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## UPUA official under fire for tweets

By Casey McDermott  
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Newly appointed UPUA Student Life and Diversity Chairman Noah Karn has come under fire for racial and gay slurs posted on his Twitter page.

The allegations against Karn surfaced Thursday evening, when Rainbow Roundtable President and former UPUA Student Life and Diversity Chairman Steve Lucas said he saw several offensive posts on

Karn's Twitter account.

Lucas (senior-English) said the tweets were removed shortly after he first saw them, but he saved screenshots of posts he called into question.

According to Lucas' screenshots, which spanned nearly a year, Karn's tweets included



Karn

derogatory references to the Japanese, blacks and homosexuals.

Dustin Dove, outgoing University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) Internal Development Chairman, also confirmed that he saw Karn's original tweets a few months ago when Karn requested to follow Dove (senior-secondary education) on Twitter.

Karn (junior-political science) said he deleted his Twitter account before he was made

aware of the allegations against him. He declined to comment on the language of the posts, and said he wanted to handle the matter internally.

Karn also said he sent an e-mail to the UPUA assembly to make all representatives aware of "the situation." He was appointed to his position through an assembly vote at last week's meeting.

UPUA President Christian Ragland (junior-political science) and Chairwoman of the Assembly Jessica Pellicciotta (junior-political

### If you go

**What:** UPUA General Assembly Meeting  
**When:** 8 tonight  
**Where:** 302 HUB

science) said Karn told assembly members that he would answer any questions they had for him at tonight's general assembly. See **TWEETS**, Page 2.



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Mamma Mia! actors perform in Eisenhower Auditorium on Tuesday night. Tickets are still available for tonight and Thursday's performances of the nationally touring production. For complete coverage of Mamma Mia! | [www.psucollegian.com](http://www.psucollegian.com)

## Dorms could forbid alcohol

Alcohol could be banned from primarily freshman dorms under a new proposed policy.

By Laurie Stern  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

No alcohol in freshman residence halls. No alcohol in any dorms as early as fall 2011.

Those measures and more are being considered in a push to solve the university's drinking problem, according to Penn State administrators.

Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims said though residents of freshman dorms are primarily underage students, the proposed policy would no longer allow 21-year-old residents in these dorms, such as resident assistants, to have alcohol in their rooms. The freshman dorm policy would be a small adjustment in a long-term effort to mitigate problems with excessive drinking, he said.

Sims said this policy could take effect as early as the fall 2010 semester, as he has already had conversations about the potential change with administrators and student leaders.

Currently, only students who are 21 or older are permitted to have alcohol in their residence hall rooms.

"Right now you have the complication of sometimes people who are 21 living next to people who are 19," Sims said. "Twenty-one-year-olds can have alcohol in their room. Trying to manage all that as it exists right now is much more complicated."

If the proposed policy for the freshman dorms passes, further discussions could lead to a blanket policy prohibiting alcohol in all of the residence halls effective as early as fall 2011, he said.

"This is a multivariate problem," he said. "It operates on many, many levels. It's one of dozens of steps."

An area traditionally inhabited by freshman, East Halls would be largely affected by the proposed policy.

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## UPAC alters policies

By Kathleen Loughran  
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On Tuesday night, the University Park Allocation Committee (UPAC) passed a policy allowing a single honorarium allocation of \$20,000, an increase from the previous \$12,000 allotment.

Honoraria can include any artist, speaker or other group who is brought in for the students. The maximum total amount of money allotted to honoraria payments will remain at \$20,000, UPAC Chairman Mark Donovan said.

In addition, Donovan (junior-political science) said the committee closed the "existing loophole" that allowed groups to use negotiations for honoraria costs in their 20 percent contribution to event costs.

Donovan said he felt that Penn State students would like the policy changes because it will help to bring more popular acts to University Park.

"I think that any time that we're going to get better program and better concerts it will be received by the students," he said. "It will bring us better

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Former UPUA President Gavin Keirans said his biggest regret from his time in office was not reaching out to students enough.

## President reflects on two-year term

By Casey McDermott  
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For the past two years, Gavin Keirans' Sundays have hardly been days of rest.

For him, Sundays meant prepping for meetings, de-briefing with other student government leaders and making sure UPUA's plans were lined up for the week ahead.

But the former two-term University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) president said this mentality of planning ahead — even if the plans didn't always pull through — was a key part of UPUA's progress since he assumed the presidency in 2008.

"When I was first elected, we

put out a 40-day plan," Keirans (senior-business management) said.

"In a large part, we didn't reach all of those goals — but it really set the tone that we have to take an aggressive, realistic approach to getting things done."

Since then, Keirans said, he's proud of the accomplishments UPUA was able to tackle with a goal-oriented mentality during his two terms.

He noted the White Loop Extension, the newly opened Office of Student Legal Services, the Tenant-Landlord Mediation program, the spring music festival, Last Stop, and the revival of Encampment as major initiatives

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## Campus gyms to enforce stricter dress code

By Laurie Stern  
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Though students may be proud of their washboard abs or buns of steel, facility managers say the gym is not the place to show them off.

Penn State's gym desk attendant and supervisors have been more stringently enforcing a dress code, angering some students who feel they should be free to work out in whatever attire they want.

Beenash Sheikh (senior-kinesi-

ology) has worked as a gym desk attendant for the past two years and said gym staff members have been directed to pay more attention to people's clothing this year to prevent the spread of germs through contact with equipment.

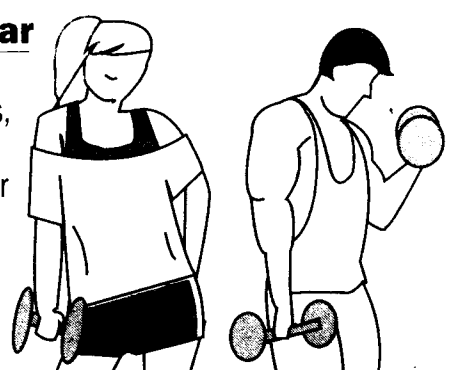
The H1N1 scare in the fall semester was specifically addressed as one reason for taking these precautions, she said. Hand-sanitizing stations were also installed around campus as a further precaution.

Eighties-style shirts cut off

See **GYM**, Page 2.

### What not to wear

Citing health concerns, campus gyms have prohibited off-shoulder T-shirts and deep-cut muscle tanks.



Source: Chip Harrison, Director of Strength and Fitness

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