

ON THE WEB

'Mamma Mia!' returns to Eisenhower stage

Though Pierce Brosnan wasn't in the production of 'Mamma Mia!' on Tuesday night, the show still attracted a large crowd.

The first of three shows of the musical was Tuesday night at Eisenhower Auditorium and despite a simple stage set-up, audience members said the vocals didn't disappoint.

IFC elects Vice President of finance

Michael Delaney was voted the Interfraternity Council Vice President for Finance on Tuesday night.

Delaney (sophomore-supply chain management) was one of four members who ran for the position, but he believes his dedication to the greek community and his experience is what put him above and beyond.

Research Unplugged presents Superheroes at the Box Office: How Comic Books Changed Hollywood at noon in the State Theatre.

'A Better World' festival will be in HUB Alumni Hall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature free coffee, a walk-through display, raffles, prizes, a water balloon fight, discounted shopping guides and a fair trade marketplace.

The Mid-State Literacy Council will hold its 12th annual Spelling Bee at 6 p.m. at Foxdale Village, 500 Marilyn Ave.

Liang Ning, of Penn State, will speak about 'Precipitation Downscaling Over Pennsylvania' at 11:15 a.m. in 529 Walker Building.

The film 'Gold Futures: Open-Pit Mining in Romania' will be shown at 12:15 p.m. in 105 Deike Building.

Stephan Stolz, of the University of Notre Dame, will speak about 'Integrality and Divisibility of the Witten Genus' at 12:15 p.m. in 114 McAllister Building.

Jennifer Shumaker-Parry, of the University of Utah, will speak about 'Designer Plasmonic Antennas for Sensing and Spectroscopy' at 2:30 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redfer and Warnock: black bean chilli, chicken corn soup, beef taco, chicken taco, fiesta lasagna, nacho bar toppings, taco bar toppings, tortilla chips, vegan taco, Mexican rice, refried beans, Southwestern corn

Simmons: turkey club, three cheese whole wheat pizza, three mushroom whole wheat pizza, turkey tetrazzini, vegan burger wrap, broccoli florettes, brown rice, corn, ginger glazed sugar snap peas, Quinoa pilaf, mashed redskin potatoes

Waring: lunch roll basket, soup of the day, udon noodle soup, cheeseburger wrap, chicken cosmo not, peas, quarter pound hamburger, shoestring fries, chicken and broccoli stirfry, cheese pizza, macaroni and cheese, margarita pizza, marinara sauce, meat sauce, pepperoni pizza, sausage and pepper rustica, baked potato, black bean chili, broccoli florettes, cheese sauce, hearty vegetarian chili, vegan burger wrap, vegetarian burger

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redfer and Warnock: Thai coconut chicken soup, udon noodle soup, spring roll, pork potstickers, beef satay, chicken satay, shrimp satay, grilled chicken breast, rice bowl beef, rice bowl tofu, teriyaki, stirfry drunken noodles, stirfry tofu drunken noodles

Simmons: rice bowl beef, rice bowl tofu, teriyaki, beef satay, chicken satay, shrimp satay, grilled chicken breast, broccoli florettes, stirfry drunken noodles, stirfry tofu drunken noodles, edamame, ginger glazed sugar snap peas, sticky rice, sweet and sour baby carrots

Waring: assorted specialty breads, Thai coconut chicken soup, udon noodle soup, beef satay, chicken satay, shrimp satay, stirfry drunken noodles, grilled chicken breast, rice bowl beef, rice bowl tofu, teriyaki, Asian chicken and pasta, cheese pizza, hoagie roll, manager's choice, marinara sauce, meat sauce, meatballs in sauce, pepperoni pizza, baked potato

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PSA hosts health care debate

By Marilyn Perez COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Though the Penn State College Democrats stood alone in its agreement with the new health care law, the College Republicans stood alone in its belief that health insurance is not a necessity.

'You're not going to die without health care,' a member of the College Republicans Andrew Natalo (senior-management) said. 'Health insurance and candy bars are a luxury, not a right.'

Penn State's Political Science Association hosted the debate on health care reform Tuesday night in 110 Wartik Laboratory.

