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UPUA reacts to lost liaison

By Casey McDermott
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DJ Ryan's resignation from UPUA and blistering critique of cross-campus relations ignited discussion Thursday on the future of the two student governments.



Ryan

Ryan, governmental affairs director for the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG), stepped down as CCSG Liaison for the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) on Wednesday night.

Many UPUA members said the move came as a surprise — especially when coupled with Ryan's allegations that some of the student government's assembly members regard Commonwealth Campus students as "second-class."

UPUA Internal Development Chairman Dustin Dove called the claims against UPUA "unwarranted" and "over-the-top."

"Ryan's position was instituted simply to facilitate communication between our organizations, and what he did by resigning was to cut communication — literally and figuratively," Dove (senior-secondary education) said.

Dove also said he thought the move was political, but both Ryan and CCSG President Nick Borsuk denied these claims.

"This was not a political move by any sense," Borsuk (senior-history) said. "It's what we believe was in the best interest of the Commonwealth students, and the best interests of all Penn State students, as well as the relationship between UPUA and CCSG."

UPUA President Gavin Keirans said he has an enormous amount of respect for both CCSG and all Commonwealth Campus students — but he regrets the

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UPUA President Gavin Keirans reacts to CCSG liaison DJ Ryan's resignation Wednesday night.



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Penn State plastic surgeon Shane Johnson holds a Haitian earthquake victim prior to repairing the child's scalp laceration.

Doctors return, more go to Haiti

By Megan Rogers
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Medical professionals from the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center return home from Haiti today after performing about 100 surgeries in a makeshift operating room during their two-week visit to the ravaged country.

The ten medical professionals from Hershey Medical Center who traveled to Haiti with Operation Smile flew into Norfolk, Virginia on Thursday and began the six-hour drive home, said Megan Manlove, spokeswoman for Hershey Medical Center.

Team members told Manlove while they wanted to stay and see their patients heal, they knew it would have taken months.

The medical team could not be reached for comment Thursday, but some Penn State students said they appreciated the work the doctors provided.

"I think it's great that any medical professional is willing to go down there and sacrifice their time and help out when it is so urgently needed," said Sarah Dorward (graduate-communications and sciences)

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Courtesy of live.psu.edu

Fans at THON 2009 in the Bryce Jordan Center (BJC) cheer on dancers from the stands. There are 15,000 seats in the BJC open to students, friends, family and anyone who wants to experience THON. Many dancers say the fans are what keeps them up on their feet for 46 hours.

This is the third in a five-part series spotlighting the people and places that make THON what it is.

By Katrina Wehr
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows about the THON dancers, who stand for 46 hours in support of kids stricken with pediatric cancer. But it's easy to overlook the 15,000 seats

enclosing the Bryce Jordan Center (BJC) floor and the thousands of supporters who fill them.

Friday evening, after dancers rush through the human tunnel from Rec Hall to the BJC, their supporters are close behind, racing toward the stands to get the best seats.

Just like the student section at football games, the crowd during the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) weekend real-



ly has an impact and can make or break a dancer's spirit, said Liz Hoesly, a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority.

"Two of my friends had breakdowns last year," Hoesly (sophomore-hotel, restaurant and insti-

tutional management) said. "I think if we weren't all there in the front row cheering them on, I don't know if they would have made it through."

The 15,000 hard blue seats are the temporary homes for the hundreds of organizations that make THON what it is. Those faithful onlookers sing, sway and dance through the long hours. Bright colors dot the sea of blue seats, as members toss tennis balls and

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Campus prepares for winter weather

By Laura Nichols
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State could see anywhere from four to eight inches of snow in the first major snowstorm of the semester this weekend, depending on which way the storm travels.

As of now, meteorologists say University Park could receive between four to eight inches this weekend, with snow expected to begin falling between this morning and this afternoon.

But Danielle Knittle of the Campus Weather Service said if the storm shifts even 50 miles north, it could mean double the precipitation in the area — possibly up to a foot, she said.

"Central Pa. is where it is in flux the most right now," Knittle (senior-meteorology) said. "We're right on the bubble for this storm."

Anyone planning to travel southeast is cautioned, though. The Philadelphia region has been consistently forecasted to



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A student walks through the snow near Old Main last semester. Between four and eight inches are expected to cover State College this weekend.

get anywhere from seven to 12 inches in the next few days, Knittle said.

The Office of Physical Plant,

Penn State Police and the administration will continue to monitor weather forecasts and react

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Colts, Saints fans prepare for Super Bowl

By Danielle Vickery
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Super Bowl XLIV doesn't mean just anything to Jarrod Williams. It means everything.

Williams (senior-sociology, biological anthropology), a Louisiana native and lifelong fan of the New Orleans Saints, is pulling for a win over the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

Williams — whose Saints are playing in their first-ever Super Bowl after quarterback Drew Brees led them to an overtime

defeat of the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 24 in the NFC Championship Game — is one of many football fans at Penn State gearing up for the big game.

"I had faith that they would win, but I was getting scared when they went into overtime," Williams said of the NFC Championship

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Daryll Clark picks the Saints to win the Super Bowl. See predictions on the MAKE PLAYS blog: psucollegian.com



Associated Press Photo

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees answers questions during an NFL football news conference in Miami on Thursday.

Where to watch

When: 6:25 p.m. Sunday

If you're looking for a deal: Champs Sports Grill (1611 N. Atherton St.): Bucket of 5 Miller Light bottles for \$6.50, all-you-can-swallow buffet for \$10; 797 Lounge (324 W. College Ave.): \$5 64-oz. Bud Light bottles, half-price burgers during the game; Damon's Grill (1031 E. College Ave.): \$11 ribs to go all day, Miller Light 22 oz.-draft for \$3.25

On-campus spots:

HUB-Robeson Center, The Big Onion