

CALENDAR
OF EVENTS:

TODAY

Pride Week begins
Butler Confessions
Send the University
a Secret event in UBL

Register to vote
in the cafe after 3 p.m.

TUESDAY

Student Government
meeting 103B @ noon

Allies Free Rainbow
Sno Cones
UBL @ noon

WEDNESDAY

Leadership Styles 103B
@ noon

THURSDAY

Allies Straight Talk SER
@ 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Nittany Theatre
SHL @ 10 p.m.

CCSG Weekend

SATURDAY

CCSG Weekend

SUNDAY

HazleTHON 5K Lion Shrine
@ 9 a.m.

Advising Week

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Did you know?

Myths continue about cancer

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We all know someone who has had cancer. It is a disease which occurs when cell division is uncontrollable in a certain part of our bodies.

There are many myths on how and why we get cancer. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in addition to being aware of its significance, we need to know what is and isn't true about cancer and its causes. Here are the top six myths about cancer that most people hear about:

MYTH 6: Cell phones cause cancer.

Cell phones have become more advanced during the past five years and now that technology has reached a peak cell phones contain far less carcinogens than in the year 2000. Studies on the correlation of cell phones to brain are difficult to determine, but the latest study was conducted by the Danish Cancer Society and no link was found between cell phones and brain cancer.

MYTH 5: Artificial sweeteners cause cancer

This myth was particularly popular during the 1970s when there was a study done on the effects of cyclamate on mice. However it wasn't until later on that it was discovered that the mice had been given an equivalent of 800 cans of diet soda a day of cyclamate for several weeks. Too much of any particular food can lead to cancer, but it requires an extreme amount of the food to actually become harmful.

MYTH 4: To beat cancer all you need is a positive attitude, not treatment.

Although having a positive attitude towards the situation can alleviate the stress of being diagnosed with a disease such as cancer, treatment has been the only avenue



One of the many myths over the years has been that cell phones cause cancer. Studies show this is not true.

that has been repeatedly effective towards the "beating" cancer. In this case it's not as simple as "mind over matter" but having the help of medical treatment.

MYTH 3: Only women get breast cancer.

Women are 100 times more likely to get breast cancer than men but because men also have breast tissue they are also susceptible to getting it.

According to the American Cancer Society around 2000 men are diagnosed with breast cancer every year.

MYTH 2: Cancer is on the rise.

There are more cases of cancer than in the past but we don't take into consideration the fact that there is an increased population along with longevity. When compared to populations in the past, there is a decrease in the risk of cancer.

In the past when a person was

diagnosed with cancer it was considered taboo to speak to others about it, but as times have changed individuals are speak more freely about this disease.

MYTH 1: Medical science already has and is withholding a cure for cancer.

There is one logical reason why this is false. If the cure for cancer was out there any pharmaceutical company would jump on the opportunity to be the first with such an amazing cure and of course the money would also be a factor.

There was an article published recently of a drug that has been tested on four dogs and cured all four dogs that had cancer.

With a few more successful cases, researchers will soon be allowed to see if this drug could yield similar results in human testing.

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Professor Maureen Gaffney: 'This place is home'

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When you first step on a college campus, a mixture of emotions churns within you, the excitement, the wonder, the thrill of being in this place. For Maureen Gaffney, 66, instructor in education, stepping onto the Penn State Hazleton campus is quite different. She feels that campus "to me is home. My bridal shower was in Slusser/Bayzick ... everything we ever did [was on campus]. To me this place is home, it means so much to me."

In many ways, her life story tells the story of the campus. Born in 1946 when the campus was a far different place, her decades spent at PSU Hazleton have shaped not only her, but also the campus.

She is one of the few people here who can recall the Markle family, the sororities with their May Crowning and traditional activities, and the switch board run by Ruthie Donner.

"She would let me sit on her lap and put the things out and put them in" she recalls.

When Gaffney was 3, her father got a job on campus, offered to him by Frank Kostos, for whom the Kostos

building is named. Kostos' portrait hangs near K-1, a testament to his involvement on campus. Gaffney's dad had formerly worked two jobs to support his growing family and

came to campus in 1949. He would be employed by the campus until his retirement in 1974. Gaffney lived on campus, in three homes until her marriage in 1969.

The first place the Gaffney's family lived was on the upper floors of the Memorial building and two homes that were removed for the



Photo by Susan Bartol via PSU Live

Professor Gaffney leads the congregation during graduation.

expansion of academic buildings.

Gaffney recalls that growing up on campus was peaceful, and that campus in those days was not only a place of education, it was a family. She notes that "people came here

and stayed ... they made their home here."

