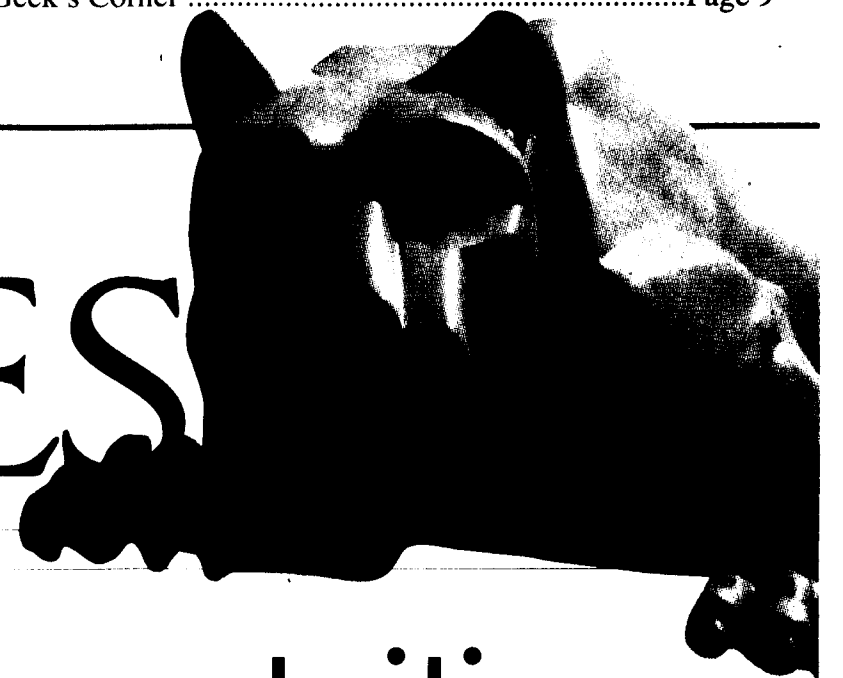


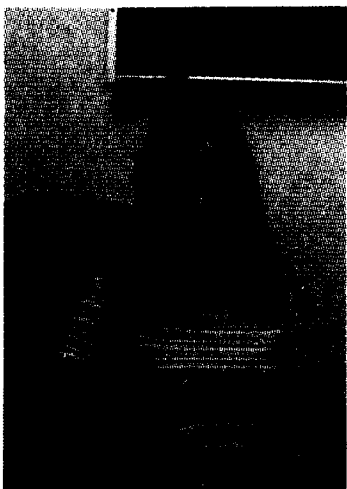
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Qin Ding



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Realizing that things in life do not usually come easy, this Chinese woman works her best in all that she does. In about 11 years of teaching, she learned that she is also a perfectionist. And during her 11-year-old daughter's life, she notices that she is the same way.

Qin Ding, assistant professor of computer science, came across the subject with the guidance of her previous teachers and advisors in both China and the United States. She moved to the states over eight years ago and to Pennsylvania over four years ago. Moving here was very exciting for Ding.

"Both places," she believes, "have their perks." China is great because it is her home. It is where she was raised and where much of her family resides, she said. Even environmentally, China is growing wiser. When she goes back every several years, she notices a difference in the quality of living and the cleanliness of the air.

"My country, in general, is doing a lot better," she said. The United States, on the other hand, provides different opportunities, facilities and technologies not found in China.

Being away from close family is not hard for Ding, but she does miss them. She does not let the long distance get to her though because she calls her relatives very frequently.

"Of course I miss my family a lot, but the phone makes the distance seem shorter."

When Ding was a child, she wanted to be a scientist. But teaching others by spreading her knowledge is rewarding, she said. Her love for math and computer science lead to her three computer science degrees, two of which were received in Nanjing University, China. Her doctorate was from North Dakota State University.

What she loves about the college environment is the interaction she gets from students.

"It's very rewarding for me as a teacher to see students learn," Ding said. "I get excited," she added.

She admittedly said that balancing everything at work is a difficult task. Gathering class work and

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Students rally for lower tuition

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"Education has taken a back seat." Sponsored by the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) the event was called, "The Rally in the Rotunda." On Tuesday, March 20th, students from Penn State Harrisburg joined 300 fellow students inside the state capital to rally in support of higher state appropriations for Penn State.

The rally was intended to bring light to Penn State's reputation as the nation's most expensive land grant institution. Students at Penn State locations throughout the commonwealth are aware of this disturbing fact and are unhappy with their situation.

The rally was an opportunity for students to take their discontent to those with the power to change Penn State's current standing.

Inside the capitol's rotunda, students from around the commonwealth lined the stairway. As the students stood together, they made their presence known throughout the capitol as they bellowed a "We Are...Penn State!" cheer. As the roar subsided, opening remarks were given by event organizer Sing

Wong. During his opening address, Wong commented on Pennsylvania's history as well as Penn State's standing as a land grant institution and the less than adequate funding. Sing went on to state that education is not and has not been priority for quite some time.

After opening comments, Wong introduced (CCSG) president Jerry Livingston. In a clear and purpose filled voice, Livingston spoke about student debt and how that debt is increased by the state's lack of support for higher education and

specifically, the state's shortcomings in respect to funding Penn State. Looking out into the assembled crowd of media, spectators and legislators, Livingston spoke clearly about the event's intent and purpose,

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"we have come here for the past six years, and we will be back."

His statement is not an idle threat. During the past six years students have shown that they are willing to bring the funding battle to legislator's front door and will continue to do so.

It should be noted that although Livingston and many of the students in attendance are graduating seniors, they come to the capital in hope that future students will not have to face constant tuition hikes due to inadequate funding.

