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RAGLAND TAKES THE CROWN



Christian Ragland celebrates his victory as UPUA president while being swarmed by supporters including his running mate Colleen Smith, right, in the HUB-Robeson Center on Wednesday night. "There was a period in my life when I didn't think I could get to this point," Ragland said after the announcement. The Ragland-Smith ticket won 4,431 votes all together.

UPUA veteran sweeps election by 2-1 margin

By Casey McDermott
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

When the results of the UPUA election were announced, Christian Ragland and Colleen Smith barely had time to react to their two-to-one victory before a crowd of supporters engulfed them.

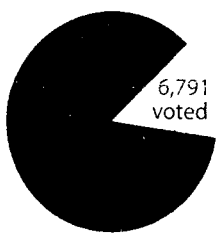
The Ragland-Smith ticket won 4,431 votes, edging out David Adewumi and Devin Weakland's 2,258 votes.

For Ragland, the moment was surreal, made all the more special by the challenging times when he thought his goal of taking the top seat in the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) would never happen.

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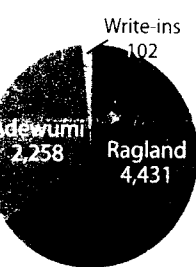
UPUA election voter turnout

Nearly 18 percent of undergraduate students voted for UPUA president.

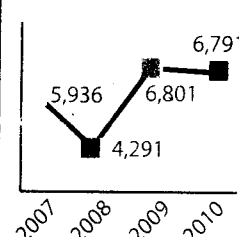


Sources: UPUA, Penn State Fact Book, Collegian archives

Ragland received 65 percent of the votes.



This year's total was 10 votes fewer than last year's.



Kimberly Bartner/Collegian

Student turnout stays on par with last year's

By Paige Minemyer
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Voter turnout for this year's student government elections remained on par with last year's, which UPUA Elections Commission officials said they consider a success.

Counting write-in votes, 6,791 students voted for the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) presidency on Wednesday, remaining close to the number of voters from last

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year — 6,801 voters, only 10 more. The number of voters comprises 17 percent of the student body. Head Elections Commissioner Matt Lachman said the number of presidential votes was closest to the number of voters from last

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PATERNO

QB competition remains cloudy

By Andrew J. Cassavell
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Minutes after Joe Paterno started getting peppered with questions Wednesday, he called his first meeting with reporters this spring "ridiculous," asking why they weren't outside playing golf.

Just three days into spring practice — only one of which was

in full pads — Paterno made it clear he is far from having any answers to Penn State's position battles.

The most important of those holes — the search for Daryll Clark's replacement at quarterback — is similarly unsettled, he said.

Sophomores Kevin Newsome and Matt McGloin have made progress, and Paterno was

when I didn't think I could get to this point," he said between high-fives and hugs from a stream of

supporters. "To say that I can be the next student body president is

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Steph Witt/Collegian

Joe Paterno talks to reporters at a press conference Wednesday.

unsure of early-enrollee freshman Paul Jones because he hasn't seen enough of the five-star

recruit from McKees Rocks.

"There's no timetable, you just

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CCSG IMPEACHMENT

Borsuk to stay leader

By Caitlin Burnham
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Council of Commonwealth Student Governments President Nick Borsuk's impeachment has been invalidated due to an error in counting votes, and officials expect him to finish out his term.

During a meeting Saturday, the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) voted to impeach Borsuk as president. But MJ Worsham, the IT representative and a member of the Constitutional Review Committee, later discovered the vote was counted incorrectly with respect to the house rules.

The vote was originally reported as 26-6, which easily reached the two-thirds majority required to impeach. However, the 26-vote bloc included 6 abstaining votes, which should not have been counted under house rules.

Procedure states that when voting, the abstained votes go to the majority. However, in order to impeach Borsuk, voters needed to reach a two-thirds majority, not a simple majority.

A two-thirds majority without those who abstained would be 22 votes — not 20 — and therefore the necessary majority was not reached, Borsuk said.

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FEELS LIKE TONIGHT



Kelsey Morris/Collegian

Chris Daughtry performs with his band Daughtry at the Bryce Jordan Center on Wednesday night. This was the "American Idol" finalist's first performance at Penn State.

RAY GRICAR CASE

DA announces new investigative board

By Greg Galiffa
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Centre County District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller has created a review board to investigate the 2005 disappearance of former Centre County District Attorney Ray Gricar.

The case has become a top priority for Parks Miller, who did not name members of the board in her press release but stated that it is made up of several different investigators from Centre County.

"This review board is simply an extension of my review of the case and a natural format for investigators with many years of

experience to lend their expertise to the ongoing investigation," Parks Miller said in the release, adding the board members are both qualified and "personally motivated" to tackle the investigation.

Parks Miller did not respond to calls for comment by press time Wednesday.

Gricar's nephew Tony Gricar said he had a conference call with Parks Miller a few days ago and thinks the gathering of these individuals will "put a whole new set of eyes on the case."

Ray Gricar went missing April 15, 2005. He called then-girlfriend Patty Fornicola while driving on Route 192 in his 2004 red and white Mini Cooper, according to court documents.

Gricar told her he wouldn't make it home in time to take care

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Gricar