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Board airs campaign violations

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The Adewumi-Weakland campaign was found not guilty of campaign violations, while the Ragland-Smith campaign was found guilty of, though not penalized for, the first charge and innocent of the second, according to the verdict of the Board of Arbitration early this morning.

UPUA elections

For both hearings, UPUA Head Elections Commissioner Matt Lachman and UPUA Commissioner for Administration and Enforcement Samantha Miller acted as the prosecutors.

In the case against Adewumi-Weakland, the Elections Commission argued presidential candidate David Adewumi (junior-Spanish), or a student operating on his behalf, promoted his campaign using mate-

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David Adewumi (junior-Spanish) and Devin Weakland (freshman-public relations) debate.

UPUA candidates spar in final debate of season

By Paige Minemyer
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As their campaigns wind down, the presidential and vice presidential candidates met for a final showdown before the polls open on election day.

Newcomers David Adewumi and Devin Weakland took on student government veterans Christian Ragland and Colleen Smith in the last public event before students can vote for the next University Park

Undergraduate Association (UPUA) president on Wednesday.

The Adewumi-Weakland ticket focused on UPUA's lack of tangible initiatives and targeted Ragland-Smith as pre-selected "successors" to current UPUA President Gavin Keirans and vice president Hillary Gupta.

Keirans (senior-business management) and Gupta (senior-marketing) announced their endorsement of Ragland (junior-political science) and Smith (sophomore-

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BUILDING DAMAGES

Cracks found in floor

By Laurie Stern
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

It's not what you'd expect from a brand-new building: Crack after crack, splitting through a lobby floor that was laid down just four years ago.

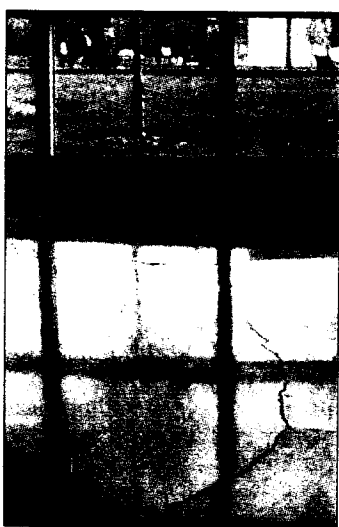
University Park's Forest Resources Building is on rocky ground, suffering structural damage that has prompted an Office of Physical Plant (OPP) investigation.

The first floor of the west side of the building sustained cracking due to uplifting of the gravel base under the concrete, OPP spokesman Paul Ruskin said. While authorities said there is no safety threat to people who use the building, it's certainly made for a different aesthetic in building's west lobby.

"We have not had this happen here at University Park, but it does happen throughout the state of Pennsylvania and across the nation," Ruskin said. "It hasn't happened here, but it's not an unusual occurrence."

OPP workers believe the

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Cracks are scattered across the floor at the four-year-old Forest Resources Building.

STUDY, STUDY, STUDY



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Patrick Gilbert (freshman-marketing) studies in the Business Building on Monday night. Students were forced to study inside this weekend after temperatures dropped from their highs the weekend before. Temperatures are expected to rise tomorrow and remain high through the rest of the week and into the holiday weekend, so students can look forward to studying outside again.

Students begin Passover holiday

By Lauren Ingeno
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Judith Flacks may have been thousands of miles away from her family in London but she still had the opportunity to celebrate the beginning of Passover with her Penn State family.

On Monday night, about 300 students gathered in the basement of the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center to partake in the Seder — a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the holiday of Passover.

"I've never been to a service this big before," said Flacks (junior-American studies and English), who was eating her Seder meal away from home for the first time. "It's kind of nice to see so many students at college

who still want to do it, even though they're not being forced to."

The Seder is a ritual in which many generations of family and friends gather together to eat, pray and celebrate the story in Exodus of the Israelites journey out of Egypt.

This year's ceremony, sponsored by Penn State Hillel, was attended by more students than any other year, said Michal Berns, President of Penn State Hillel.

"We're trying to create our own family tradition," Berns (junior-media studies) said. "Lots of students are disappointed that they couldn't make it home for Seder."

Matzah, charoses, parsley, wine, and other ritualistic parts of the Seder meal lined each of the



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Students celebrate Passover at a Seder dinner in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on Monday night.

nine tables in the Pasquerilla basement. The different food items on the Seder Plate are each symbolic reminders of the

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Fraternity holds talk with Sims

By Katrina Wehr
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Members of Alpha Phi Delta fraternity sat down for dinner with Damon Sims on Monday evening to discuss ways the fraternity can increase its success within the student body.

Sims, Vice President of Student Affairs, had previously showed interest in meeting with the fraternity, Joe Maiello, a member of Alpha Phi Delta, said.

"We're trying to expand communication between our fraternity and the administration," Maiello (senior-accounting) said.

Sims said Alpha Phi Delta fraternity was an impressive group and very enthusiastic about what the members were trying to achieve. Overall, Sims said he was glad the fraternity members invited him to meet with them.

"I enjoy these interactions more than anything I do at Penn State," Sims said. "I look forward to meeting with them again in the future."

One thing the fraternity members brought to Sims' attention was how difficult it was to attract more members when competing with so many other student groups and fraternities, Sims said.

"They are a strong group, yet they are having difficulty being heard due to the number of groups we have on campus," Sims said, adding that more men

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Performers to STOMP at State

By Robin Tilley
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STOMP performers can make beats with just about anything but the kitchen sink.

Oh, wait — they use that, too.

The renowned Broadway show will return to Penn State for performances at 7:30 tonight and Wednesday night in Eisenhower Auditorium.

"It's kind of a rhythmical journey in rhythm and comedy and movement," performer Donisha Brown said. "We take everyday

If you go

What: STOMP
When: 7:30 tonight and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Eisenhower Auditorium

objects and we turn them into musical instruments."

STOMP shows are best known for their use of trash cans to make beats, but performers use everything from brooms, paint cans and

Zippo lighters to PVC pipes, matchboxes and kitchen sinks.

"Anything you can think of is somewhere on our set," Brown said.

Though STOMP has visited Penn State twice before and most recently took the stage in 2004, it will include new surprises and new props this time around, said Laura Sullivan, director of marketing and communica-

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