

# Campus Calendar

## The Capital Players Present Godspell

A musical by Stephen Schwartz. Conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak, music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, originally produced on the New York stage by Edgar Lansbury/Stuart Duncan/Joseph Beruh. Based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew. Olmsted Auditorium, April 24-26 at 8 p.m. and April 27 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$5 with student ID and \$8 general admission. Tickets available in Stack's Lounge or Humanities suite.

The Luau will be on Tuesday, April 22nd in the Vartan Plaza. There will be food, wax hands,

limbo and tee-shirts (for students only). Come out and enjoy the reggae sounds of Anthem, as seen on MTV and BET, at Noon in Ziegler Commons!

The Finance Club will be sponsoring their annual trip to NYC on Friday May 2nd. On the itinerary is a seminar at the NYSE and a guided tour of the finance museum. Time will be available to tour the city. Transportation will be provided via charter bus that will be departing campus at 5:30am and will be leaving NYC at 8:00pm. Cost is \$20. Please contact Alex Kravets (ask5057@psu.edu).

The Penn State Harrisburg Commission for Women will host

the University Commission for Women's All Campus Liaison Luncheon on Tuesday, April 29 in the Morrison Gallery of the Library at Noon. Guest speaker for the event will be Major General Jessica L. Wright, Adjutant General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who will speak on "Women in the Military." If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please RSVP to Dawn Hamaty at 717-948-6142 or dlh21@psu.edu by April 15.

The C. S. Lewis Seminar meets each Tuesday at noontime. All are invited to join the discussion of *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. Contact w44 or pbl1 for details.

## Rosenberg: Beyond the classroom

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Rosenberg.

"I like the creative process of art and I like applying it to different people and cultures. It is always open to interpretation, it's changing and a means of expression," Rosenberg said. Art history 111, ancient to medieval art; 112, renaissance to modern art; 120, Asian art and architecture; and 201 ancient to medieval architecture, are all Penn State courses taught by Rosenberg. She feels that expanding peoples' awareness and changing preconceived notions for other times and cultures is an important part of her courses.

Rosenberg said her favorite part of teaching is the students. "I totally enjoy talking to students,

teaching them, and all aspects of interaction with them," she said. Giving exams is her least favorite. She finds them to be pressure on her

Still teaching at HACC, Rosenberg is also a part of their Art and Decorating committee. This committee seeks out artists and sets up shows to display their works.

Rosenberg is also an artist herself. "I like to paint when I have the time to do it. I can't to fit it into my schedule right now, but I plan on getting back to it in the summer," she said. Drawing, going to museums, and reading are some of her other hobbies. Though Rosenberg thinks that she is not goal oriented it is important for her to better herself; improve her quality of teaching, travel, and make sure her family is together and in good health.

"I like to enjoy life as it comes," said Rosenberg. Her advice to students is to not feel overburdened by

your studies but appreciate its value, but most of all: enjoy what you are doing.



Photo by AMBER HUDSON/Capital Times  
Art History professor, Ilene Rosenberg thinks that education should be uplifting and enjoyable.

## Professor gives Senate testimony

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disabilities though many years in the field. He cites the increase of Autism diagnoses in children to an expansion in the definition.

Foxx gave the example of stating that everyone over the height of 5 foot 10 has autism, and then changing that to include everyone over 5 foot 7. He admits that there could be other explanations, but most professions agree that it is due to the definition expansion.

Foxx has been at the forefront of fighting for using the ABA program for people with developmental

and the students. "Education should be uplifting and enjoyable, not a source of stress," Rosenberg said.

disabilities. He has given expert witness testimony for court cases, including the Supreme Court case *Youngburg v. Romeo*, which was a right to treatment case.

Penn State Harrisburg is the only institution to offer the ABA program in the region.

Many students in the master's program enroll specifically to work with the mental health and mental retardation community (MHMR). Foxx feels that these students come into the program for the best of reasons.

Foxx believes that the number one priority for advocates should be

adult protective services, ensuring quality education and services for adults in Pennsylvania. There are currently bills that would provide this legislation, sponsored by Representative Matt Baker (HB 361) and Senator Pat Vance (SB 1049).

