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Erin Cafferty (senior-environmental resource management) cleans the HUB fishtanks Wednesday with an algae erasing tool.

'Chrimukkah' brings holiday humor

By Madeline Fitzgerald
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Secret Santa will meet "Saturday Night Live" tonight at the Carnegie Cinema for a fun kickoff to finals week.

Second Floor Stand-up, Penn State's student comedy organization, will perform a Chrimukkah Show at 9 p.m. in 113 Carnegie Cinema.

The show will be largely holiday-themed, changing the pace of the group's usual comedy shows. The focal point of the show will be the Christmas tree, said Brandon Scott Wolf, general manager and creator of the group.

Each member of the group will bring a wrapped "Secret Santa" present to place under the tree. Each comedian who goes onstage to perform will then open a random present and do a bit of improv comedy based on their gift.

This will be the group's last show of the semester, but it will make sure it's a good one, Wolf (senior-journalism) said.

"The holiday shows always have a little more spice," Matt Rainstein (senior-film and video) said. "It will be the most fun show we've ever done."

Wolf said holiday shows bring an audience together like nothing else.

"The atmosphere will be decked out in Christmas and Hanukkah everything," he said.

The night will feature a few sketch comedy groups, in addition to the traditional stand-up comics. A group of students will take the stage and perform an original skit — similar to those of "Saturday Night Live" or College Humor — that will make for an entertaining night, Wolf said.

"Sketch comedy is like a half-time show for comedians," Wolf

said. "It's another chance to have a creative outlet, and we're having a great time with it. We think the audience will, too."

The audience may receive a gift or two as well, Wolf said.

"We always try to keep the audience as involved as possible, so it doesn't feel like we're just talking at the crowd," said Ryan Munshower, president of Second Floor Stand-up. "It should be like we're having a conversation."

No matter what, the show will be a refreshing break for students who are stressing about their upcoming finals, Munshower (junior-computer science) said.

The show is expected to last about 90 minutes, and will bring a mix of seasoned student comedians as well as some new ones.

"Students should expect a good little holiday party," Munshower said. "And they don't have to wear a weird sweater."

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HOROSCOPES

By Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010: This year, you say what you mean, and others respond to your words. You also might purchase new toys that involve communication, from cars to computers. Make sure that you are making sound decisions for you in the long run. Take time for neighbors and siblings. Visit more often. If you are single, you meet people with ease. You might even find yourself dating more than one person. **EMIS**: If you are attached, the two of you might opt to take a class together or develop a new hobby. You will delight in more time together. **AQUARIUS** comes up with wild ideas.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-Nosy, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Home in on the bottom line with a partner. If you are feeling weary or tired, know that it has been a stressful week in many ways. Others respond in kind to a goodwill gesture. Let someone explain him- or herself, even if you aren't interested. **Tonight**: Dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have different ideas from others. Give those around you the courtesy of weighing their ideas and what they think. You might be surprised by how different yet valid their perspectives are. **Tonight**: Burning the candle at both ends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Deal directly with others at a distance. If you need to call in an expert, don't challenge this person. Your questions need to be phrased most politely.

unless you want a firestorm. Positive news allows for a new direction. **Tonight**: Make plans for a day outing. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Defer to others, knowing full well your limits. Someone whom you consider yourself to be close to steps up to the plate. Gain a better understanding through a chat with a loved one. Vulnerability can open many doors. **Tonight**: Go with another's suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others come forward and express their ideas. Someone also might have an ulterior motive for approaching you. Investigate new possibilities with an eye to another person taking the lead. What a change for you! **Tonight**: Decide which other sounds best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Dive into a project with a positive attitude. Others respond. A conversation that concerned you and you thought could be difficult goes off without a hitch! The extra care you put into a relationship - be it a call, dinner or a card - pays off. **Tonight**: Squeeze in some exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Honor a commitment to change directions and approach someone in a more upbeat manner. Careful, you might have a tendency to fixate money all over the place. (aring doesn't necessarily involve spending. **Tonight**: Flirt the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) If you think staying home or a home-based business could be more effective, investigate that possibility. If you are feeling cramped, you just might want to take the day off and do what you absolutely want to do. **Tonight**: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You could go way overboard as you attempt to let someone know where you are coming from. Envision what you want and expect. Being unusually gracious wouldn't hurt, either. In the long run, it is the right way to go. **Tonight**: Hang with your friends. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Carib need to use money as a measure of others. Actually, if you detach, you can see that many people have a lot to offer. Walk away from your value system for at least a day. Understand that everyone has limits. **Tonight**: Buy a treat on the way home. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Stop and take a breath. Look around. You might notice an easing off of tension that allows greater give-and-take. Your ability to anchor in on your priorities and convince others to go along emerges. **Tonight**: Your winning smile says it all. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Understand that by pulling back, you'll have greater give-and-take. Gather information. Call someone at a distance whom you care about. You discover how good you can feel by not acting out. **Tonight**: Make weekend plans.

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