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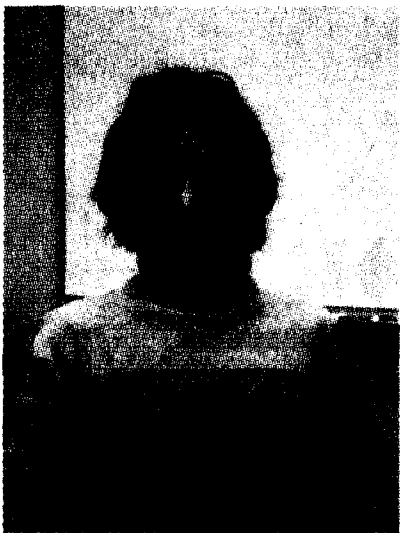
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Ilene Rosenberg



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"I like to travel, period," said Ilene Rosenberg, Art History professor for the Humanities department, who is originally from New York City. After rattling off places she enjoyed visiting, such as Mexico, Europe, and states across America, Rosenberg said the place that stuck out most in her mind is her trip to Poland last summer to visit her daughter. "The most surprising and unexpected delight was Krakow. It was a marvelous city." Rosenberg has two daughters, one has moved from Poland to China to teach English, and the other lives at home and is working as a physical therapist.

Rosenberg started as an English major during her undergraduate studies. However, after taking art classes she felt more connected to the subject of art history, so she switched majors and graduated from SUNY at Binghamton with an art history degree. Her favorite subject during this time was studio sculpture. "I enjoyed working with the material," she said.

Rosenberg went back to school many years later and obtained a masters degree in Humanities with an emphasis in art history here at Penn State Harrisburg.

Her biggest achievement was writing her masters thesis of over 100 pages. "It was fascinating. I got involved in a subject in depth, working on improving my writing skills, and produced the product. It was a challenge," said Rosenberg.

Between the years of obtaining her undergraduate degree and her masters, Rosenberg worked at a few publishing companies and worked as a reader while raising her children.

After obtaining her masters, Rosenberg began teaching at HACC Lancaster as an adjunct. She was looking to supplement her income so she later took up classes at PSH. "I'm kind of drawn to this campus for the faculty and the courses offered. It was a direction I pursued," said Rosenberg.

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Students rally for lower tuition

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310 Penn State students from campuses across the commonwealth gathered at the Capital building in Harrisburg on Wednesday, April 2 for the 7th annual "Rally at the Rotunda."

The rally intended to both draw attention to and raise student awareness of dwindling state and federal appropriations for state-run universities. Inadequate increases in appropriations focused on Penn State in particular. According to Penn State's 2008-2009 appropriations request, it is an institution that "Within the Commonwealth, does more to power the economy than any other enterprise in the state. The collective statewide economic impact of Penn State's activities is more than \$6 billion annually, with an induced impact of an additional \$7 billion. For every dollar that is invested by the Commonwealth, Penn State returns \$19.42 in total economic impact to the Commonwealth."

Speakers at the rally included members and students of the Penn State community and Pennsylvania state legislators. Students were also invited to speak directly with local lawmakers before and after the rally. Although over thirty students committed to attending the event, only a fraction actually showed. The number of students from PSH in attendance, 14, was nearly

triple those attending last year. Students were notified and invited via Facebook, posters on campus, and word-of-mouth to attend.

Professors were advised to adopt a "liberal attendance policy," and were encouraged to excuse absences for students that attended the rally.

Perched upon the large marble stairs beneath the rotunda, Penn State students stood in solidarity to be seen, heard, and remembered when state lawmakers decide whether or not to meet the University's budget appropriations request for the upcoming academic year.

The rally was opened by Kathryn Mattes, Public Affairs director for the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments. Other speakers

included Representative Fleck, CCSG AIG President Mike Cooper, CCSG President Bobby Casiano,

spoke at last year's rally.

Cooper stressed the importance of Penn State graduates' contributions to the economy of the Commonwealth. He also noted that many students leave Pennsylvania after graduation in order to obtain jobs that will allow them to pay their looming tuition bills.

Casiano reiterated the prestige of a Penn State education, and the pressures that accompany paying for it. He noted that students will prosper, however, because "WE ARE...PENN STATE!"

Student speakers discussed personal hardships in paying for school, and fears that younger siblings and future generations may be unable to benefit from all that Penn State has to offer solely because of rising tuition.

