

Roundtable talks student athletics

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Associate Athletic Director Greg Myford said at Thursday night's presidential roundtable meeting that he wants to strengthen communication between the Penn State Intercollegiate Athletic Department and the student body.

"It's kind of ironic, actually, because [the student body] is probably the most largest body here in town, probably the most active body, and it is the hardest to get in touch with," he said. "I continually come back to the best way, which is to plant the seeds in the students who are passionate about the athletics — students become ambassadors, if you will, to our other students."

Student body president Christian Ragland said he wants to help spread the word about athletics, which is one of the reasons why he asked Myford to attend the this year's first meeting of the presidential roundtable Thursday night.

The roundtable, part of Ragland's campaign platform, brings together all the presidents of various student organizations on campus to talk about on-campus issues. At the meeting, Myford answered questions that various members of the presidential roundtable had about ticketing and the proposed movement of the student section.

Because there were problems in the past with people buying tickets purely to sell them before the games, Myford said the athletic department moved to electronic ticketing to ensure that the maxi-

mum number of Penn State students were able to attend games.

Though Interfraternity Council President Max Wendkos said he understands the department's reasoning of electronic ticketing systems, there are some concerns he and fraternity presidents have about it.

"Sometimes they have a national consultant coming into town or fraternity brothers from another chapter that want to get that Penn State football experience and sit with their chapter," Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) said. "But there is no ... correct way to go about it."

Ragland (senior-political science) said he also wanted to know how student leaders could draw students to other games aside from football.

"I definitely think that's a lot of information we can take back into our own organizations because a lot of us have large constituents," Ragland said. "How can we find ways to get more attention to non-revenue sports? Because I think that's where our strength here as student leaders will be ... to bring attention to the sports that are not our football team."

Myford said the department is looking into a program, tentatively called Roaring Awards, that would be similar to frequent-flyer award programs.

"It's an attendance policy," he said. "In essence, there's a point system associated with each event. The more events you attend, the more awards you get. There's a lot that can be done with it."

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Laura Davis (sophomore-secondary education) participates in a toga relay at Color Wars Thursday evening at Heritage Hall in the HUB-Robeson Center as part of Panhellenic Pride Week.

Sororities unite for Color Wars

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Heritage Hall was filled with cheers and laughs as members of the Panhellenic Council (PHC) took a swing at dizzy bat and snacked on pokey sticks.

Over one hundred PHC members gathered Thursday for Color Wars, an effort organized as a part of the annual Panhellenic Pride Week. The event was an effort to bring women from different sorority chapters together. Frances Kuhne, PHC executive vice president, said the event has been in the works for nearly a year.

"Everyone seems excited to meet women from other chapters, work together and have some fun right before recruitment starts," she said.

Kuhne (senior-accounting) said that many women in sororities across campus focus primarily on their own chapters during the recruitment season and that Color Wars is a way for women

from different chapters to become united.

"We want girls who are thinking about rushing to see that although they are interested in a specific chapter, they are joining the entire Panhellenic community," she said.

The event featured a series of field games, as it was originally intended to occur on the HUB-Robeson Center's lawn.

Hannah Bracale (sophomore-English and Spanish) said that the event was moved to the HUB a few days before the event after looking at the forecast. Bracale, a member of the Junior Panhellenic and also a member of Sigma Kappa, said the event featured a number of fun events for the sorority women to compete in. The event featured dizzy bat, a toga relay race and a greek letter scavenger hunt, among others. Each team included women from many different chapters so that the women could meet other greeks from PHC, Bracale said.

"We've noticed a big division in

the chapters," she said. "We're hoping this kicks off a better relationship in the greek community. We should all enjoy being greek together."

Students like Mary Rykaczewski who attended the event were enthusiastic to get to know other PHC members.

"This is a great event because it brings everyone together and it brings the greek community together as a whole," Rykaczewski (sophomore-advertising and marketing) said.