Foxx also said that quality early intervention should be a priority. He feels that by using high quality ABA intervention procedures, that it would be possible to make individuals with developmental disabilities indistinguishable from their peers.

"When you heighten awareness for people with special needs, everybody wins." Said Foxx.

## Other Pa contests compete with Dems' presidential primary

By PETER JACKSON  
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Behind the dazzling marquee of the state's Democratic presidential primary, Pennsylvania voters will decide nominations for dozens of other elective offices from state treasurer to the Legislature to Congress — in Tuesday's balloting.

The drawn-out battle between Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois spurred a voter-registration surge that pushed Democratic Party enrollment to a record 4.2 million, spawned TV advertising that injected millions of dollars into the state's economy and took the candidates into virtually every corner of the state.

"I don't know whether people are really paying attention to the treasurer's race," lamented John Cordisco, a Bucks County lawyer and one of the four candidates for the Democratic nomination for that office.

The other contenders for the nomination the only statewide contest on the ballot besides the presidential primary are retired venture capitalist Rob McCord of Allentown and former investment counselor Dennis Morrison-Wesley of Harrisburg.

McCord, 49, a newcomer to elective politics, has raised by far the most money, including \$1 million he loaned to his campaign, and has advertised heavily on TV and in newspapers. As of April 7, his campaign had more than \$2 million on hand.

"I got into this race knowing that no party insider would lift me into the office," McCord said, making an implicit jab at Cordisco, whose insider credentials include six years in the state House of Representatives in the 1980s and the chairmanship of the Bucks County Democratic Committee since 2002.

Cordisco, 53, whose campaign went up on TV on Thursday, had about \$307,000 on hand in early

April and debts totaling \$260,000. He has criticized McCord's reliance on fellow venture capitalists to finance his campaign and says he has put more than 11,000 miles on his donated campaign car since January.

Mann, 38, is a fifth-term legislator whose campaign war chest at the beginning of the month was about \$22,000. She said she has concentrated on Democratic strongholds in southwestern Pennsylvania, whose industrial heritage is similar to that in the Lehigh Valley.

"There is no candidate at all from the west" in the race, she said.

Morrison-Wesley, 58, born and raised in Philadelphia, spent a decade working as an investment adviser in several firms and is currently a Comcast salesman. He said he hopes his stands against abortion rights and gun control will win votes.

"When you don't have money, you've got to be unorthodox," said Morrison-Wesley, whose campaign reported having \$43 on hand as of April 7.

None of Pennsylvania's 19 members of the U.S. House of Representatives faces a primary challenge this year, but a couple of the primary contests stand out.

Republican Rep. John Peterson's decision to retire in the sprawling 5th Congressional District has spawned a nine-way contest for the GOP nomination to succeed him. The winner will presumably be the front-runner this fall in the heavily Republican district in north-central Pennsylvania. Three candidates are seeking the Democratic nod.

One of the highest-spending candidates on the Republican side, financial planner Derek Walker, was charged just five days before the primary with burglary, criminal trespass and other counts stemming from an incident involving his ex-girlfriend last year. He denied any wrongdoing, and said the charges were politically motivated.

In the 10th District in the state's northeastern corner, two

businessmen are competing for the GOP nomination to take on Democratic Rep. Chris Carney in November. Carney, a freshman, won the seat in 2006 by defeating a longtime Republican incumbent embroiled in a sex scandal.

In Harrisburg, 26 members of the state House of Representatives face primary challenges, 17 Democrats and nine Republicans. Of the 19 state senators who are seeking additional terms, none has any intraparty opposition.

Credible primary challenges have been mounted against at least three Democratic incumbents from Philadelphia: Reps. Tony Payton Jr., William F. Keller and Harold James. Payton's challenger Guy Lewis has the backing of many in the party establishment; Keller is running against Christian DiCiccio, a well-funded protégé of Sen. Vince Fumo; and James faces community organizer Kenyatta Johnson.

In the state's opposite corner, two-term Rep. Kathy Rapp's re-election effort has left two of the region's most powerful Republicans on opposite sides. Rapp, R-Warren, has the backing of U.S. Rep. John Peterson, R-Pa., while her primary opponent Kerry L. Gern has the endorsement of Senate President Pro Tempore Sen. Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson.

