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Keirans endorses Ragland

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The current student government president and vice president said they plan to "unequivocally" endorse the UPUA elections.

President Gavin Keirans (senior-business management) and Vice President Hillary Gupta (senior-marketing) said Christian Ragland and Colleen Smith are the best candidates to continue moving UPUA forward, as each has spent the last two years work-

ing with the organization and are the "logical" choices. "They started off in smaller roles but evolved to core leadership positions and have really taken the time to learn the inner workings of UPUA and the university as a whole," Keirans said. "They will be ready to go on day one to really take on the role of president and vice president." Smith (sophomore-biology) said Keirans and Gupta were two of the first people she met when

she interviewed for UPUA, and they have served as mentors to her ever since. "It means a lot to me that they've seen those qualities and capacities in Christian [Ragland] and I," Smith said. "From all they know and all the experience being in UPUA, they put their trust and confidence in Christian and I to put UPUA into the future." David Adewumi, the opposing presidential candidate, said



Keirans



Former CCSG President Nick Borsuk was impeached at the council's meeting on Saturday. Amanda Davin will replace him.



Ms. Sasha performed on stage at the 8th Annual Professional Drag Show hosted by Undertones. The Drag Queens performed for a packed and diverse audience at Alumni Hall. The Drag Show was one of many events that were part of Penn State's 2010 Pride Week.

Drag Queens strut for statement

By Lindsay Cryer
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Boots, corsets, and a clipping and lip-synching were only a few of the elements Ms. Sasha performed on Friday night — all while wearing fabulous gold high heels.

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Framed by a stage with rainbow lights and smoke machines, Kierra Darshell, dressed in sparkling red boots and a black corset, kicked off the show by lip-synching "If I Were A Boy." The performer then emceed the event

— often joking with the audience. The 8th Annual Professional Drag Show was hosted by Undertones and sponsored by SPA LateNight and the University Park Allocation Committee (UPAC). "If you're happy, you're proud and you know who you are — if you're gay, make some noise," Darshell said. But while polling the rest of the audience members about their sexual orientations, Darshell quickly found out that the crowd

held just as many straight students as gay students. Tom Koerber, who has attended the drag show for five years, said even his lab partners — who were usually in bed early — stayed up late to see the show. "It's becoming that influencing on campus," Koerber (graduate-biochemistry, molecular biology and microbiology) said. "There have been more straight people here than I've ever seen." Performers named Ann Fu

CCSG Pres. forced to leave

By Paige Minemyer
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With only one month of the school year remaining and one more council meeting, CCSG council members voted on Saturday to remove President Nick Borsuk from his position. This came after accusations of Borsuk's (senior-history) disrespect toward the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) members, though his impeachment had not been discussed prior to Saturday's council, when members voted 26-6 in favor of his impeachment.

Borsuk was given the option to resign during an earlier closed president's session but declined. As of press time, he had not returned calls for comment. CCSG Vice President Amanda Davin will take over as president until the end of the semester. "I do not assume these responsibilities lightly, and you

Concert creates tension

SPA leaders speak out against UPUA's planning responsibilities.

By Lindsay Cryer
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While UPUA's upcoming spring concert is expected to host one of this year's biggest free performances, not everyone is gung-ho about it. Student Programming Association Executive Director Steph Sottung spoke out against student government's upcoming "The Last Stop" concert, lambasting leaders for spending student money on organizing the April 30 event instead of passing policy.

Both Sottung (senior-journalism) and SPA Entertainment Chairwoman Claire DiGiacomo think the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) is stepping on the toes of student organizations whose sole purpose is to organize such events. "They're going beyond why UPUA exists to do something that other organizations already do," Sottung said.

Women, men win nationals

By Greg Garcia
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All season long, coach Emmanuil Kaidanov told his teams to keep focused on the national championship. And on Sunday, both the Penn State men's and women's fencing teams proved they were listening — and came home from Harvard University with another NCAA title. The Nittany Lions recorded 191 total wins, which was enough to defeat the No. 5 St. John's men's team and the No. 6 St. John's women's team — which both finished behind the Lions — and No. 1 Notre Dame men's and women's teams, which finished third. Earlier in the season, the Fighting Irish defeated the Lions in a team-dual match. Miles Chamley-Watson could not express his feelings through words about the victory after a



Participants of the "Out of Darkness" 5K walk for suicide prevention on Saturday afternoon. The participants started the walk at the Intramural Building.

Hundreds walk 'Out of Darkness'

By Alexa Agugliaro
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Denise Kephart was shocked by her husband's suicide three years ago. She didn't notice at the time, but looking back, he had all signs of severe depression. On Saturday afternoon, she walked with more than 690 people in the fourth annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk, a 5K walk that raised more than \$35,000 for the American

Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). Many families of suicide victims came to the walk hoping to spread awareness by telling their stories. A new addition to the walk this year was a memory book in which families can create a scrapbook page to honor someone lost to suicide. Calling the walk a "great support system" and "very uplifting," organizer Susan Kennedy

said it is a unique collaboration between Penn State students and the community. The walk also served as a reminder that suicide could affect anyone at any time. "We are here today because we know that most of these families never expected to have to deal with the tragic loss of someone by suicide," said Pat Gainey, the Philadelphia regional director of AFSP, who spoke before the walk.