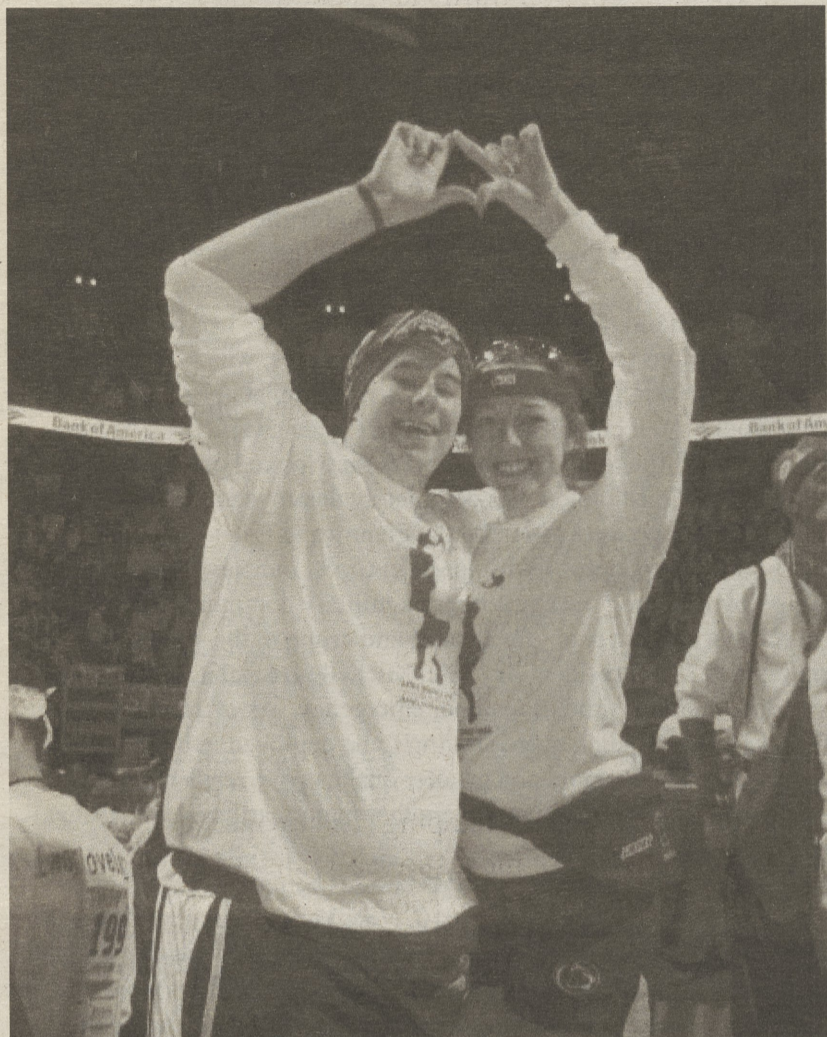


# Eye on Campus

## From the Desk of SGA

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Sean O'Connor and Martina Gill enjoying themselves at Penn State's THON 2010. Photo courtesy of Sean O'Connor.

SGA is currently working on a few things, but first SGA would like to thank this year's THON's Dancers, Martina Gill and Sean O'Connor, for their hard work, staying on their feet for an entire 46 hours at this year's annual THON event that took place February 19th through the 21st. This year THON raised about 7.8 million dollars (more than last year) to help children with pediatric cancer. Thanks to all who participated in THON to help reach this amazing milestone.

This week SGA held their Monthly SGA Sound Off in which they take an opportunity to talk to the student body about upcoming events. In this month's info session, they also took an opportunity to continue the canceled Information Session regarding the upcoming elections for next year's office. This included each member talking about what they do and what their job entails.



Upcoming events that SGA is planning are Capital Day which will be April 20th. Capital Day is an all day event where SGA and other students go to Harrisburg to speak to Politicians about lower tuition and raising our appropriations. Anyone who is interested in more information

pertaining to this event can contact Brittney Walker, SGA President at [bvw5024@psu.edu](mailto:bvw5024@psu.edu).

The other upcoming event SGA is planning is Spring Week. Spring week will take place between April 26th and 30th. There will be several fun events going on this week, including a Diversity

Summit. On the day of the Diversity Summit, students on campus will come together to celebrate our campus' diversity. Penn State Brandywine is the most diverse campus in all the commonwealth of Penn State.

More on these events coming soon and they will also be talked about at next month's SGA sound off on April 5th.

## Out With the Ox, In With the New

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It is the year of the Tiger! Symbolizing passion, power, and aggressiveness, the Chinese New Year of 2010 has come in roaring. This year the New Year landed on February 14th.

Like Christmas, preparations for the Chinese New Year start a month in advance. Chinese families thoroughly clean their houses and usually re-paint them red. During New Year's Eve, according to [theholidayspot.com](http://theholidayspot.com), "Dinner is usually a feast of seafood and dumplings, signifying different good wishes. Delicacies include prawns, for liveliness and happiness, dried oysters (ho xi), for all things good, fish dishes or Yau-Yu to bring good luck and prosperity, Fai-chai (Angel Hair), an edible hair-like seaweed to bring prosperity, and dumplings boiled in water (Jiaozi) signifying a long-lasting good wish for a family."

The day of the New Year, families go from house to house saying greetings in order to settle old grudges. They visit their relatives first and then their neighbors. Chinese families also burn incense at their ancestors' shrine and light firecrackers to scare away the evil spirits. The festival is decorated by the colors gold and red which symbolize good luck, wealth, and happiness. Numerous Dragon dances are also performed to entertain the crowd and add to the festive surroundings. The ancient custom called Hong Bao takes place on New Years Day. Married couples give money to unmarried couples and children in red envelopes to wish them good fortune. However, the recipient does not open the envelope in front of the giver because it is seen as disrespectful.

With every New Year comes a different animal Zodiac that sets the mood for the year. After experiencing the war-like boldness of the Tiger, 2011 will bring the gentleness and luck of the Rabbit.

## "Upcoming Women's Commission Events"

**March 16**, Tuesday, LCR 203, 11:30-12:30: Stress Reduction through Meditation and Yoga, an introduction taught by Jennifer Maguire

**March 16**, Comedian Alysia Wood at 11:30 in the Lion's Den

**March 19**, Friday, LCR 203, 12:30-1:20: The state police will be giving a presentation about women and safety issues.

**March 23**, Tuesday, Vairo 111, 11:30-12:45: Women and Heart Health presentation by Dr. Helen Kuroki, Vice President of Medical Affairs at Riddle Memorial Hospital

**March 24**, Wednesday, TMZKO 103, 12:30-1:20: Dr. Wayne McMullen will present on Women in Film.

**March 25**, Thursday, TMZKO Lounge, 11:30-12:45: Annual Women's Commission Luncheon with speaker Dr. Joanne Gillis-Donovan, president and CEO of Melmark, an organization that serves 278 children and adults with a wide range of developmental disabilities in PA and MA.

**March 30**, Tuesday, Life Coach/Comedian Elaine Williams 11:30 a.m. Lion's Den

**April 6**, Tuesday, TMZKO Lounge, 11:30-12:45: Award-winning poet and professor Daisy Fried will read from her books at Litapalooza.