

'Greek or Treat' attracts local kids

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Nearly 500 children were arriving at fraternities Sunday afternoon — but not to party.

Instead, local State College area trick-or-treaters were greeted by costumed fraternity and sorority members to celebrate Halloween.

Thirty-four fraternities, most of which were paired with sororities, participated in the first ever "Greek or Treat" service opportunity on Sunday as a way to reach out to community members and create a fun Halloween environment for local State College trick-or-treaters.

Greeks stood outside of the fraternities offering candy to trick-or-treaters and had games and activities set up for the children to play. IFC Vice President for Programming Christian Van Horn (senior-labor studies and

employment relations) said "Greek or Treat" is "trick-or-treating with a twist."

"There are all kinds of games and activities going on," he said. "State College did their Halloween on Thursday, so this is another opportunity for the kids to do Halloween again."

Summer Radzanowski, of State College, brought her daughter Lorelai, 4, to "Greek or Treat." Lorelai dressed as a firefly for "Greek or Treat."

"My favorite parts were the haunted maze and talking to the big kids," she said.

Many who participated in the event said it is a great way to show how greek life gets involved to serve the greater State College community. Chris Yaracs (junior-crime, law and justice) said it's a way for the members of his fraternity to give back.

"It's a good town and gown activity that bridges the gap



Amanda Lipski, 6 and her younger sister Alyssa (left), 23 months of Port Matilda, are frightened by a monster at "Greek or Treat."

between the students and the community," he said.

Liz Tarnoff (junior-elementary education), another student involved in "Greek or Treat," said she hopes the event will dissipate some of the negative stereotypes associated with greek life.

"Hopefully this will make us look better in the eyes of the community. This is part of our effort to turn that stereotype around," Tarnoff said.

John Messner, of State College, brought his two children, Jacob, 7, dressed as a vampire, and Joe, 9, dressed as an army cadet.

"We live two blocks away from the fraternities and there is sometimes a lot of tension in this neighborhood," John Messner said.

The interaction between the Penn State students and local children was positive, participants said.

"This is so cool," Jacob Messner said. "I want to go to Penn State and be in a fraternity someday."

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Otto's moves to new space

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Otto's Pub and Brewery announced through its Facebook page Sunday that it will re-open today at 11 a.m. in a new location after being closed for eight days.

Otto's will move only a few hundred yards down the street from its former space to the building which used to house Quaker Steak and Lube, 2235 N. Atherton St.

The new location will grant the restaurant, which serves locally brewed beer, more parking spaces and a larger space to serve patrons inside. General Manager Sarah Sherry said the new store should add about 100 more seats to the restaurant.

Otto's closed the doors to its original location on Sunday, Oct. 24, and employees spent the past week making the move down the street to the bigger space.

Owner Roger Garthwaite waited 162 days to be approved for a transfer license from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board that was finally granted on Monday Oct. 18. PLCB spokesperson said.

At the former location, 2105 N. Atherton St., the small parking lot often forced customers to park across the street at the Jersey Shore State Bank during busy days.

Previously, Otto's website urged customers to carpool to the restaurant to use fewer parking spaces — a request that won't be necessary after today.

George Kepler (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said he has been to Otto's only a few times, and thinks the pub generally attracts an older and more relaxed crowd than similar establishments in State College.

Though Otto's is far from campus on North Atherton Street, its brews are also sold in other bars and distributors, like Zeno's Pub, 100 W. College Ave. and Happy Valley Refreshment, 420 E. Boal Ave.

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What: Otto's moves to new location
When: 11 a.m. today
Where: Otto's Pub and Brewery, 2235 N. Atherton St.

Documentary shows lives of LifeLink students

By Mary Schultz
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

If there's one thing Patrick Schrock wants Penn State students to know about him, it's that though he has special needs, he's just like everyone else.

"I'm fun to hang out with," he said.

Schrock conveyed that message Friday when he and 12 other students presented and discussed the Emmy award-winning documentary, "LifeLink PSU: A Road to Independence" in the Bennett Pierce Living Center.

The documentary from 2004 captured the journey of students in LifeLink PSU, a program that allows high school students with disabilities to experience college.

Without this program, students like Schrock would be required to stay in high school until age 21, as mandated by federal law. LifeLink — a collaboration between the Penn State College of Education and the State College Area School District — allows students with special needs between the ages of 18 and 21 to get a high school education in a university setting, with students their own age.

After the documentary, current LifeLink students shared their experiences and answered questions. The program currently has 19 students and has its own classroom in 304 HUB-Robeson Center.

LifeLink students attend Penn State classes with a mentor, learn budgeting and apartment man-

agement skills, go on field trips and have jobs off campus. LifeLink paraprofessional Pam Jameson said.

Instructors and mentors focus on helping the students highlight their abilities and talents.

"Each of the kids also has their own artistic outlet," Jameson said.

Special education teacher Michelle Kump said her students are aware of their strengths and weaknesses and can point out the strengths of their classmates.

"All of our kids are on totally different levels," she said. "They help each other."

Second-year LifeLink student Claire Weaver said her favorite part of LifeLink is the trips.

"Last year, we went to Washington, D.C.," she said.

Weaver takes yoga, American Sign Language and a course called the Sea Around Us. She attends class with a mentor, who helps her take notes and understand the material.

Mentors also eat lunch with the students, walk them to class and discuss issues inside and outside the classroom, Kump said.

Students, instructors and mentors invite and encourage Penn State students who are looking to fulfill volunteer hours or gain teaching experience to become mentors.

Second-year LifeLink student Pam LaMar urged the audience to participate.

"I encourage all of you to be mentors," she said. "It's a great way to meet students."

D.C. rally makes fun, sends sober message

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NEW YORK — Jon Stewart was right. As promised, his rally was fun.

Then, at the end, he took a few moments for "some sincerity." For some viewers, those clearly heartfelt remarks on the innate goodness of Americans may have upstaged everything that went before. Fun was about as specific as Stewart had gotten in the weeks leading up to the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear, which he hosted and produced with fellow Comedy Central star Stephen Colbert.

Exactly what the rally would be,

and what big names might show up for it, had been a guessing game for fans of "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report," as well as the media, for weeks beforehand — at least until Wednesday, when a few names leaked.

On Saturday, viewers of Comedy Central's live telecast — and online streaming — of the three-hour shindig saw a dandy music-and-comedy concert with an inarguable social message. It was staged on Washington's National Mall as the backdrop.

The overarching theme was to redeclare Americans' ability to get along and work together, regardless of their ideological dif-



Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert's Rally for Sanity drew a large crowd on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. this past weekend.

ferences. And to chastise the media and politicians for promoting polarization. To put this message across comedically, the rally harnessed the familiar on-air personalities of Stewart, who, as anchor of the "Daily Show" satirical newscast, radiates bemused

reasonableness, and Colbert, who inhabits a bloviating right-wing pundit on "The Colbert Report."

Their make-believe clashing in comic bits during the rally was exemplified when Colbert defended the value of unreasonable fear, as in the Garden of Eden.

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