Gesturing to the crowd behind him, Representative Conklin noted, "The ones behind me today will make the future bright."

Students were still left wondering exactly how bright they could make the future from under a pile of tuition bills, as no clear plans to aid Penn State in further appropriations were articulated.

Mattes, of the CCSG, feels the

rally was largely a success.

"I think with increased numbers this year and more student participation and student interaction with their respective representatives, I think we certainly made a strong message heard in the capital building that day."

SGA Vice President and Harrisburg Campus Rally coordinator Marty Santalucia was impressed with the way students handled themselves in a professional manner, and with the increased turnout.

Santalucia also noted, "It's difficult when you're going up against something as big as a government, especially when you're requesting money from them that they really, traditionally, haven't gotten into the habit of giving us. It's going to be a long-term battle, you're not going to change things overnight. Especially when you're dealing with two institutions, one as large as Penn State and the other a Commonwealth government."

PSH attendee Maurice Blackmon later commented, "We had really honest efforts to get our message out there and let the legislators understand that we do need help. We need help from the state--we're a land-grant school, but it doesn't mean the state can't help us out. A lot of students struggle paying Penn State tuition. I'm one of them, and I feel like it's the least they can do for us."

The appropriations process begins in September and concludes in mid-to late-summer, after approval. Please see **STUDENTS** on Page 4

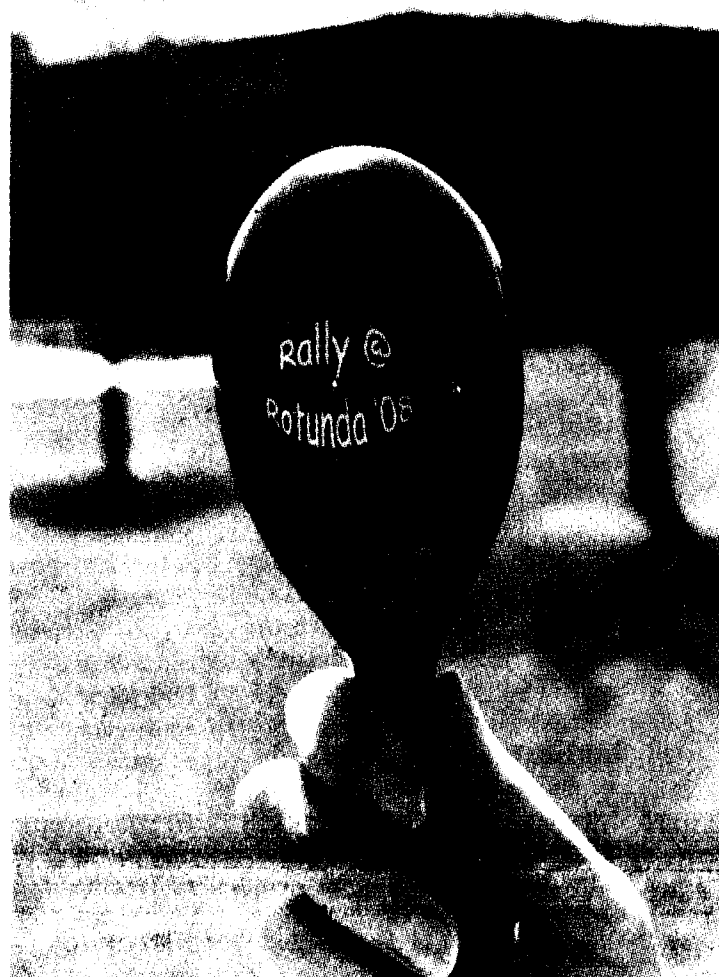


Photo by **KEARY HORNER**/Capital Times

Students from state-run Universities joined together to Rally at the Rotunda in Harrisburg on April 2 to try to lower tuition.

UPUA President Hillary Lewis, and Representative Conklin, who also

ABA professor gives testimony on Autism Bill

Foxx provides expert testimony regarding the ABA system

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Professor of Applied Behavioral Analysis, Richard Foxx started working with the mentally ill while

in college and has now expanded his advocacy efforts into a profession. He most recently gave testimony at the Senate Banking and Insurance committee regarding HR 1150, better known as the Autism bill.

