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## Haiti receives international aid

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Desperately needed aid from around the world slowly made its way Thursday into Haiti, where supply bottlenecks and a leadership vacuum left rescuers scrambling on their own to save the trapped and injured and get relief supplies into the capital.

The international Red Cross estimated that up to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's earthquake.

President Barack Obama announced that "one of the largest relief efforts in our recent history" is moving toward Haiti, with thousands of troops and a broad array of civilian rescue workers flying or sailing in to aid the stricken country — backed by more than \$100 million in relief funds.

To the Haitians, Obama promised: "You will not be forsaken."

The nascent flow of rescue workers showed some results: a newly arrived search team pulled U.N. security worker Tarmo Joveer alive from the organization's collapsed headquarters, where about 100 people are still trapped.

There are easily hundreds of people trapped, living or dead, in collapsed buildings. Friends and relatives have had to claw at the wreckage, often with bare hands, to try to free them.

Planes from China, France, Spain and the United States landed at Port-au-Prince's airport, carrying searchers and tons of water, food, medicine and other supplies.

The Red Cross has estimated 3 million people — a third of the population — may need emergency relief.



Military personal from HMCS Halifax take on supplies as other crew members try and exit the ship on Thursday in Halifax, Nova Scotia. HMCS Halifax and Athabaskan left Halifax for Haiti loaded with provisions, while other countries have donated money and flown in supplies to help in the earthquake relief effort.

## UPUA to collect for quake survivors

By Paige Minemyer  
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As people across the country take part in relief efforts after the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Penn State students are banding together to raise funds for the cause.

Spearheaded by the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA), Council of LionHearts and the Office of Student Affairs, many campus organizations will be a part of setting up a table for donations in the HUB-Robeson Center. Interested students can donate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and every day next week.

UPUA Student Life and Diversity Chairman Christian Ragland said UPUA's involvement is important to spreading word of the fundraiser across campus.

"Our role is to just let organizations know that there is a university-wide effort for Haiti," Ragland (junior-political science) said.

Ragland hopes the fundraiser will engage students, helping to unite the student body in aiding Haiti. In 2004, a similar campus-wide effort was created to aid tsunami victims in Indonesia.

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Christian Ragland (junior-political science) distributes a flier about longer White Loop hours.

## Loop extends hours to 4:30 a.m.

By Paige Minemyer  
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The extended hours of the White Loop officially took effect early this morning, and the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) is putting together an extensive campaign to garner support for the initiative.

The White Loop will now add two hours to its current run time and extend bus service until 4:30 a.m. The extension is only in effect Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The new hours are on a trial run for this semester.

The first step in its campaign was a trip to Findlay and Johnston Commons in East Halls on Thursday evening. UPUA members handed out fliers and encouraged freshmen to take advantage of the new bus hours, as the policy was geared

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## Increase in tuition limits diversity

By Laurie Stern  
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The state of Pennsylvania may be notorious for its limited appropriation dollars, but this lack of funding is catching up with Penn State in more ways than one — most recently, a potential decline in student diversity.

A new report released by The Education Trust, an organization that promotes "high academic achievement for all students at all levels," found that state universities nationwide are becoming less financially accessible to low-income and minority students, in part because of the misallocation of need-based financial aid.

"Flagship universities are using financial aid dollars to compete for high achieving, high-income students," said Mary Lynch, co-author of the report. "The upper-middle class students who are a little leery of private schools in the current economy are going. Low-income students get pushed down the education scale."

In the report, Penn State is listed as one of 15 schools with a lower percentage of minority students, compared to a private school counterpart in the same state.

The number of minority students enrolled at the University Park campus has increased slightly over the past 10 years and

constitutes about 13.9 percent of students. But the limited need-based financial aid available remains to be seen, which will prevent the main campus from becoming more diverse.

According to the report, current trends undermine the reason state schools exist: To make higher education more accessible to all residents of the state.

"These schools were founded to serve that mission," Lynch said. "We're holding up this mirror for students to see they're not fulfilling this mission. Private schools have made more of a commitment to it."

But Penn State is aware of the

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### Public vs. private

Out of 15 schools, five Big Ten institutions have a lower percentage of minority students (URM) than their states' selective private university.

University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) - 16%  
 University of Wisconsin - Madison - 8%

Indiana University (Bloomington) - 8%  
 University of Notre Dame - 15%

Ohio State University (Main Campus) - 10%  
 Case Western Reserve University - 11%

Penn State University (Main Campus) - 10%  
 University of Pennsylvania - 20%

University of Wisconsin-Madison - 8%  
 Michigan State University - 10%

\*Public schools indicated in bold.  
 \*URM percentage only includes African American, Native American and Latin American students.

Source: The Education Trust  
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## IDENTITY CRISIS

### Alum, university reflect on breach

By Laura Nichols  
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It couldn't be a coincidence, he thought. Around the same time Penn State sent Ryan Davidson a letter telling him a virus on a professor's computer may have exposed his social security number, his credit card company detected some suspicious activity on his account.

Davidson, Class of 2006, expected his records to have been expunged one or two years after he graduated from Penn State, not still archived on a university computer nearly four years later. What's more, it took Penn State three months to notify him of the breach.

"I understand that record-keeping is important, but I don't know why it was still on a teacher's personal computer," Davidson said. "It is unnerving that Penn State may not be trusted with our personal information."



### Breaches by the numbers

Davidson's was one of 303 Social Security numbers that could have been exposed when a professor's gradebook was hacked in November.

In December, the number of those affected grew considerably. Nearly 30,000 unidentified individuals were put at risk when malicious software (malware) infiltrated several colleges at University Park and a commonwealth campus.

In the Eberly College of Science, 7,758 records were put at risk, along with 6,287 in the College of Health and Human Development and 261 from the Dickinson School of Law. About 15,000 records at Penn State Schuylkill were compromised.

And some believe the recent security breaches could only be the tip of the iceberg. John Bagby, professor of information sciences and technology and co-director of the Institute for Information Policy, wrote in an e-mail.

"They claim [reports are] hardly comprehensive because some breaches by some institutions may not be reported if the standards for reporting are liberal or if the breach notice law per-

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### DRINKING CULTURE

## Greeks talk to officials

By Sarah Peters  
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The greek community brought talks of town-and-gown relations to the fraternity house Wednesday night.

Leaders in the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council and student government met with State College Borough officials Wednesday to discuss longstanding issues like excessive drinking and accountability.

The meeting, held at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house at 346 E. Prospect Ave., is the first of a series of meetings to foster communication between student leaders and borough

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