commonwealth for states

with friendlier atmospheres for starting companies.

"A big concern is that most graduates of Penn State will leave not just the school, but Pennsylvania," Corbett said. "I want you to stay in Pennsylvania and build a future that you can support a family here."

Josh Crawford, chairman of the Penn State College Republicans, said he liked the candidates' focus on creating jobs and building up the economy in Pennsylvania.

"Creating a more business friendly environment is vital," Crawford (junior-crime, law, and justice) said. "Right now, college graduates leave

Pennsylvania faster than any other state."

Toomey said he had hope for the future after the elections. While the economy may not be on track right now, he said the fundamental assets of America are still in place. By curbing spending in Washington and changing policies that are having a chilling effect on the economy, it will turn around, he said.

"We're not there now, but we can get there," Toomey said. "We can create opportunities you guys need when you graduate from here."

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Seat

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Though Ragland (senior-political science) said he wished the position could be open to anyone in the student body, he understands the importance of keeping the selection process internal.

"There are a lot of candidates within UPUA that I think could do a good job," he said. "My nomination is [UPUA Vice President] Colleen [Smith]."

Ragland added that he was excited that the legislation passed because it provides a "sounding board for future UPUAs" to appoint the student representative on council.

Bard also said he was extremely pleased to see that the policy passed

through to the assembly.

"I'm obviously very, very excited," he said. "It's something we've been working on before the borough council even drafted their resolution. I'm looking forward for next week when we go into the election process. I hope we get the best possible candidate for the position."

The policy also dictates the expectations upheld for the student representative, such as a maximum of five excused absences, one unexcused absence and appropriate dress to attend borough council's meetings.

During the meeting, Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims spoke about the role of student government within the university.

He said he thinks student government should act as an advocate for

students rather than a programming organization or bank for other organizations requesting money.

Sims addressed issues of tuition, student housing and the multiple student codes of conduct. He also commended UPUA for its fast growth in becoming a credible organization within the university.

At the meeting, UPUA also passed a resolution to further investigate making current and old course syllabi publicly available at one online source in order to mitigate confusion when enrolling in courses.

A resolution to co-sponsor the NAACP's Freedom Fund Dinner, and a policy to clarify sponsorship limitations were also passed at the meeting.

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Talent

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elementary education). "We felt a little out of place with all the rock bands, though."

While the winning group stuck out for its originality, other acts were applauded for their sense of tradition.

"We brought a nice taste of Penn State pride," said John Parkinson (graduate-biology) of the Glee Club.

Although the talent show served as a competition from some of Penn State's best performance groups, most kept in mind the philanthropic goal of the evening.

One of the acoustic acts of the night even dedicated their perform-

ance to their THON child as a birth-day present.

"I thought it was great," said Sarah Sewchek of the Singing Lions. "I saw so many different acts that we'd normally never see together. It was interesting."

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Bon Jovi

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Penn State suggests that the university has a reputation as a top venue," Aquila wrote.

But Bon Jovi did not become famous by playing big venues — he started in bars, Aquila wrote.

Bon Jovi continually brings the same themes from past generations into applicable situations today — bridging age gaps, Aquila wrote.

"Their sound, style, and lyrics are just as vital today as they were in the 1980s," Aquila wrote. "So, today's students will probably react in very similar ways."

With new game systems featuring "Rock Band" and "Guitar Hero,"

classic rock has definitely cleared the age gap, said Paul Barsom, an associate professor of music composition.

Connie Smith, who has seen the band perform about six times, said there is something about Bon Jovi's music that allows all ages to enjoy it.

"I have a nine-year-old daughter who plays the Wii and 'Rock Band,' and her favorite song is Bon Jovi's 'Livin' On A Prayer,'" said Smith, staff assistant for the chemistry department. "She does the lyrics. She knows it all."

And somewhere in between, many Penn State students consider themselves big Bon Jovi fans, too — like Matt Fogarty (junior-architectural engineering).

He said "Livin' On A Prayer" is a

classic. Fogarty said he also thinks Bon Jovi's music crosses generational gaps.

"Maybe I'll take my mom, use it as an early Christmas gift," Fogarty said.

This is the music college students grew up listening to with their parents, but they still embrace it, Barsom said.

"Who doesn't love Bon Jovi?" Barsom said.

Smith said she can't wait to see Bon Jovi perform some of her favorite hits again like "Runaway" and "You Give Love A Bad Name" — and Jon Bon Jovi's "beautiful smile."

"Sometimes I even call myself Connie Bon Jovi," Smith said.

Crowd

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Penn State students were not the only ones camping out. Some Chick-fil-A enthusiasts came from other towns and states just to participate in the event and have the chance to win the free coupons, which can be used at any Chick-fil-A in the country.

John Yaska, of Clearwater, Fla., drove to State College and was the first person to arrive at the establishment: He parked his car in the lot at 9 p.m. on Tuesday.

"I have been to over 40 openings now," Yaska said. "When we camped in Valdosta, Ga., it was 25 degrees."

"The First 100" has become the signature event of each grand opening around the country, Chick-fil-A spokeswoman Lindsay Ables said.

The event also featured games, a live band, a disc jockey and an ice cream party for the campers.

Billy Squire skipped class to participate in the grand opening, and said the coupons will help him save money on a road trip he's planning for the end of the year.

"It's a way of saving money since I could use the coupon at any Chick-fil-A," Squire (senior-security and risk analysis) said.

Chick-fil-A is known for being closed on Sunday and for its advertising — the rebellious cows that urge people to "Eat Mor Chikin."

The chain has almost 1,500 restaurants in the country. Based on annual sales, it is the second largest fast food chicken restaurant in the country behind Kentucky Fried Chicken.

As of 6 a.m. Wednesday, 40 people were lined up at the State College location, and at 3 p.m., 46 spots were

still available to claim one of the 100 coupon packages.

Zachariah Hnesch arrived at 7 a.m. without a tent, and was disappointed the spots weren't filled by the middle of the afternoon. But Hnesch (junior-information technology services) said the effort to get 52 free meals a year was worth it.

Caitlin Hoffman, said she hopes the new store is better than the one in the HUB-Robeson Center.

"The one in the HUB is kind of disappointing. They don't even have milkshakes," Hoffman (senior-political science) said.

Another Chick-fil-A follower, Nellie Lykens, of Hatfield, Pa., said this is her 13th opening. Lykens said she came to yesterday's event because she only has six coupons left.

"I always give them away," Lykens said. "I give them to my family, friends."