Aside from Color Wars, there have been a number of events this week in relation to Panhellenic Pride Week. Sororities participated in penny wars earlier this week in order to raise money for the Centre County Women's Resource Center in State College.

"We're estimating that we've raised a little over \$200 for the center," Kuhne said. In total, 144 women attended the event.

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Students share coffee, discuss Pakistani flood

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Hope was the theme at Thursday's International Coffee Hour event — and members of the Pakistani Student Association were the guests.

"We like to feature different groups," said Tia Trueblood, University Office of Global Programs program coordinator. "We wanted to partner with the Pakistani Student Association to help bring awareness to the flood in Pakistan."

On Thursday afternoons, the University Office of Global Programs hosts International Coffee Hour. During the weekly event, both international and American students gather to learn more about different countries and their cultures.

Pakistani Student Association President Yasar Awan said he was thrilled when he was contacted to have his group at the event.

"It's a great opportunity," Awan (senior-science) said. "The media is not depicting all that is going on in Pakistan, and I want everyone to know."

Izzah Khan (freshman-public relations and English) was in Pakistan during the summer, before and after the flood took place.

"Watching people cry because they have no food or shelter was very depressing," Khan said.

All year, the Pakistani Student Association will raise money for the devastating flood in Pakistan.

To help raise money for the

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flood victims, the student organization is collecting donations, selling wristbands and having a dinner on Saturday.

Any profits made will be donated to United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), a United Nations organization and Imran Khan Foundation, a Pakistani-based foundation.

"I wholeheartedly just want people to help," Eijazahmed Mulla (sophomore-security risk and analysis) said.

Mulla, serving as the organization's public relations chairman, said he was a regular member last year but decided to join the board in the hope of helping flood victims.

"The victims have to rely on the other countries because the Pakistani government is not helping as much as they should," Mulla said.

About 45 students of different races and heritages were at the event.

"No matter what your race or religion is, it is ethical to help those who are in need," Divijinder Singh Oberoi (sophomore-physics) said.

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Instrument sale entices music fans

By Chris Zook
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Music has the power to bring people together, and nowhere was that more evident than at State College Area High School (SCAHS) Thursday night.

The State College Area School District Music Boosters hosted its 30th annual used instrument sale last night. Amid sections of instruments — ranging from woodwinds to strings and beyond — dozens of children, parents and student volunteers wandered in the high school's north cafeteria checking out whatever caught their eye.

Joan Kovalchik has organized the event since its inception. On average, she said, the event earns the music booster club about \$1,000 each year. But, she added, pricing the instruments is where things can get tricky.

"I really think that's the hardest job," she said.

Often, it comes down to one question.

"Do you want what it's worth, or do you want to sell it?" she said. She explained that participants usually have to cut their prices significantly.

Though the sale may appear to be somewhat small, there is a lot



Jack Eggert, 69, of State College, evaluates a clarinet with Michelle Lowry, 40, of State College, at the high school's instrument sale.

of work that goes into it each year, Kovalchik said. A combination of teachers, musicians and, for the first time this year, Penn State students, come together to help gather, price and haul the instruments, she said.

Richard Victor, a music teacher at SCAHS, also been a part of the sale since its beginning, he said. He added that over the years, the sale has become a "win-win" for the community, placing old, used and restored instruments into eager hands.

Rei Phillippi, a junior at SCAHS, said even though he had attended the annual event several times before, this was his first year volunteering.

The instrument sale is a "great experience" for both beginning

and veteran musicians, he added. And though the noise of random notes and scales was always in the background, Phillippi said he didn't mind.

"It's fun to hear all the people playing," he said.

Phillippi said his first saxophone, a Vito, was purchased at one of the annual sales, and he's valued it ever since.

"It's served me well," he said. Jake Hamlett, a senior at SCAHS, was also helping out during the event. By volunteering, he said he hopes to inspire the next generation of musicians in a similar way he was inspired.

"This is where imagination is born," he said.

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Doris Abara (junior-biobehavioral health) takes cover near a building to talk on her cell phone during Thursday's rain storms.

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