

UPUA budget drafts future projects

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University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) members discussed the organization's financial proposal for the 2010-2011 academic year Friday — a budget that totals \$139,625.

Most of the money would go toward each of UPUA's committees and the executive board, while some of the funds are for presidential and general use.

"We have a budget that is being used to its fullest potential," UPUA President Christian Ragland (junior-political science) said.

The White Loop extension

received a proposed \$23,000 allocation, and \$7,000 was set aside for Encampment. The freshman handbook — the "S" book — received \$10,000 in the proposed budget.

Establishing the Pennsylvania Student Association — a major initiative from Ragland's presidential campaign — received \$14,000 of the executive board's funding.

Marissa Wilson, a UPUA at-large representative, spoke out in favor of the expenditure.

"The time is now — we cannot wait any longer," Wilson (freshman-liberal arts) said. "Having representation at the state and national level is huge."

Wilson said the funds would go toward student membership fees

for the United States Student Association (USSA), as well as sending student representatives to USSA conferences. UPUA has not officially decided to join the organization.

UPUA members also proposed allocating \$5,000 to update its website. Ragland said the creation of a better website combined with a strong public relations director will give students better access to their government. "I've heard of the website not working," Ragland said. "This new site would allow even students that are part of the Commonwealth Campuses to participate."

The academic affairs committee proposed a potential new plan. The committee requested \$6,000

to fund exploration into the use of the "MyMap" program, a potential replacement for eLion.

The program would combine the current functions of eLion with the schedule of courses and degree audits. MyMap is already in use at Brigham Young University, the University of Minnesota and San Diego State University. According to academic affairs committee members, the eLion Governance Board has approved the request to evaluate this vision for such a program.

Dan Hemmert (sophomore-finance), the vice chairman of UPUA's academic affairs committee, said he is working with other schools to understand the program and how to effectively imple-

Proposed expenditures

Some of the University Park Undergraduate Association's (UPUA) budget proposals for the 2010-2011 academic year include:

- \$23,000** for White Loop extension
- \$7,000** for Encampment
- \$10,000** for The "S" Book, the freshman handbook
- \$14,000** for the Pennsylvania Student Association project
- \$5,000** for website updates
- \$6,000** for potential eLion replacement program "MyMap"

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ment it. The budget will be voted on at Wednesday's meeting.

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Stadium 5K benefits Special Olympics Pa.

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Franco Harris and Sue Paterno participated Sunday morning in what may be the newest Blue-White tradition, as more than 800 runners and walkers took part in the first Beaver Stadium 5K Run Family Fun Walk.

The event, which featured a 5K for runners and a family-friendly one-mile walk, raised more than \$35,000 for Special Olympics Pennsylvania, which provides yearlong training and competition in Olympic-style sports for both children and adults.

"I'm thinking this could become a signature fundraiser for years to come — something that other Special Olympics could emulate," said Julie Cushing, Special Olympics Pennsylvania's vice president of marketing and development.

He said the initial goal had been to raise \$20,000. The run began in front of the Bryce Jordan Center on Caran Road and proceeded through Penn State's campus, ending with runners and walkers going through the Beaver Stadium tunnel onto the field.

Cushing said this event would be perfect for "die-hard" Penn Staters who would jump at the opportunity to be on the 50-yard line in Beaver Stadium.

Runner Troy Stram said he was excited to finish in Beaver Stadium.

"It's a great event. It's awesome that they opened the stadium to the public," Stram (sophomore-crime, law and justice) said.

Members of Penn State's football team, law enforcement officials and Pro Football Hall of Fame running back and Penn State alumnus Franco Harris, formerly of the Pittsburgh Steelers, joined runners onto the field.

Harris, who worked with Special Olympics Pennsylvania for more than 30 years, said he was honored to be a part of Sunday's event.

Sue Paterno largely made the race possible and really got the event off the ground, Cushing said. But Paterno said she was appreciative of the effort made by those involved in the event.

"I want to thank everyone. Because Special Olympic athletes are getting out there, people are becoming aware of others' special needs," Paterno said.



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Franco Harris congratulates runners finishing the Beaver Stadium 5K.



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Students stand by an altar on Friday afternoon remembering loved ones who have passed away this year during the annual Day of Remembrance at the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center's Worship Hall.

Day helps students reflect

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If only for a brief moment, Friday's Day of Remembrance provided an opportunity for students to reflect upon the loss of friends and classmates in the past year.

Photographs of some of the 37 Penn State students from all campuses who have died in the past year lined the table of the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center's Worship Hall.

In a tranquil setting of soft music and flowers, visitors were able to take a timeout from their regular day and light candles as symbols of remembrance of the students whose lives were cut short.

A formal ceremony with speeches used to take place as part of the Day of Remembrance, but Assistant Director for the Center for Ethics and Religious Affairs Beth Bradley said the format was changed three years ago to allow people to cope with loss in their own way.

"We try to keep it simple, elegant and respectful," Bradley said. "We keep it non-denominational to acknowledge that there are many faiths. We try to acknowledge all students, that they are all important and all missed."

All the families of students who died in the past year were contacted about sending in pictures or other materials to display in Worship Hall.

Ten students' photos were on display.

Bradley said many of this year's student deaths can be attributed to car accidents.

Surrounded by a group of her friends, Megan Albright (sophomore-political science) lit a candle in memory of her former best friend and roommate, Emily Trump, who died in a car crash in June.

Albright said she appreciated that the university designates a Day of Remembrance, so she could take a few personal moments to think about her long-time friend.

She said she was shocked when she saw how long the list of names of deceased students was.

"To me, it's something I live with everyday," Albright said.

"It's sad and heartbreaking, but to me it's a little bit relieving that people go through the same thing I go through."

Visitors were able to enter Worship Hall as part of the Day of Remembrance from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bradley said she expected this year's Day of Remembrance would draw in more visitors because of the widely publicized death of Joe Dado.

Dado died in September after falling into an exterior stairwell during a night out with friends.

Daniel Beaver (sophomore-information sciences and technology and security risk analysis) heard about the Day of Remembrance from his friend Danielle Dado, a cousin of Joe Dado.

Beaver said he wanted to stop by to pay his respects and pray for Joe.

"I can tell right now if they're loved like this, they led good lives," Beaver said of all the deceased students. "They're in heaven right now."

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