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More clubs needed at meeting

Student body President Christian Ragland met with the director of the Penn State Presidential Leadership Academy last week, discussing ways to combat dangerous drinking in State College.

It's a curious mix of student leaders to combat an important issue and Ragland deserves praise for taking the first steps in his term as University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) president to tackle the issue. But he needs to go further.

These conversations should include members

and leaders from the greek community, student-athletes and various other Penn State organizations and clubs. Clubs and organizations should also invite guest speakers to discuss the dangers of excessive drinking.

While Penn State President Graham Spanier's hand-picked elite freshmen group have the potential to be campus leaders in the future, Ragland should also be working with students who are already in a position to launch all-encompassing drinking initiatives.

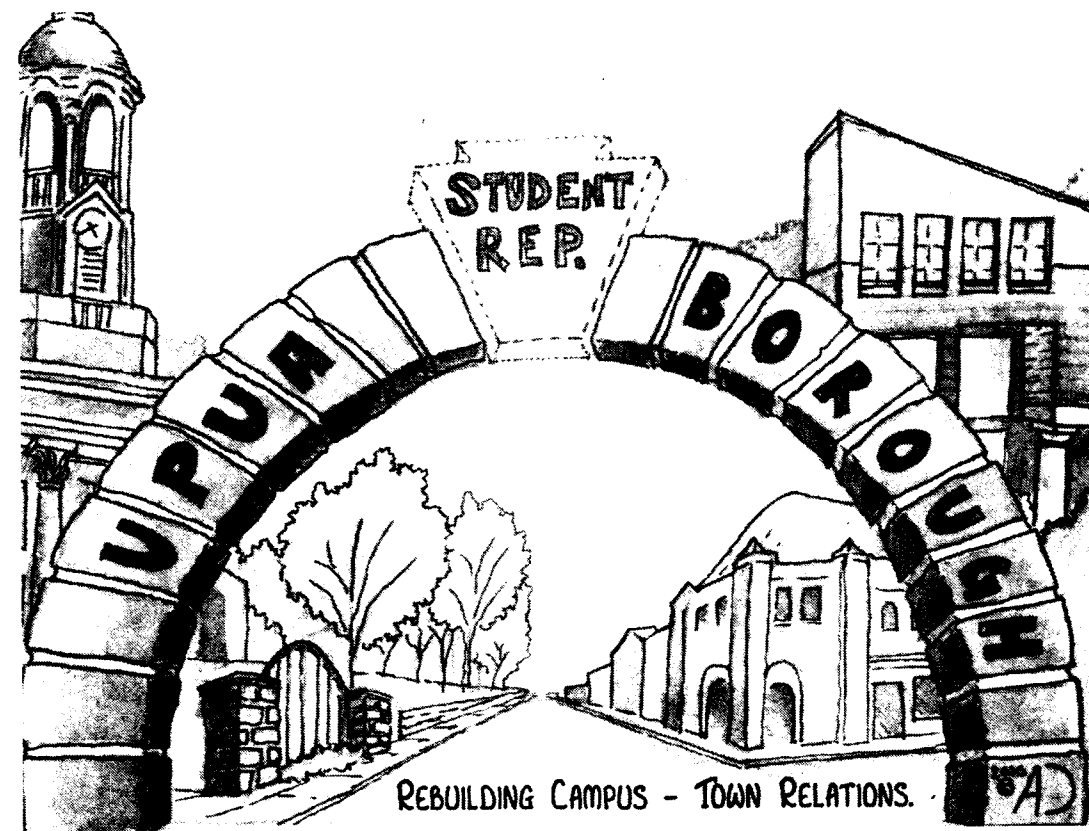
The borough should also meet with students to discuss dangerous drinking. Instead of proposing questionable ordinances, like the Nuisance Gathering Ordinance, borough leaders should reach out to students to better foster town and gown relations regarding excessive drinking.

Dangerous drinking is an important issue that deserves to be discussed at all levels within the community. It's one that requires better relationships amongst the public — not just public relations spin.



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FOOTBLOG

Lineman Mangiro picks PSU

Angelo Mangiro, an offensive lineman from Roxbury High School, committed to Penn State on Sunday, Fight on State reported. The 6-foot-3 lineman also considered Rutgers, Ohio State and Pittsburgh before narrowing his choice down to the Scarlet Knights and Nittany Lions. The New Jersey native received 12 collegiate offers, including one from Florida. Mangiro, who weighs 290 pounds, liked Penn State because of its family feel. He is the fourth 2011 recruit to commit to Penn State.

