

SGA ponders tuition increase

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The Student Government Association (SGA) has been busy electing new officers, planning upcoming activities and representing the students of Penn State Harrisburg.

Brenda Wishnessky, vice president of SGA, recently spent a weekend as a PSH representative to the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) at University Park. The weekend's agenda covered topics such as future goals for the campuses and upcoming activities including a dance marathon. The main topic of discussion was the decrease in college funding, educational projects and a bill, now in college, regarding student loans.

"The Casey administration has cut

educational funding severely," Wishnessky said, "and Penn State is the college receiving the biggest of the financial cuts."

While the many students receiving financial aid are troubled by the decrease in educational subsidies, the issue will be a problem for all students. The college's deficit, created by the decrease in government aid, will be transferred to students via tuition increases.

The state's policy to decrease funding in educational areas was a greater cost to certain students. Funding for a kidney dialysis machine, vital to some students' health, as well as their only chance to acquire an education, was eliminated because of the cuts.

According to Wishnessky, University Park was the only college that offered this

Breast self-examination subject of program

The American Cancer Society will offer a free program on the prevention of breast cancer on Oct. 23, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Black Culture Arts Center.

The program will feature a 15-minute video on breast health and self-examination, and a chance for participants to practice finding lumps in silicone breasts.

According to Marylou Martz of Health Services, the program is part of

National Cancer Awareness month.

"This is a way we are encouraging women to get knowledge about cancer," Martz said. "But whether they practice self-examination or not will be up to them."

Martz also said the program is important because "the statistics are on the rise." Last year's statistics were that one in ten women would get breast cancer, while the new figures show one in nine women will get breast cancer.

dialysis care to students. "

"It was a vital factor for the people, some spending as many as three days a week receiving treatment to continue their existence as students," she said.

In other SGA news, the group is currently making plans for the Autumn Festival, to be held on Oct. 25 and 26. The weekend will begin with a Phantom

dance on Friday, at 8:00 p.m. in the Capital Union Building. Admission and refreshments are free.

On Saturday, SGA is planning a pig roast in Peoples' Park. The roasting will start at 5:30 a.m., with hot chocolate being served at 8:00 a.m. Music will be provided by a live band, and there will be volleyball and other games available.

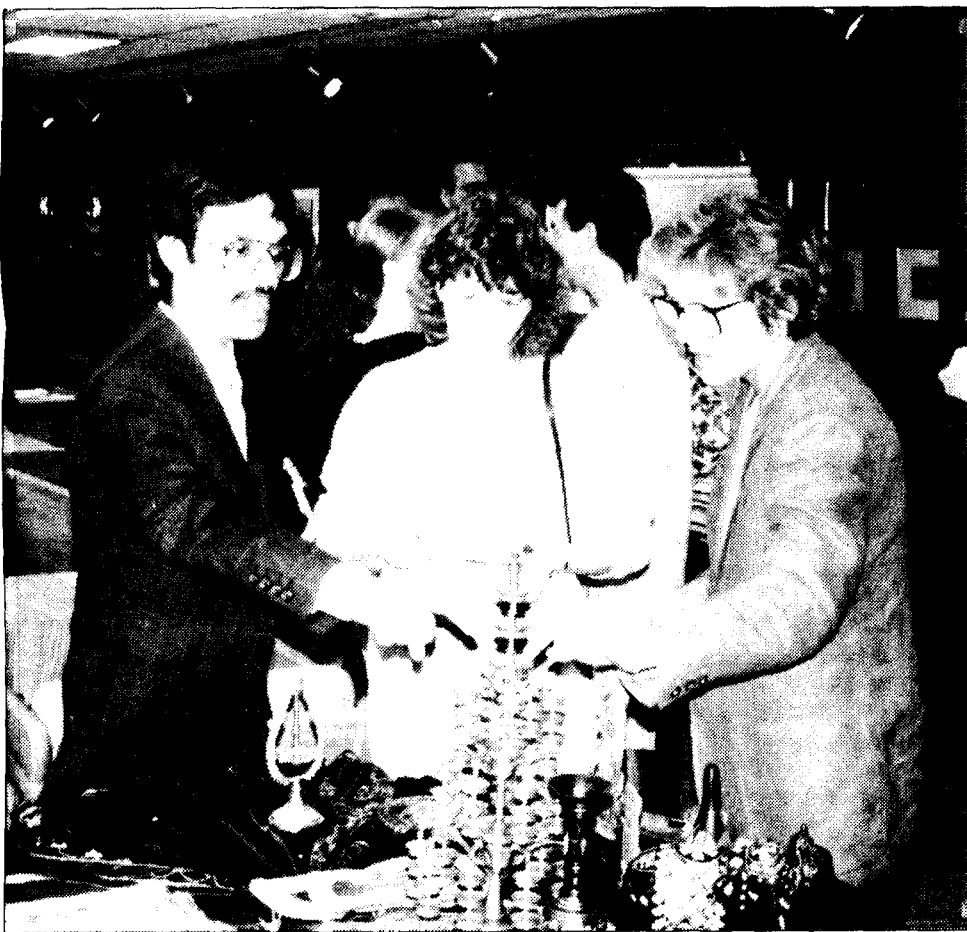


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Lakshmana Viswanath explains some Indian design techniques to Maryalice Gaster and Janet Widoff at the Indian luncheon.

Indian cultures discussed at lunch

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Venkat Rao kiddingly referred to his native India as a Third World country "full of people, cows and snakes," as he addressed participants in this year's first Lunch with an International Flavor program on Sept. 28.

Rao, an engineering science graduate student, told about 30 listeners in the Gallery Lounge that India has 16 official languages. He said English is used throughout the nation as a communications link among the diverse population.

Rao exhibited a feeling of pride while explaining that the nation's earliest known history dates back 4,000 years. Rao also surprised the group by saying India has the world's biggest film industry, with more than 1,500 motion picture productions annually.

Aradhana Dhir, a computer science senior, spoke of the changing role of

women in her native land. "There still is discrimination, but it's getting better," she said, commenting that the family plays a major role in how women participate in Indian society.

"It depends what your parents' background or ideas are," she noted.

When asked whether he thought the nation would eventually experience the kind of political turmoil currently taking place in the Soviet Union, Rao said the biggest source of discontent is in the Punjab, among the Sikh population.

"I don't view this as a major problem. We've kept our unity for centuries in spite of differences," he said.

Participants in the program were able to taste a popular Indian chicken dish, plus sample pastry and sweets. Clothing, jewelry and carvings were also on display. Dhir told the group that Indian students at Penn State Harrisburg would like to form an association to promote cultural interests. If you would like more information, contact Joan Swetz, international student advisor, at 948-6011.

Another Lunch with an International Flavor will be held on Oct. 15 at noon in the Gallery Lounge. The luncheon will feature food from Greece.

The idea for the lunches, Swetz said, is to "informally show the background and experiences of international students here on campus."

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