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Lights, camera, ACTION! These three words are what students entering Prof. Catherine Rios' video production class expect it to be about. However, Rios, teacher of visual media at Penn State Harrisburg, tries very hard to show students that filmmaking is more than just a cliché.

Rios earned a bachelor in Fine Arts from Rhode Island School of Design and her master's degree in Film from Columbia. Rios began her studies in sculpture, but she also wrote fiction. After a while, she wrote fiction for visual arts, or as she put it, "a screenplay."

While she attended school, her favorite courses were "glass and avant-garde cinema." It was this class that changed Rios' mind about her major. In it, she read a book that still resides in her office called Dada and Surrealist Film that convinced her to become a film major. "So don't read that book," she warned to those who may not want to become film majors.

Rios has almost always been a teacher of one thing or another. However, she also held such fascinating jobs as a house painter, glassblower, pre-school teacher, sculptor, and goldsmith.

Rios came to PSH because she was searching for academic

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Parking tax still an issue

Piccola skeptical about non-residential tax

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PA Senate Majority Whip and State Senator Jeffrey E. Piccola stays in touch with the residents of his 15th Senatorial District in Dauphin and York counties. Piccola held several town meetings in Dauphin County on

Saturday, April 9, at the Lower Swatara Twp. Lions club in which residents from the district discussed local issues such as the new ownership of the Jamesway Plaza and Harrisburg International Airport's (HIA) ploy to evoke eminent domain on the family-owned Cramer Airport Parking Lot. After the meetings, Piccola talked with The Capital Times about one of these issues.

The Middletown Area School

Board recently passed a new tax resolution that will force Penn State Harrisburg students to dig even deeper into their pockets the next time they pay for a campus-parking permit. In addition to affecting PSH students, the new 10 percent non-residential tax will affect HIA, Cramer Airport Parking, and student parking lots in the Middletown Area School District.

Many PSH students are concerned and wandering how

the Middletown Area School Board has the right to tax college students. Piccola is equally skeptical about the tax and believes that its implementation will be fought out in court.

"There is an issue as to whether or not the school district does, in fact, have the authority to levy the tax under state law," said Piccola. "That is one of the key questions. I think that will be hashed out in court. There clearly is the authority for municipal

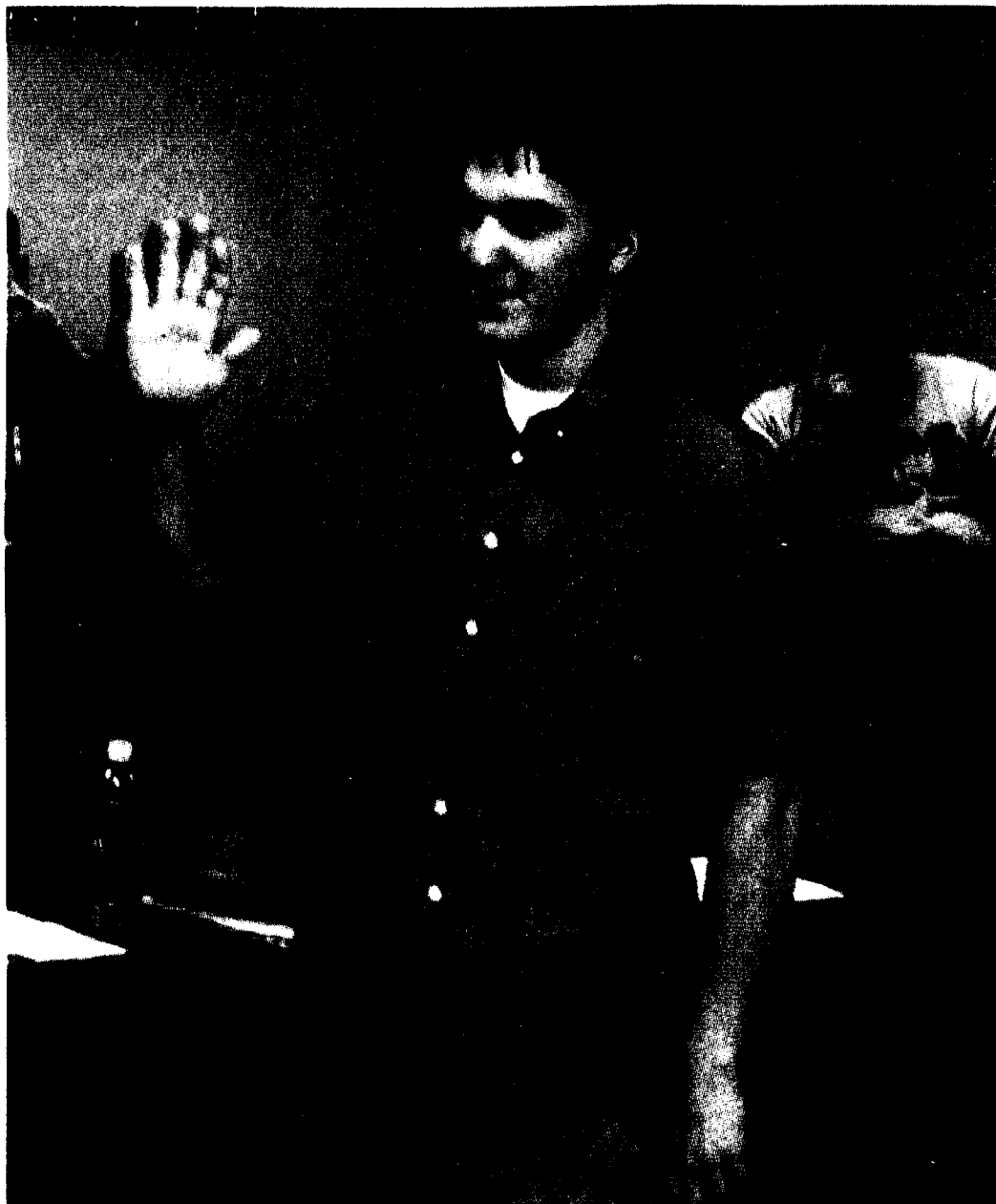
governments to levy fees or tax on parking. That's been done many times. Whether the school district has that right is a little bit questionable right now."