Livingston continued his speech by commenting on the legislature's proposed 1.6 percent appropriation increase for Penn State. Livingston remarked that the proposed increase would be insufficient and students would be the ones having to pick up the cost.

Former CCSG president Michael Cooper also gave a brief speech on the total impact that inadequate funding has on the commonwealth. His speech further pointed out an alarming trend in which many graduates leave Pennsylvania upon graduation. Due to the amount of debt incurred while in college, graduates have no choice other than to move away to a part of the country which will pay them

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Brown-Haywood saluted at breakfast of champions

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Plaques, awards and pictures cover the walls of Dr. Felicia Brown-Haywood's office. Everywhere you turn, there is an achievement award or pictures of her friends and family.

the odds against her success is her biggest accomplishment. "I had a high school counselor who told me that I would never amount to anything. But there were people in the community who said 'you can do it,'" said Brown-Haywood.

But she pursued her dreams, and



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But ask Dr. Brown-Haywood about her accomplishments and she will tell you that she doesn't believe they should be viewed as something done above and beyond what was expected. She always thinks, "Should we be doing this anyway?" when she receives accommodations.

She believes that overcoming

credits her mother as her inspiration. Growing up in a single parent household in Philadelphia was hard for her, but her mother saw her potential and wanted the best for her and her siblings.

On Sundays, her mother would take Brown-Haywood and her siblings

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Cafe poses limitations after hours

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The Cyber Café has been, for many students, an after hours sanctuary when trying to complete

that last minute paper or just to get away. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, it allows internet access (both wireless and via their computers) as well as snack machines for the early morning munchies. However, despite the blessings this small place offers, it has two flaws, which have been addressed by students: the lack of a printer, and the lack of restroom facilities. Now, the library itself, as well as the Morrison Gallery, has these, yet they are closed at night and the restrooms with them. The nearest oasis is the Science and Engineering Building. Yet even so, this is not quite the idea most students have in mind when time crunching on a research paper.

The Cyber Café is relatively small, with only about half a dozen computers and only so much space. Yet because of the building design, the restrooms were never put in. Why is that? For starters, Penn State Harrisburg's library is

young: the construction, according to the Penn State Harrisburg Library Website, was completed in November of 1999. Being less than a decade old, the library here was considered a "hybrid" of both old and new methods of learning,

Gallery, which to a large extent can be accessed by students at any time. However, it is closed at night mainly because of the artwork inside the gallery itself.

Now the other problem of printing has not been overlooked, but as of yet has no concrete plans. "Apparently, the main issue with placing a printer in the Cyber Café lies in the space. The Café is already small, and for a printer like the ones used in the first floor of the library, space has to be found. However, this is an easier solved problem than the one of the restrooms, yet both are of concern. The Cyber Café is still, regardless of some minor complaints, a haven for those working until the very last minute

This being said, the Cyber Café, being open 24 hours a week and 7 days a week, is a blessing for many students. It allows for internet access (both on the computers there and on wireless via laptop connection) and provides a quiet place to get the job done. So, despite its small flaws, both of which are under inspection and possible correction, the Cyber Café remains open and available to the student body as a resource greatly valued.

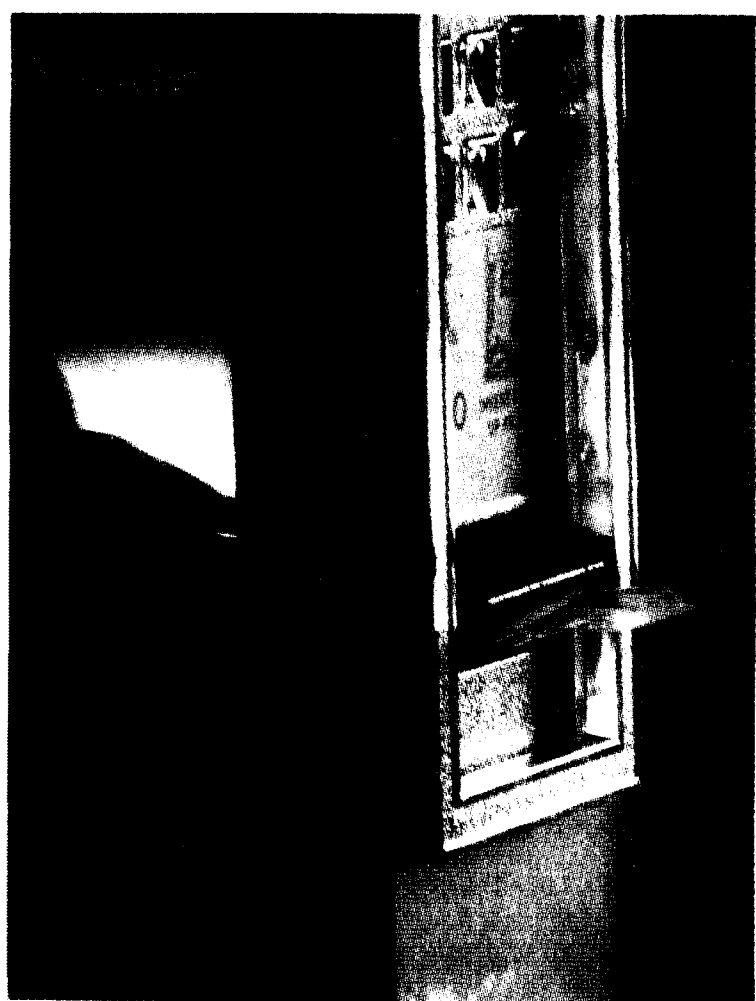


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A student gets a snack at one of the Cafe's four vending machines

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