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## **Students lunch over**



Photo by Mitchell Davidson Bentley SGA VP Joe Werner congratulates GSA President Roderick Lee on his award.



associated with campus clubs and organizations attended the 2001 SGA Student Award Luncheon on April 18 in the CUB. Winners named include:

James A. Jordan Memorial Award

Campus Award for Community Service

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### Girls go to work at PSH

### **By Ella Dowell** For The Capital Times

Fifteen girls between the ages of nine and 14 invaded campus on April 25 and attended a variety of workshop sessions for PSH's Take Our Daughters to Work Day. The Penn State Harrisburg Liaison Committee of the Commission for Women

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hoto By Cathie McCormick

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# Students, faculty and staff

Dr. Krishna S. Dhir

for Teaching Excellence Lion Ambassadors

# **Black students** await action

### **Hold HUB at main campus**

#### By Barbara Gertzen Capital Times Assistant News Editor

Race relations at the main campus of Penn State have deteriorated over the past few months. Despite the turmoil swirling around her, LaKeisha Wolf, a broadcast journalism major at Penn State-University Park and President of the campus' Black Caucus, has managed to maintain her strength, faith and courage, despite receiving hate mail made explicit threats against her life.

The January 22 issue of The Capital Times reported a confrontation last Dec. between black students and the university faculty senate at Penn State-University Park. The faculty senate adjoined the meeting

after students produced a set of demands for action and the students took their grievances directly to the office of university President Graham Spanier. Spanier convened a meeting later that evening between himself, black student representatives, university administrators and faculty leaders that lasted over four hours.

At that time, Wolf told The Capital Times that the Black Caucus sought modifications within the African and African-American studies department at University Park, along with greater student representation in matters concerning the black student community at Penn State.

Wolf pointed out that the Black Caucus demands were based on events that happened

long before hate mail was received by several black students (along with a black member of the board of trustees) in October last year. Receipt of hate mail, Wolf implied, only conveyed a sense of urgency, but did not provoke, the Black Caucus' presentation before the faculty senate. Wolf received two hate letters in October.

Since the beginning of the year, articles on the racial tensions at Penn State have been chronicled locally in The Patriot News, most recently in the April 8 edition of The Sunday Patriot News. In an article co-written by Daryl Lang, a senior journalism major at University Park and a State College stringer for The Patriot News, progress made

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