The bill would require private insurance companies to pay for services that are needed for children with autism and autism spectrum disorders. Foxx gave scientific testimony to the senate committee regarding the Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) system. The bill previously passes the PA House of Representatives with a unanimous vote in July of 2007, and is now in the Banking and Insurance committee of the Senate, where Foxx gave his testimony on April 1.

Other witnesses at the hearing was

DPW secretary Estelle Richman, Managing Director of the PA Health Law project David Gates, President of the Insurance Federation of PA Sam Marshall, and other actors from advocacy and insurance groups. Foxx feels that any pressure to force

Foxx said that he has a daughter who was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, and once that diagnosis was given, the health insurance kicked in for treatment. This is unlike when some children are diagnosed with autism. "When

you have a child with autism, your services should kick in immediately." Said Foxx.

Texas and South Carolina have also passed similar bills, the Texas bill specifically gave funding to the ABA system. In addition, a new Department of Defense bill only provides ABA funding for families with Autistic children, according to Foxx.

The ABA system uses scientifically based principles to treat and educate about human problems. Foxx has published a book regarding nutrition and the treatment developmentally disabled and autistic.

Foxx has been able to see a change in the treatment, medically and socially towards people with developmental

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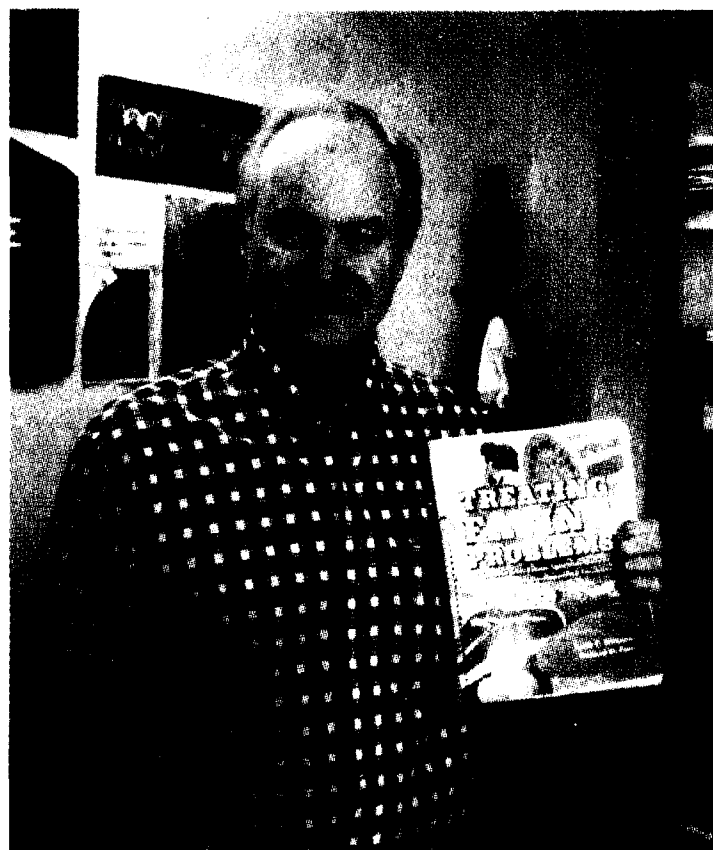


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Dr. Richard Foxx recently gave testimony regarding the ABA system to the PA Senate House and Insurance committee. He has been an advocate for many years, and has published a book regarding eating problems and people with Autism Spectrum disorders.

this bill out of committee would be beneficial.

Architect chosen

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After a 30-minute but orderly debate and a close vote between two architectural firms, said graduate student Daniel Treese, one was finally chosen for Penn State Harrisburg's upcoming student housing project.

administrators and two students met March 19 at the Capital Union Building, where three architectural firms presented their proposals for the project design and construction. Philadelphia-based SMP Architects was chosen with a 2 to 1 vote among the three subcommittee members, Linda B. Strumpf, George T. Henning Jr. and Robert D. Metzgar, said Treese.



Photo courtesy of **SMP Architects**

The SMP architectural firm that was chosen to build the new housing for Penn State Harrisburg has also completed projects at other Penn State campuses, such as this housing project at Penn State Berks.

The Penn State University Board of Trustees Architect/Engineer Selection Subcommittee, seven Penn State Harrisburg campus

The campus administrators and students including Treese, who is

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