Some of the effects of the new health care reform law include: allowing children aged 26 and younger to remain under their parents' health insurance plans, disallowing insurers to deny coverage because of previous conditions, offering tax credits to small businesses in order to make employee coverage affordable and providing a \$250 rebate to Medicare beneficiaries who hit the donut hole in 2010.

'You're not going to die without health care. Health insurance and candy bars are a luxury, not a right.'

Andrew Natalo senior - management

The College Democrats' Executive Vice President Dustin Dove said though the law is imperfect, it is a step in the right direction.

'There are a lot of good things in this bill — like extending it to people until the age of 26,' Dove (senior-secondary education) said. 'For the most part, we do agree with this bill.'

The College Socialists, on the other hand, believe the bill is providing a misconception to the American public.

'In many ways, this doesn't cover everybody,' College Socialist Paige Heimark (freshman-history) said. 'So many people are under the impression that this is universal health care when it's not.'

Dove urged the Socialists to recognize while it's not perfect,

it has many good aspects. The College Republicans believe the new law has many unconstitutional parts.

Natalo pointed out the 4th Amendment is violated within the bill, which allows the government to have free access of people's bank account information.

PSA member Lauren Muthler (sophomore-political science) said the debate made her question views she thought she already had a firm opinion on.

'These people are very involved politically — they all know their stuff,' Muthler said. 'It's good for people who are not as involved or educated to come out here and hear the different points.'

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Tweets

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meeting at 8 in 302 HUB-Robeson Center.

A public Facebook event called 'Make your presence known...' encourages those who 'disagree with this person representing the students at this university' to attend the UPUA meeting. As of press time, it had 29 confirmed guests.

Both Lucas and Karn confirmed that they spoke with each other the evening the allegations came up.

During the conversation, Karn said he attempted to establish a relationship with Lucas, extending

him an invitation to attend future Student Life and Diversity meetings or functions.

'He and I, as far as I'm concerned, resolved a majority of our differences,' Karn said. 'I shook his hand, looked in his face and apologized for any of my actions that may have offended him.'

But Lucas said he feels Karn 'mischaracterized' their interaction and wants UPUA to hold him accountable.

Ragland, also a former Student Life and Diversity Chairman, said UPUA will deal with the matter accordingly.

'UPUA holds every chair member to high standard because they

are representing the student body as a whole,' he said. 'It's unfortunate that this has happened. We respect everybody on campus — we are student leaders, and that's what we're supposed to do.'

Karn said he has tried to handle the situation responsibly and internally, and he is unsure whether any further action will be taken by UPUA.

'The people who know me best know I'm a person of sound morals and values, and I hope only to further prove that in my future actions,' Karn said.

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Dorms

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Association of Residence Hall Students President Steve Roberts said though only 2 percent of the East Halls population is 21 or older, the policy would serve as 'an intimidation factor' and act as a deterrent to dangerous drinking in the long run.

'As a school, we need to take some steps to address this, because I think it dilutes the value of a Penn State diploma,' Roberts (sophomore-economics and finance) said.

But some students said the policy

would not be enough to prevent alcohol-related incidents.

East Halls resident Cathy Smrekar thinks the policy will be a 'big waste of time' and underage drinking will continue regardless.

'Because so many freshman do drink and pre-game, I don't think it will make a difference,' she said.

But Smrekar (freshman-kinesiology) said she understands the need for the policy.

'I can see both points of view,' she said. 'Since I'm choosing to live on campus, I have to follow their rules.'

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UPAC

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opportunities for people outside of SPA.'

However, Praveen Pandian, executive director of entertainment event planning at Penn State Marketing Association (PSMA), presented a different proposal for UPAC's policy. PSMA wanted UPAC to change its policy so that \$25,000 could be requested for single honorarium with a maximum of \$30,000 allocated for a series of honoraria.

Pandian (sophomore-marketing and advertising) said that at least \$20,000 is needed to bring 'the next level' of entertainment, the level at which he said Sean Kingston is.

'\$12,000 is really an insufficient number for booking artists,' he said. 'By lifting the restrictions, it secures our right as students to bring in good entertainment.'

But UPAC decided to meet halfway by raising its previous policy but not completely adhering to PSMA's proposal. Donovan said UPAC members felt it was the 'responsible' way to go.

