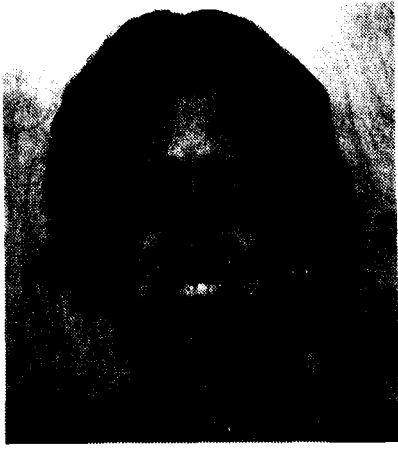


Editor's Comments

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Let me start out by thanking everyone for pointing out the wrong date on the masthead from last issue. People from friends, professors to students I don't even know pointed that mistake out to me. I even got a nice little message on my door about it. So for all of you who caught that mistake I am just glad you picked up a copy of the paper—Thank You.

That means we need more proofreaders, so come on down!

I encourage you all to support a fellow Penn Stater aiming high to create awareness of breast cancer by participating in the Paint Harrisburg Pink for Breast Cancer events around Harrisburg this month, as October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and its all for a good cause.

On another note I think I'll go swimming in our Olympic sized multi million-dollar pool later on this week. I was in it last year and the water is awesome this time of year. Seriously, its great. I think we should have another go at the flick and float thing that. Student Activities tried during move-in weekend. And why didn't you all go the first time? Yeah I know its because you were busy trying to hook up your Ethernet cables or testing out the new microwave with an exploding hot dog. I once spent a whole summer floating on a pool raft drinking margaritas and I would do it again in a second. I think a second go at it would be fun and maybe we can talk Nancy into being the bartender for the night (just kidding Nancy). Who's with me? (Sans margaritas of course.)

Here's a question for you why don't we have Italian language classes here? Ransom I know, but I have a point. Stay with me people. I want to speak Italian, but there are no classes offered. If any of you have a class you want offered and you really mean business, I think I am going to start up a petition for you guys and put it in the paper. We should really have the classes offered if there is an interest. How about ballroom dancing or chess tactics. Maybe

some Botany or pottery classes? I'll see what I can do.

Well I don't know about you guys but I am still sporting the flip flops. I know the winter months are creepin' in but they won't scare me into sneakers. Here's a flip flop story for ya. I wore flip flops to the PSU/Ohio State tailgate this weekend and from that experience I have one word MUD in my toes. However while the rest of you are still cleaning mud off your sneakers I just threw my flip flops in the trash and bought a new pair at Old Navy for \$3.00.

How about that game? Yeah that's all I have to say. For those of you who didn't make it up there that weekend you missed some fun. After the game State College looked like there had been a prison riot and the cops were out in full riot gear. Helmets with shields, batons and the largest cans of Mace I've ever seen. That is amazing to me that Penn State college students could make such a ruckus.

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SGA update

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As the leaves begin to turn to show the coming of winter, the Student Government Association shed its old skin by conducting business in their new meeting room, TL118. In this media-savvy classroom, the SGA invited guests to speak and answer questions about two completely different issues.

The first guest was Robert Brinkley, head of the IIT department. Brinkley gave a short presentation and brought to the attention of the senate the fact that students and faculty on campus have quickly trailed downward in their use of dial-up Internet and have replaced it with higher speed Internet choices. This has left the Penn State Harrisburg campus with an excess of modems, once needed in order to ensure

that there would not be too many busy signals that now cost the campus money to maintain. Brinkley proposed the removal of 48 modems, saving the campus the use of IIT money in order to pay the charges on them and allowing it to return to the classrooms and labs. The proposal was tabled to the following week's business agenda.

The second guests were JoAnn Coleman and Gregory Schiavoni, director and assistant director of Housing and Food Services. These two did not enter the room with a presentation, as they were there more for question and answer period. As soon as they were done speaking, they were bombarded with senators' question, representing the whole of the student body. The major issues were the lack of healthy food and vegetarian food, the lack

of variety in the menu, the inability for the cafeteria to stay open longer on Friday and on weekends, and the possibility of a convenience mart for students to buy food for their kitchens. Schiavoni stressed that student feedback is important in making decisions and had proposed re-instating the board that allows students to sit with Food Services and help plan the menu.

After that, it was business as usual, with a smooth meeting. The newest wave of budgets were approved or struck, and business concluded shortly there after.

For more information on how to get involved with PSH's Student Government Association, contact Michael Edwards at mle5000@psu.edu.

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Kaynak enriches students' lives and his own

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his publishing credit.

He owes his success to hard work and the opportunities provided to him when he moved to the U.S. Now a resident of Hummelstown, he became a U.S. citizen in 2003. He admits, however, that success and sacrifice are kin and that at times his long and grueling schedule has been felt by both he and his family.

Kaynak says what he enjoys most about teaching is the interaction with the students.

"It is rather enlightening to interact with a younger generation," he says. Kaynak smiles when he says he is aging so much faster than the students he has taught for 30 years who don't seem to age at all.

"When I first started in this

profession, I was a friend to the students. We were equal age. Then I became the older brother. Then became the father. Now, I've become their grandfather."

Kaynak recently returned from Cambodia where he spent forty days on a special fellowship grant. It was his third competitively awarded fellowship grant.

Despite the country's glaring poverty, Kaynak says the beauty of the people and of the land are locked in his memory. He will never forget the kindness he saw first hand.

Kaynak says an interesting aspect of the Cambodian way of life was that after five o'clock in the evening, the Cambodian police call it quits for the night.

However, the Cambodian citizens then take to the streets themselves; policing and punishing lawbreakers. He

recalls one incident when private citizens chased and arrested a police officer traveling the street

up a bit, Kaynak says.

Kaynak does not listen much to music; when he does, his radio



Photo courtesy of Elif Kaynak

Professor Kaynak loves to travel, especially to England. He says he would like to open a pub on the countryside there.

intoxicated on his bike. The drunken policeman was roughed

is tuned to 104.1 F.M.. He was a fan of the controversial DJ Bruce

Bond a few years ago. Kaynak is not a film buff, because he doesn't like large, dark rooms. He will go to the theater on those rare occasions when he finds a film compelling enough.

While he's not a fan of TV sitcoms, Kaynak's favorite TV fare is CNN's Larry King. He also enjoys Barbara Walters' interviews and was fond of ABC news anchor Peter Jennings who Kaynak says that was "a great loss."

He has logged a lot of travel miles and is interested in new experiences. Kaynak's favorite culinary tastes include Chinese, Thai, and, of course, Turkish. He has, over the years, developed his own curry recipe for Indian dishes, having first been exposed to the spice by his Pakistani college roommate.

It was only recently that Kaynak has developed somewhat of a

fondness for pets; thanks to his daughter's Chihuahua, which he says is starting to warm up to him, and he to it. That hasn't always been the case. He still has vivid memories of being attacked by a dog when he was young, and that his culture is not inclined to have house pets.

Upon his retirement, Kaynak would like to open a pub on the countryside of Yorkshire Dales of West Yorkshire, England.

Kaynak's ambition and hard work have brought him a long way in his life and he believes that he has accomplished all of his professional goals. He remains enthusiastic about teaching and embraces the differences between himself and his students, saying, "Of course we all have our own value systems, but still we can find common ground."

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