

Bid day brings sisterhood and excitement to HUB

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Thursday night, Alyssa Tani got a few new additions to her family. And although they aren't related by blood, Tani said their sisterhood bond goes just as deep.

The HUB-Alumni Hall was filled with girls anxiously waiting to find out which sorority they got a bid from, hoping to eventually become an initiated sister at their sorority of choice Thursday.

And at 6:45 p.m., the room erupted into shrieks as the girls ripped open their envelopes and read their official bid.

Taylor Boucher said it's been a long and stressful road, but she's happy she rushed. Boucher said last night she had put down Sigma Kappa and Zeta Tau Alpha as her two top choices — but before opening the letter, she was crossing her fingers to see Zeta Tau

Alpha's bid.

"Everyone has been telling us that whatever happens, it's destined to be and we should be happy," Boucher (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said.

And when Boucher opened her envelope, she knew that was true. "I am so happy I got Zeta," Boucher said.

While the girls hugged each other in the Alumni Hall, the sisters were waiting right outside the room with large, decorated letters for their sorority. In previous years, the new girls usually ran down the HUB-Robeson lawn to their new sisters, but the rain caused a change of plans.

"It's currently a slip-and-slide of mud right now," Tani (sophomore-biobehavioral health) said.

Tani, a sister of Sigma Kappa, said she's excited to get to know the "new babies."

"Directly after this, we take them back to our suite until around midnight and we all get to know each other on a deeper level," Tani said.

Kate Shelton, a sister of Alpha Delta Pi, said it's been a lot of hard work during recruitment, but she's happy to see it pay off.

Shelton (senior-journalism), who went through recruitment as a sophomore, said it's fun being on the "other side of things."

Mariel Harden said she put Alpha Delta Pi as her number one choice and couldn't be more thrilled that she received a bid from them.

"I wasn't sure if they liked me or not but everything worked out in the end," Harden (freshman-nutrition) said. "With ADPi I don't have to be someone I'm not, and for other sororities I definitely had to put a façade on and not act like my true self."



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Women excitedly wait to open an envelope designating their sorority.

And for the girls who had waited all day to find out their new sorority, Alyssa Goldschneider, a "Pi Chi" — someone who took groups of girls around to the different sorority suites — said this is an emotional experience for all involved.

"It's been a huge time commitment, but definitely so worth it," Goldschneider (senior public relations) said. "It's been really rewarding and I'm so excited for all the girls."

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'Night Out' moves in due to rain

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Campus Night Out became campus night in when the student government hosted event was moved inside Thursday night because of the weather.

The second annual University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) Campus Night Out — an event held to promote safety on campus — was forced to relocate from Old Main patio to the first floor of the HUB-Robeson Center.

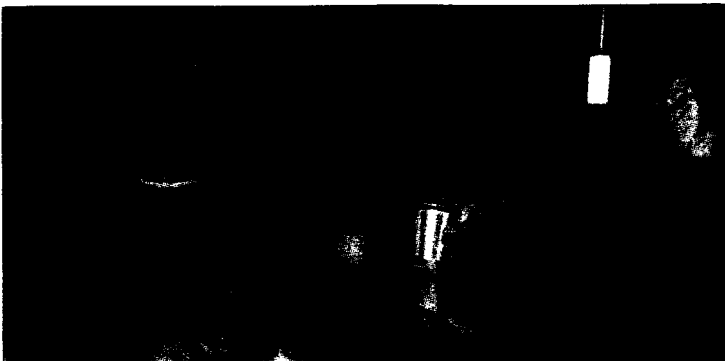
UPUA members said the rain hindered the event's success.

"We had to cancel the speakers, the DJ and the performances," said UPUA Student Life and Diversity Chairwoman Colleen Cannon.

The Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) was the only organization able to attend Campus Night Out because of the last-minute move to the HUB.

CCWRC Prevention Educator Lisa Maras attended the event, so students could find out more about resources the center offers.

"The response has been good from the students that are here," she said. "I think [UPUA mem-



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Free Rita's Water Ice was given out during UPUA's Campus Night Out.

bers] are wonderfully motivated. The weather dampened the evening."

Amanda Jankowitsch came to Campus Night Out and said she thought campus safety was an important issue to spread awareness about.

"It's good to hear it from people your own age," Jankowitsch (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said.

UPUA Student Life and Diversity Vice President Mallory Reed had similar sentiments as Cannon (sophomore-division of undergraduate studies).

"The rain really affected the event," Reed (junior-political science) said. "There were supposed to be a lot more resource tables. I'm still happy that UPUA can give some information out about the women's resource center."

Meredith Moore, who attended Campus Night Out, said she thought the event was "such a

smart idea."

"It's a good way to show that our university cares about our safety," Moore (freshman-science) said.

At the event, UPUA also handed out free Campus Night Out T-shirts and Rita's water ice.

Tyler Willis, who also attended the event, said he thought campus safety is important, adding that he particularly liked the free T-shirts.

"If you wear this shirt out, yeah it's free, but people will see you wearing it," Willis (sophomore-kinesiology) said. "[The shirts are] basically marketing for what their cause is."

Despite the weather, Cannon said Campus Night Out had a good turnout.

"Everybody has been interested in the resource tables that are here," she said.

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Annual 5K to start Homecoming week

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Homecoming week festivities will kick off this Sunday with the second annual Homecoming 5K race.

Check-in — and sign-ups, for those who wake up that morning and decide to run — will begin at 11 a.m. at the IM Building near East Halls.

Even though it's only the second year this race has been held, Homecoming Public Relations Director Caitlin Rush said she's already seen it evolve into something more.

"We've been planning since March and we've worked on building it for this year," Rush (junior-marketing and public relations) said. "We want to build it every year until we get it down to routine."

Rush said Homecoming captains have been doing everything from planning entertainment acts, to running around and gathering donations for the runner bags at the end of the race.

Becky Murdy, public relations captain for Homecoming, said many surrounding businesses have greatly helped by donating things like gift cards, T-shirts and mugs for the runners.

"Who doesn't love free stuff?" Murdy (senior-public relations) said.

Members of the Penn State track team will lead the runners and walkers at the beginning in stretches.

And runners can depend on some talented fans to help cheer them on.

Members from the Penn State cheerleading team, Lionettes and the Blue Band will also be in attendance.

Christen Morelli, public relations captain for Homecoming, said that though it hasn't been easy, the volunteers' dedication and hard work will pay off.

Last year, there were about 250 runners, and Morelli expects even more this year. Though the homecoming committee encouraged people to commit to the race online by paying the \$15 entry cost beforehand, Morelli said many people usually sign up the day of the race. Rush said the goal this year is to get 400 participants or more, and she thinks it will happen.

But if people want to sign-up the day of the race, they must be prepared to pay with cash or check, Rush said.

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