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Gift options revealed

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With choices that span from a plaza to a scholarship, the Senior Class Gift Committee released the final three options for the 2011 senior class gift in a press release Tuesday.

One senior class gift option is the Lt. Murphy/Penn State Veterans Plaza, which would honor Lt. Michael P. Murphy, Class of 1998, as well as all Penn State veterans.

Murphy is the only Penn State alumnus to be awarded the Medal of Honor, according to a press release from the committee.

The second option is the "Old Willow" Tree and Class of 2011 Trustee Scholarship.

The gift would feature the planting of a willow tree on campus to commemorate an original Penn State symbol.

It would also provide a scholarship to students who need financial aid.

The final proposal is the Penn State Alma Mater Display.

The gift would display the song and its history in a prominent location on campus.

Ryan Hartnett, Senior Class Gift Committee communications chairwoman, said narrowing down the many proposals to the

final three options was a process involving many steps.

"We first collect all of the proposals from Penn State students and the community. Then, we have to sit down and take out ones that we know won't go past administration," Hartnett (senior-public relations) said.

Along with the Senior Class Gift Committee, a faculty committee and members of the Office of Physical Plant meet to discuss the viability of each gift proposal, Hartnett said.

"With the whole committee, we narrow the proposals down to our top 30 choices," she said.

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Class gives back

The Senior Class Gift Committee released its final three choices for this year's class gift.



LT. MURPHY/PENN STATE VETERANS PLAZA

OLD WILLOW AND CLASS OF 2011 TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP



PENN STATE ALMA MATER DISPLAY

Source: Ryan Hartnett, Senior Class Gift Committee; Angel Perricone, Collegian

MOVIN' ON

Show could get \$250k

By Mike Hricik
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The University Park Allocation Committee passed a proposal Tuesday night that would allow Movin' On, the newly unified student organization, to receive up to \$250,000 in funding for its spring concert.

The proposal passed at Tuesday's meeting instituted the standing allocation organization status. If they apply for and receive the status, Movin' On and other organizations who apply could receive up to \$250,000 in funds from UPAC.

Under the standing allocation organization status plan, Movin' On would be recognized as a university affiliate with an obligation to produce a yearly spring concert with distributed funds.

Movin' On has not yet been granted standing allocation organization status, but will be able to apply for it by Dec. 1 under the proposal.

Some organizations like the Bryce Jordan Center, the Center for the Performing Arts and the Student Programming Association already have a similar status within UPAC. The new proposal clarifies the application process for organizations looking to gain standing allocation organization status.

The plan is part of a four-step process proposed by UPAC Chairman Mark Donovan and his leadership team.

Donovan said Movin' On requested \$250,000 as its total budget for the spring concert.

Other standing allocation organizations will also have a budget cap of \$250,000, Donovan said.

UPAC leaders brought two plans to Tuesday night's meeting to address "the positives and negatives of both," with the possibility of neither or both being approved.

Under the other proposed plan, organizations would aid in

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Kelsey Morris/Collegian

Goo Goo Dolls lead singer John Rzeznik performs for a packed crowd during the band's concert at Eisenhower Auditorium on Tuesday night.

Dolls 'Slide' into Penn State

By Hannah Rishel
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Johnny Rzeznik, lead singer of the Goo Goo Dolls, promised a packed room at the Eisenhower Auditorium that he "won't tell no one your name" Tuesday night.

Rzeznik dedicated the band's performance of "Name" to the crowd, where they performed as part of their tour promoting their new album, "Something for the Rest of Us."

The audience got on their feet as soon as the lights went down, screaming as the band members took their places on stage and launched into their first song of the night, "Sweetest Lie," the first track on the new album.

The band mixed songs from their new album — including the first single, "Home" — with fan favorites that gained the band notoriety in the '90s, like "Black Balloon" and "Better Days."

Leah Blasko said before the

Goo Goo Dolls went on that the song she wanted to hear them play the most was "Slide."

"I really, really like that song," Blasko (sophomore-public relations) said.

Sean Golden, who has seen the band in concert previously, also said he wanted to hear "Slide." He added that "Name" was another one that he wanted to hear.

"Maybe they could play them simultaneously," Golden (sophomore-golf management) joked.

"They could use the music of 'Slide' and the lyrics to 'Name.' I think that would be pretty cool."

While the band didn't combine one of their most famous tunes with another song, they did play "Slide" to the delight of the audience. Screams erupted as soon as the crowd recognized the opening chords.

During the concert, Robby Takac, the bassist, encouraged the crowd to check out

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UPUA looks to appoint student rep. Pres. Christian Ragland seeks assembly's opinion for selection

By Kathleen Loughran
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The University Park Undergraduate Association is moving forward with codifying the selection process for appointing the non-voting student representative who will serve on the State College Borough Council.

According to the borough council's resolution to add a non-voting student representative — a measure that was unanimously passed Monday night — UPUA has until Dec. 1 to appoint a person who

will serve the interim term from January to May.

Penn State President Graham Spanier said he was pleased to hear the resolution had passed.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to have increased input into the governance of the borough and at the same time to assume more responsibility for a safe, welcom-



Ragland

ing and service-oriented community," Spanier wrote in an e-mail.

Though the resolution dictates that he has the right to select the student representative, UPUA President Christian Ragland said he wants the assembly's opinion and advice, partly to avoid another censure.

"I definitely think I would not appoint someone without the assembly," said Ragland (senior-political science). "I want to find ways to get them involved, so it's a consensus from the whole."

Following Ragland's appoint-

ment of chief of staff Dustin Dove last week, the assembly censured him, arguing that he had violated the UPUA constitution.

Ragland said he thinks UPUA Vice President Colleen Smith (junior-history) would be the best selection for the position.

"She has the experience with being the governmental affairs chairwoman last year," he said. "[A student representative] was really her vision. That was something she talked about last year when she was campaigning."

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Lynn McGowan/Collegian

Students fuss over last year's rainy weather at the Movin' On concert.

Student battling disease becomes national finalist

By Alexa Agugliaro
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Despite having lung treatment every day, taking an average of seven pills before every meal and having a doctor's appointment every three months, David Hughes describes himself as an average 18-year-old.

Hughes (freshman-chemical engineering) was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when he was six months old and has been battling it ever since.

He said everyone has to deal with the cards they have been

dealt — cystic fibrosis "just happens to be in his cards."

"I'm just doing what I can to stay healthy," Hughes said.

According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation website, cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States.

Hughes is the only Penn State student who is a finalist for the Solvay Cares Scholarship, a program that offers support to families affected by cystic fibrosis through nutritional, educational

and financial resources.

After being selected as one of 40 finalists across the country, Hughes now has the chance to win an \$18,000 scholarship, which he said would really help him to pay for tuition.

"If I won, it would be awesome to know that I have so much support of my family and friends," Hughes said. "I couldn't win without them. There would be no way."

Hughes said the overall winner will be picked based on an essay, creativity, academics and a doctor's recommendation.

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Courtesy of David Hughes

David Hughes says he lives an average life despite battling cystic fibrosis.