Osborne attending meetings

Despite Nebraska not joining the Big Ten until 2011, Cornhuskers' Athletic Director Tom Osborne will be joining the Big Ten's preseason meetings in Chicago. Osborne's attendance at the Aug. 2-3 event in Chicago was reported by ESPN.com's Adam Rittenberg.

... Cornhuskers coach Bo Pelini will not attend the meeting.

... However, Osborne won't have an official say in anything the conference does until Nebraska officially joins next July. But, the former Congressman will surely have plenty of ideas and suggestions to make. ...

Audrey Snyder
Football reporter

BLOGGING, KICKING AND SCREAMING

American women eliminated

The United States women's U-20 World Cup run is over. After winning its group, the Americans faced off against Nigeria on Sunday in Germany. Despite an early go-ahead goal, the United States fell 4-2 on penalty kicks after tying Nigeria 1-1 in regulation and extra time.

Penn State midfielder Christine Nairn was the first PK-taker for the United States but saw her attempt saved by Nigerian keeper Alaba Jonathan.

... The loss marks the earliest exit in a U-20 World Cup by the United States since the bi-annual competition began in 2002. Previously, the Americans had never lost before the semi-finals.

Andrew Robinson
Sports co-editor

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Wanted: Web Intern

The Collegian is seeking a web intern for the fall semester to join its award-winning web team. This position offers a merit-based \$1,000 scholarship per semester.

We are diving into several new web initiatives this fall including a brand new website, and are looking for applicants with a working knowledge of HTML, CSS and proficiency in at least one of the following: Javascript, Flash, PHP, Perl, ASPnet, or C#. We are also looking into mobile applications, as well, so a knowledge of or interest in learning about mobile development is encouraged but not required.

You will be working with the Web Editor, who also has a knowledge of these technologies. This position requires a flexible but steady time commitment. Your responsibilities will vary based on your skills, but could include designing pages and/or interactive pieces for our site, writing scripts to parse and reformat old stories or communicate with public APIs (Twitter, Tumblr, etc), or designing back-end management systems, among other things.

An interest in journalism and being a part of an independent student newspaper is highly encouraged, as well.

To apply, send a resume and cover letter to Editor in Chief Elizabeth Murphy at editorinchief@psu.collegian.com.

Volunteering offers unique summer opportunity

By Shannon Simcox

Is anyone else aware that there is only a precious few weeks left in our sweet summer time before classes start up again?

I knew the clock was ticking, but wow. So as the inevitable thoughts of the fall semester come swimming into my head, I can't help but think what have I been doing all summer?

I held down a job. I worked an internship. I laid out on the beach. I partied. The list doesn't really seem like anything special.

If you are with me, wondering where your summer went to, there is still about a month left to do something. What about volunteering?

Something that's not always on everyone's to do list (sure it looks good on a resume but what is there actually to gain) might be just what

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you need to make this summer a memorable one.

In 2009, only 22 percent of the population ages 16 to 24 volunteered. A pittance really, and what's worse is that once the age group reached college level, it dropped. Twenty six percent of the population ages 16 to 19 volunteer, whereas only about 19 percent of people ages 20 to 24 volunteer.

Finding somewhere to lend a hand can be as simple as a Google search for "volunteer opportunities in (insert area here)." There are a wide variety of opportunities to find just the right fit — just look for something interesting. Someone could deliver meals with the local Meals on Wheels program, visit a soup kitchen, help out at a blood drive — the possibilities are endless.

Maybe a Google search is a little

too much preparation. Lending your time to aid the needs of someone else could be as simple as knocking on the door of an elderly next-door neighbor and chatting for a few minutes or offering to babysit for a new mom.

Simple tasks like this, the sacrifice of a night here or an afternoon there, are truly miniscule in the grand scheme of things. But for the elderly gentleman longing for some conversation or the mom who really needs a night off, it could mean the world. Maybe you will get to hear some old war stories from the old man, or one of the children you volunteered to babysit will turn out to be a pretty cool kid.

Yeah, there's work the next day, a party or bar that you could go to, a movie you could see or a couch that is simply calling your name. But those things are always there.

When the fall comes around and you're thinking back on your summer, I'm willing to bet a memory of something like volunteering is going to stick out beyond the \$10 movie that possibly ripped you off.

I was recently at the headquarters of the Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels program writing up a story for my internship. I was there as the volunteers were returning with updates for the staff members. I watched as the group of people all came in with smiles.

There are going to be tons of movies, parties and workdays in the future — none of those things are going to give the satisfaction that comes with lending a helping hand. At the end of the day, you will know that you made the difference in the life of a total stranger, family member or neighbor.

What did you do this summer? The answer could be, "Same old, same old," or it could be a lasting memory of a toddler you babysat.

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