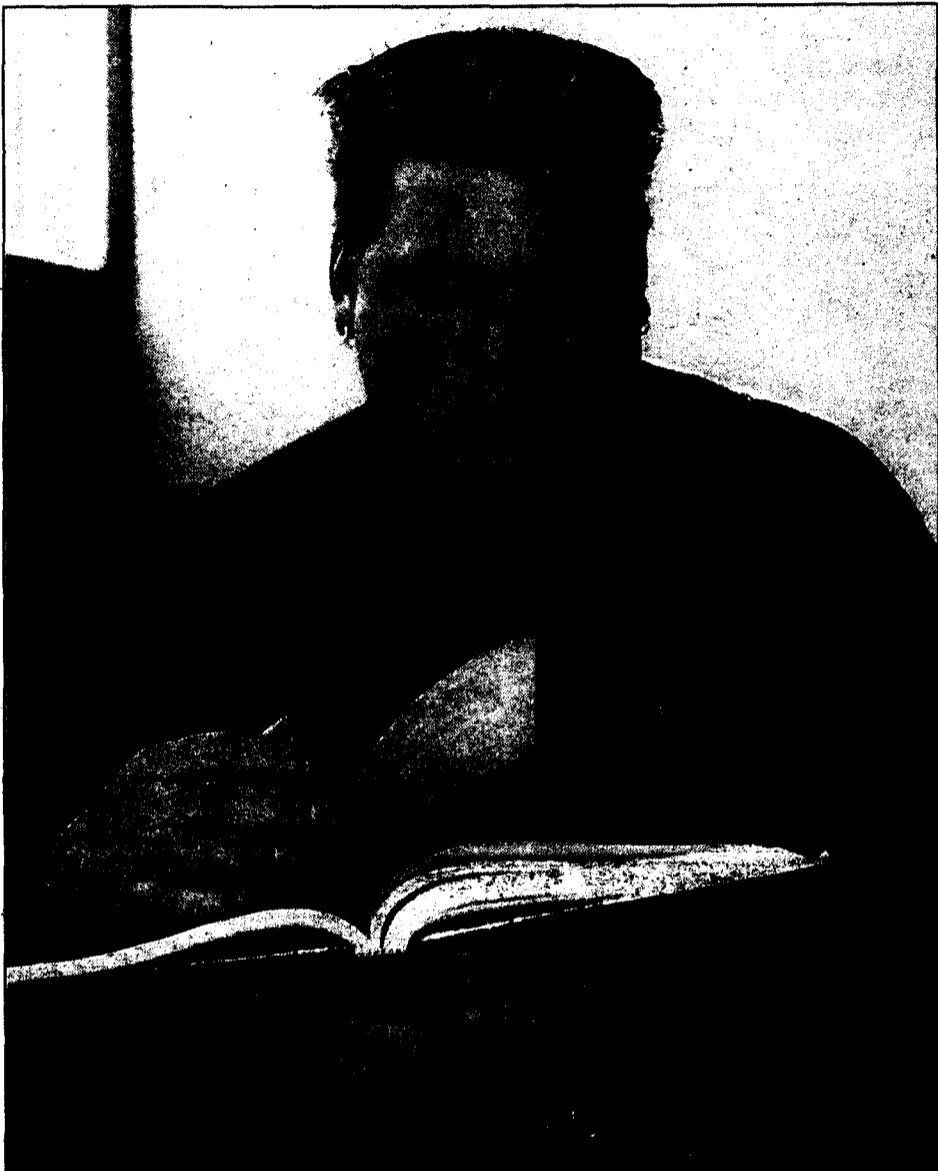


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## Ready Or Not Finals Start Next Week

The unmistakable signs are everywhere. Deadlines loom large. The pace quickens. Noses dig deeper into books. Nerves teeter on the edge. The computer lab and library bustle. One week of classes to go, then it's finals time at PSH. *Capital Times* photographer Steven Shearer caught Kevin J. Kapp reading the final chapter for SOC 463 in the Olmsted lobby and members of Dr. Dorothy King's Gender in Theater class (from left to right: Stefano Palazzo, Mark Messner, Daryla Campbell and Lori Conrad) rehearsing for their final staged reading in the auditorium.



Photos by Steven Shearer



## Pitt Takes Case To Supreme Court Outcome Could Impact *The Capital Times*

By Barbara Gertzen

*Capital Times* Assistant News Editor

When Matthew McKeown began his tenure as editor of *The Capital Times* in 1999, he enthusiastically contacted local establishments to sell advertising space. Local bars informed McKeown that publicizing the sale of alcoholic beverages in college newspapers is prohibited by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

This little-known portion of the Liquor Code has recently reached the national foreground. The U.S. Supreme Court is currently considering whether to hear a lawsuit brought by *The Pitt News*, the student newspaper of the University of Pittsburgh, contesting a Pennsylvania law that restricts advertising in campus publications.

The lawsuit, filed in 1998 by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of *The Pitt News*, challenges a state law that bans beer, liquor and bar ads in student newspapers. Editors of the paper con-

**"The law challenges the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of the press."**

tend the law unfairly limits their advertisers and deprives them of thousands of advertising dollars each year.

Pennsylvania's Liquor Control Board Act 199 of 1996 rewrote sections of the state's code, imposing regulations on advertising of alcoholic beverages. Ads that indicate the availability and/or prices

of alcoholic beverages in publications published by, for and on behalf of any educational institution are prohibited. The law covers college booklets, yearbooks, magazines, brochures and circulars, along with student-produced newspapers.

The state Liquor Control Board sees the law as a means of combating underage drinking, but Rehan Nasir, editor in chief of *The Pitt News*, contends it challenges the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of the press. Nasir points out that several advertisers in *The Pitt News* prior to passage of the law in 1996, withdrew their ads when the law took effect in 1997. *The Pitt News* is funded entirely by advertising revenue; the university only provides office space

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## IEEE Raises \$400

By Steven E. Moses  
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Last month, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers held a fundraiser to support the son of a recent graduate of the electrical engineering program. Five weeks after graduation, Kevin Langsdale died suddenly of a brain aneurysm. Kevin is survived by his 20-month-old son, Brandon, and his wife, Paula. Students sold turkey, ham and Italian subs from Rock's in Hummelstown.

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