After her marriage, she and her husband spent time living in Bethlehem. They returned home to campus in order for her to build the health

services program on campus. She was encouraged to do so by many friends she had on campus.

She transitioned to full time teaching, two years after her return, in 1984. After a brief teaching position at King's College, Gaffney came back again to teach four years ago.

The transition from student to teacher on campus "was fun as it allowed me to become part of that part of PennState and to be an active participant in creating the campus. It seemed natural extension of my campus life."

A commitment to remembering the past does not make Gaffney a professor stuck in the rut of outdated pedagogy. Megan McGee, 22, of Milford, believes that "Mrs. Gaffney is a pretty awesome professor ... who uses PowerPoint and puts them onto ANGEL for us ... all her tests are ANGEL tests, online tests, her theory is she doesn't want us to fail them so she gives you a good amount of time ... She also uses MyEducation lab ... it gives you the book and the lab and everything online."

McGee feels Gaffney's childhood on campus helps her in training future educators because "she knows the area, the feeling, the campus, she understands it a lot." In this way, Gaffney's understanding of, and involvement in, the campus over the years has allowed her to provide the level of education that both she and Penn State are known for providing.

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Officer

How long have you been working here at PSU Hazleton?

Almost 5 years

Where are you from?

Harwood

How did you hear of PSU?

I actually went to school here!

What did you major in?

I majored in Criminal Justice with a minor in sociology.

What is the most common offense that students commit here on campus?

Underage drinking

So what do you like to do outside of PSU?

I'm a fire arms instructor and I'm a big baseball fan (Yankees of course). I also like to spend time with my one year old son.

What's something no one really knows about you?

I'm really interested in the Civil War. I had the choice of becoming a history teacher or police men.

* GET TO KNOW is a weekly feature to help Penn State Hazleton students, faculty and staff get to know each other. If you have a suggestion for this feature, please contact Daphnie Vega at dmv5121@psu.edu.

Allies Club hosts events

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Butler Confessions

Send the university a secret. All messages will be sent in as anonymous around Butler's TV lounge today.

They will be an attempt to give the silent LGBT voices a chance to be heard. Confessions may be written or emailed to Allies' group members.

Free Rainbow Sno Cones

The Allies club will be distributing Sno Cones to bring more attention for Pride Week.

This will take place on Tuesday in the upper Butler lobby to promote the community.

Allies Straight Talk

There will be a panel of LGBT set up in the special events room on Thursday.

Participants should be comfortable with their sexual orientation and open to answering on various questions. This is an open event for all volunteers.

HazleTHON 5K

The proceeds of the community event on Sunday will benefit THON, a Penn State dedication to pediatric cancer research.

HazleTHON's 1 Mile Run begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Cub's Run at 9:45 a.m. and the 5K Run at 10a.m. All runners will receive free breakfast, a sport pack and Penn State Creamery ice cream.

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Penn State Hazleton



5K RACE

Sunday, October 14
at the
Penn State Hazleton Campus
9:30 a.m. - 1 Mile Youth Race
9:45 a.m. - 100 Yard Cub Run
10 a.m. - 5K Race

Proceeds Benefit:
THON
Conquering Childhood Cancer

To Register Visit:
<http://valleyrunningclub.weebly.com/>

*All minors must be accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian

SGA Happenings

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Food Advisory Board

The Food Advisory Board meets every other Wednesday at 1 p.m. Students are encouraged to attend in order to be involved in the food services provided on campus. Snacks are served.

Academic Awards Ceremony

The annual Academic Awards Ceremony will take place on Sunday, Nov 4. The event will begin at 2 p.m. Award recipients will be contacted via postal mail shortly. Details to follow.

Senator Additions

All the new senators for the 2012-2013 academic year will be sworn in as official senators this Thursday. Their photograph will be featured on the website. As such, all senators are reminded to attend this important meeting.

SGA Committees Formed

The SGA committees have been formed for this year. The various chairs are charged with reporting to the President any concern under the purview of their committee. These groups work within their roles as senators to make changes on campus much more impactful.

Commentary

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When you get done eating, do you throw your trash away? Well apparently some people didn't get the memo that when you finish something you throw away your trash.

When I walk around campus, I see trash that isn't thrown out.

Blowing off steam! There is trash on tables, on the floor, everywhere. People who leave their trash or belongings

around expect other people to do it for them, for me that's not how it works. If it's your trash, you pick it up.

These types of things really make me want to blow off steam. Some people just don't respect other people when it comes to throwing away their trash.

I'm not a person afraid to speak my mind. If a person decides to leave their trash lying around, that person needs to grow up and just throw their things away. Speak up. Don't let others trash OUR campus.