Piccola said that this tax is an example of how out of control school district spending is throughout the Commonwealth.

"I think the bigger issue is the school districts, not just Middletown but all school

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New SGA pres. takes office



Michael Edwards raises his right hand to take the oath of SGA as he is sworn in as the 39th president of Penn State Harrisburg's SGA. Edwards will begin his term in office at this time.

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PSH prof. recognized

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A group of young girls are playing jump rope in the park, singing the songs they learned to accompany their skipping game. All seems natural, but for Dr. Simon Bronner, Ph.D in American Studies and Folklore, he sees something more than just children playing games. He sees American folklore, and that eye for detail helps explain why he is the prestigious winner of the Walt Whitman District Chair in American Culture award.

The Walt Whitman Distinguished Chair in American Culture award will have Bronner teaching American Studies Theory and Method and American Popular Culture at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands for the fall semester. He will also be researching at The Meertens Institute, Department of Ethnology, part of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Science. Though Bronner points out that he has a lot of details to take care of his upcoming trip, he said, "I am excited."

This is not the first time Bronner has been awarded for his excellence in his field. Bronner was recognized by Penn State University in 1990 as a Distinguished Professor, an annual title given to professors who demonstrate outstanding achievements. Bronner is one of five professors who have been recognized from satellite

campuses, excluding Penn State, Hershey Medical Center, and the only one at Penn State Harrisburg.

His upcoming trip to the Netherlands is not the only time he has taught somewhere else either. Bronner has spend a year in Japan, a sabbatical semester in England, spent time studying the folk museums of Denmark, been to his native Israel many times, and plans on spending a week in Taiwan this May as a keynote speaker in American Culture Studies.

Bronner has been teaching at PSH since 1981. He came to the Harrisburg area because of its rich history and the fact that it is the capital of the Commonwealth,

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"It's continually giving me surprises. I feel like I have scoured the waterfront, but I always discover a new ship docked."
-Dr. Simon Bronner

Feel Your Boobies

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Eager to help others, breast cancer survivor Leigh Hurst has one goal, one message: You are never too young to feel your boobies.

Penn State Harrisburg professor Leigh Hurst visits college campuses to inform students about the seriousness of breast cancer.

Hurst, 34, who teaches Business Development on the graduate level, celebrated her own victory over breast cancer one year ago. Now, she spreads the word on prevention and self-examination.

She started her own Web site www.feelyourboobies.com to promote awareness and even though it wasn't her original intent, Hurst's website serves as a support group for younger women with breast cancer.

"Whether you do it the way your doctors tell you or how ever you want, it is important for women to

feel their boobies at a young age in order to get familiar with their bodies, allowing them to detect unfamiliar lumps in their breast," Hurst said.

In seminars held Monday, April 11 at the Community Center, Hurst replaced breast cancer myths with facts. During the seminars, Hurst reassured young breast cancer patients not to be afraid of the disease and told them there is life after cancer.

Hurst said learning you have breast cancer is not an easy thing to hear. "You start to think about your life and what you haven't done. You even start thinking about dying." She recalled that

she was originally misdiagnosed. It was a year until she learned she had the disease, and she was thirty-three years old. Because she was relatively young, Hurst said doctors did not believe she was at risk.

"Being around people you can relate to makes the process a lot easier to go through," she said, explaining how she to joined a support group to reach out to other

younger women diagnosed with breast cancer.

Hurst began her seminar by asking participants a series of questions to jumpstart her presentation, such as: 'when should women have mammograms?' (Doctors



Photos by Shannon Peguese
Leigh Hurst, founder of Feel Your Boobies



Hurst's Web site sells a variety of merchandise to support breast cancer research.

suggest at the age 40, but Hurst suggested having it done sooner), and 'can men get breast cancer?' The one question that many of the participants answered incorrectly is how frequently women should perform self-examinations. The answer is once a month and two weeks after the menstrual cycle.

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