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Hopefuls battle for presidency

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Though most questions posed to the UPUA candidates asked them to describe plans for future initiatives, Tuesday night's debate continuously reverted to discussion over past actions of student governments.

David Adewumi, outsider to student government, proved ready to criticize the current University Park Undergraduate Association administration for lack of progress.

UPUA elections

Christian Ragland and Colleen Smith's campaign, on the other hand, touted past successes as student leaders and questioned where their opponent had been in trying to be a part of the solution before the campaign season.

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David Adewumi, far right, rebuts an issue while opposing presidential candidate Christian Ragland and running mate Colleen Smith listen.

UPUA ELECTIONS Lions back peer

David Adewumi has garnered the support of several football players.

By Casey McDermott and Paige Minemyer
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Seventeen Penn State football players — including Evan Royster, Stefen Wisniewski and Graham Zug — have endorsed newcomer David Adewumi for University Park Undergraduate Association President.

They're the first endorsements Adewumi has received, but the power of these 17 voices speaks volumes, he said.

"These guys are visible leaders on campus, and it's definitely important for students to see where their leaders stand," Adewumi (junior-Spanish) said.

And according to one player, the endorsing team members are willing to use their clout on campus to pull for the candidate they think will be right for Penn State.

"We're a part of the student body, but we're put on a bit of a pedestal," Wisniewski (senior-secondary education) said. "We can use that to help other students. [Adewumi is] passionate about Penn State, about politics." Adewumi was also endorsed Tuesday by the Schreyer Honors College Student Council, of which his running mate Devin Weakland is a member.

But Adewumi's opponent, Christian Ragland, said he's not worried this influx of endorsements will sway the vote.

"Any endorsements are equal players," Ragland (junior-political science) said.

"There is no one better endorsement." As of press time, Ragland and Colleen Smith had garnered thirteen endorsements from on- and off-campus organizations — including all four greek councils, the Blue and White Society and the LION 90.7 FM — as well as endorsements by individuals such as 2009 Homecoming Queen Christina "CriCri" Henry.

"The endorsements we've gotten just shows how diverse See ADEWUMI, Page 2.



Wisniewski



Royster



Zug

SHOOT, SCORE



Mike Poorman, of Buffalo, N.Y., participates at the World Beer Pong Tour on Tuesday night at the Gingerbread Man, 130 Hiester St.. Fifty-one teams were signed up to participate in the event. Teams competed for a free three-night hotel stay and an entry into the \$50,000 championship round in Atlantic City, N.J. To read full story on the World Beer Pong Tour | **LOCAL**, Page 4.

SPRING CONCERT

Admin. requires change

By Paige Minemyer
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University administrators threatened to cancel student government's spring concert if the name was not changed from "Last Call," officials said.

Penn State spokesman Geoff Rushton said administrators feared alcohol connotations in the name would encourage drinking holidays like State Patty's Day.

University regulations prohibit events from being held after 5 p.m. on the last day of classes. The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) applied to administrators for special permission to have the spring festival on April 30, Rushton said.

But Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims threatened to take away the UPUA's exemption if the name wasn't changed, Rushton said. UPUA Programming Chair Leanna Usnik said the university was very friendly in its approach, but made sure to emphasize the negative image of the name "Last Call."

"They sent us e-mails that basically stated that Last Call See CONCERT, Page 2.



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Maya Angelou speaks at the Student Programming Association's Distinguished Speakers Series.

Author, activist inspires students

By Vera Greene
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A crowd of 2,000 erupted into applause followed shortly by a standing ovation as Maya Angelou took the stage in the Eisenhower Auditorium on Tuesday night as a part of the Student Programming Association's (SPA) Distinguished Speaker Series (DSS).

Famous for her 30 published books and notable work done with civil rights, Angelou commented by reciting a poem inspired from a song called "Rainbow in the Clouds," which

became the theme for her entire lecture.

"This is my third or fourth time here and I'm delighted to be invited back," Angelou said to the crowd.

Angelou, who has been a professor at Wake Forest University for 29 years, said at first she wasn't sure about teaching at the school, but after a couple months, came to love it and realized how important it was. Angelou stressed the importance of the power of education and youth, both of which were common themes throughout her speech.

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DeChellis talks transfers, recruits at end of season

By Andrew Robinson
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Days after the unexpected departure of four players, Penn State men's basketball coach Ed DeChellis said he does not expect any more players to leave.

DeChellis held his end-of-season press conference Tuesday afternoon and responded with a simple "nope" when asked if there were any indications of further departures from the team.

Penn State announced over the weekend that Chris Babb and Bill Edwards will transfer, and Adam Highberger and

Andrew Ott will graduate and not use their remaining eligibility.

DeChellis declined to comment on the particulars of the transfers, and said they are personal matters. However, the coach said he was not aware either Babb or Edwards was planning to leave before meeting with them last week.

"Those are very unique situations and both are leaving for their own personal reasons, and we respect those reasons and we move on," DeChellis said. "Both of them are nice kids, and they wanted to do something different."

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Head coach Ed DeChellis reacts to a play in 2009. The coach said he does not expect more players to leave.