'I think this is a good direction to move in because it combines both sides,' he said. 'We realize that good artists do cost a good amount,

so we're trying to reflect that, but there are logistical conflicts.'

One of the logistical conflicts discussed at Tuesday's meeting was the lack of venue space on campus to hold events that draw in larger audiences, but Donovan said the new policy addresses this concern.

'I think the people you can get with this amount of money will still work with the venue space that we have,' he said.

Another concern addressed at the meeting was that if a large sum of money was allocated to student groups, their events could potentially undermine the purpose of the Student Programming Association (SPA). But with the current change, Donovan said he does not think this will be an issue.

'A lot of [SPA's] concerts do involve very large artists, so I don't think it will conflict at all,' he said.

Pandian said he was pleased with the decision made by UPAC, even though the policy was not changed to PSMA's specifications.

'I feel that [the policy change] is definitely a step in the right direction,' he said. 'This is the logical next step. With the increase, student organizations other than SPA will be able to plan bigger events.'

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Gym

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around the shoulders for women and 'muscle shirts' cut low on the sides for men were specifically cited as dress code violations because of hygiene and safety issues, said Penn State's Director of Strength and Fitness Chip Harrison.

'If the midriff is showing or if somebody [has] essentially cut off what would have been a T-shirt, we've asked them to wear something a little more complete,' Harrison said. 'We're trying to be as open as we can. I think at this point, people have gotten a little more creative with what they've decided to do to their shirts and things.'

But the actual policy governing gym attire is more ambiguous. Penn State's fitness Web site only states, 'Appropriate exercise clothing is required for admittance. This includes a shirt and shoes.'

About a month ago, Mike Boyer (junior-biology) said he was told to change because his muscle shirt

was cut too low on the sides.

'I've seen some people wear some things a little worse than that,' Boyer said. 'I've worn it again and they haven't said anything. I thought it was pretty ridiculous.'

Harrison said the staff tries to be as consistent as possible when enforcing the dress code, but Kayla Wells (senior-information sciences and technology) said she can recall unequal treatment while working out.

'The girl at the machine next to me was wearing a similar tank top, and she was asked to leave and I wasn't,' Wells said. 'They're just enforcing it when they want to enforce it.'

Though the staff isn't trying to limit gym members' fashion, Harrison said the gym isn't always the appropriate environment for such self-expression.

He knows people like to look good at the gym, but there's a limit.

'It's a place to work out, not a place to stretch your stuff,' he said.

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Keirans

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UPUA has brought to the student body during his time in office.

To other outgoing UPUA seniors, such as former Chief of Staff Matt Smith, it's not just 'accomplishments' that are worth noting, however.

Smith (senior-international politics) said some of UPUA's less visible victories — such as acquiring a standing budget and increasing student input on the administrative level, specifically through the Facilities Fee Board and Faculty Senate — are just as important as the big-ticket items.

'We could be churning out an event every day, but that doesn't mean we're getting stronger. That just means we're getting good at programming,' he said.

But Smith said he still thinks UPUA has room for improvement in terms of being a primary resource for undergraduates.

'If we can make changes that normally you'd only see faculty or administrators make, that's when you'll see people go to us as an authority on changing the university,' Smith said.

And Keirans acknowledged a bigger focus on student engagement would have been beneficial during his time in office. His biggest regret is not devoting more time to speaking directly with students, he said.

Indeed, his platform for the 2009 UPUA election included plans for weekly video blogs on the UPUA Web site, a 'Freshman Foundations Festival' and an initiative called 'President Gavin Keirans Speaks to Every Freshman' — none of which came to fruition this year.

'One of the things I was hoping to do is more outreach to students ... It just never developed to the point where we wanted it to,' he said.

Former Director of Assembly Services Samantha Miller (senior-political science) said UPUA has grown 'immensely' since she joined during her sophomore year, but it still has more work to do — and its future growth is dependent upon being committed to earning the student body's respect.

'I still think [UPUA's] fragile, but in a good way,' Miller (senior-political science) said. '[Representatives] need to remember this isn't a given title or a given set of privileges. Everything has to be earned. Our work is to serve the students, and the second that people think they're above doing that is the minute UPUA will stop growing.'

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