

PSU's gala celebrates 150 years of history

The Sesquicentennial Gala allowed alumni and students the chance to celebrate the university's birthday with music and fireworks.

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The dimly lit Mount Nittany Club was adorned with candles and roses on Saturday evening to create a formal atmosphere in celebration of "An Affair to Remember," Penn State's Sesquicentennial Gala.

About 350 students and alumni came dressed in their finest to celebrate the special occasion, and a live band provided the guests with music throughout the evening.

Erinn Kane (senior-special education) said she thought the gala was a distinctive way to celebrate the occasion. "I think it's a very nice, very special opportunity to celebrate your school," Kane said. "It's really this kind of affair that makes Penn State unique because you can't find an event like this anywhere else."

Alumni celebrated the special event alongside current students.

"We're having a very good time," said John Mattemas, a 1948 Penn State graduate.

Kelly Polachek (sophomore-human health and development) said she appreciated the diverse crowd. "The gala was a lot of fun, it was really nice to have the alumni and the students there," she said.

The celebrants were provided with light refreshments while the football game was broadcast over multiple television sets throughout the executive level of Beaver Stadium.

"The Gala was really beautiful, the venue was really unique... it was neat to see Beaver Stadium like that," Cornelius Cornelissen (junior-history) said.

At 9 p.m. fireworks adorned the sky in celebration of Penn State's 150th anniversary. "The fireworks were \$10,000 but they were worth it," said Kristen Kofmehl, sesquicentennial games assistant director. Kofmehl and the other members of the Sesquicentennial Board of Directors spent about a year planning the gala along with the other weekend's events. The gala cost about \$20,000. "I'm thrilled with the beautiful venue and with the fact that so many people are enjoying themselves," Kofmehl said.



Rebecca Fox performs "Summertime" by George and Ira Gershwin during Synergy in the Schwab Auditorium on Friday night.

Members of NPHC tell chapter histories

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Members of the National Pan-Hellenic (NPHC) Council showed students yesterday afternoon that they do not always have to go to class to learn a little history.

Following the Sesquicentennial Games' theme of "Retell, Relive, Remember," members of individual chapters in the NPHC presented the history of their chapters in a step show on Old Main lawn.

"They've never done this type of history presentation before," said Jared Brown, assistant director of fraternity and sorority life.

Members from Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority each told the individual histories of their chapters through the years at Penn State.

The three represented chapters joined together to perform on stage at the end of the program to represent the founding of the NPHC in 1989.

"The last scene was supposed to incorporate all of us coming together under one council," said Dana Taylor-Hart, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority

member and a performer in the show.

Taylor-Hart said it is important to inform students about NPHC so they are aware of their activities, which include community service and educational awareness.

"Sometimes I think there are so many different Greeks at Penn State that we need to stand out as a council," she said.

Zeta Phi Beta member Dana Williams, who also performed in the show, said although the NPHC performs in step shows often, this is the first time they have showcased their performance at Penn State.

Williams said the NPHC takes any chance possible to inform other students of their council because many students are not aware of what they do.

"[We want to inform students] because a lot of people don't know about our organization, how we came about at Penn State and what we do at Penn State," Williams said.

Brown said NPHC members have pride in their membership, both in individual chapters and together as a council.

"They are very proud of their affil-



Members of Omega Psi Phi fraternity perform at the closing ceremonies of the Sesquicentennial Games Sunday afternoon.

iation, which sets them apart from the other three councils," Brown said. "When they're 50 years old, they still wear their letters; they'll still be proud of their affiliation."

Kristen Kofmehl, Sesquicentennial Games assistant director, said her committee asked the NPHC to perform at the games and to present the group's history.

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