And in Lebanon County, Rep. Maureen Gingrich survived a challenge to her nominating petitions that went to the state Supreme Court. But the man who took her to court, Republican challenger Russ Diamond, has continually raised allegations of electoral fraud in their three-way primary race. Diamond is founder of the anti-incumbency group PACleanSweep; the other candidate is Bruce Kreider.

Six senators are retiring this year, including Fumo, a master of Harrisburg politics who bowed out of the race as he prepares for trial on federal corruption charges. Three Democrats are competing for the nomination to fill his seat.

## Things You Need To Know

Are you graduating in May and have questions about commencement? If you do, attend one of two upcoming Commencement Information Sessions. If you choose not to attend one of these sessions, you will receive complete information at the Giant Center on the day of commencement. Sessions will be: Monday, April 21, 2008 at Noon in the Gallery Lounge; Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge.

On April 22nd Justin Miller, a Digital Commons Consultant, will be at the Penn State Harrisburg campus to provide two workshop trainings to faculty, staff, and students. If you are interested in either training

please email Mike Lackey at mw110@psu.edu. Space for these trainings is limited and will be awarded on a first email first serve basis. Justin will also be available in the Digital Commons (W344 Olmsted) both before and after these sessions to meet with anyone desiring a one on one consultation

Applications are available to pick-up in the Student Assistance Center (W117 Olmsted) for the Alpha Sigma Lambda national Adult Education Foundation Scholarships, for 2008-2009. Five \$1200 scholarships and one \$1500 scholarship are available to be awarded nationwide. To be eligible, applicants must be 24 or older, have completed 30 hours

at Penn State Harrisburg in a bachelor's degree program, have a minimum GPA of 3.2, and have financial need.

News from the PSH Library...  
End of Semester Library Hours:  
Sunday, April 20 - Thursday, May 8, 2008  
Monday - Thursday 7:45 a.m. - Midnight  
Friday 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - Midnight

Group Study Rooms:  
There are 14 group study rooms available for student use. If you would like to reserve a room for group use, sign up at the circulation desk. If a room is empty,

## Turnitin: is it worth it?

By MARTIN KLINGMEYER  
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(Part Two of a Three-Part Series)

Professors and administrators need to consider the potential liability the use of Turnitin creates. Although Turnitin has documents written by legal experts stating that the system is legally compliant and perfectly safe to use, the fact remains that Turnitin is currently being sued for copyright infringement in federal court. Therefore, what Turnitin's experts believe, and what is happening is at odds.

What does this mean for schools and professors? Derek Bambauer, Assistant Professor of Law at Wayne State University Law School warns, "If Turnitin is in fact infringing, aren't the schools liable for contributory infringement?"

If Turnitin does not prevail in its lawsuit, it would not be surprising to find Penn State and its professors as defendants in a contributory infringement suit.

Turnitin also shifts the burden of FERPA compliance to professors. It does this two ways. First, Turnitin expects that the student's work be submitted to the system before the paper is graded. This is because ungraded papers are not subject to FERPA, as they are not considered educational records. However, what would happen if after reading an essay the professor became suspicious and submits the paper to Turnitin? Is that a violation of FERPA?

The second way Turnitin shifts liability to professors is that the system does not remove personally identifying information. It is easy enough to remove personally identifying information at the top of a student paper. But what if it is a reflective essay or a journal project? Then there is personally identifying information sprinkled through it. If

the teacher submits the paper, then it is up to the teacher to remove all of the personally identifying information. If they do not, it could be a FERPA violation. This also creates a potentially paradoxical situation: if the professor cannot be sure that all personally identifying information has been removed without reading the paper in its entirety, has the paper now become an educational record, and thus unable to be submitted to Turnitin?

There are no real answers to these questions. The answers will come after a lawsuit. By shifting FERPA compliance to professors, it also shifts liability to professors. The question professors need to answer is whether or not they are willing to be the legal guinea pig.

Even if copyright and FERPA were not issues, professors should be aware of how Turnitin disenfranchises students from their work product. After the originality report is generated, professors have the option to view the original work. When the instructor clicks on the button, a request is sent to the original instructor, who, by replying to the e-mail will forward a copy of the original paper to the requesting professor. As Mike Smit notes: "At no time was the student involved in this decision, or even informed of what was happening. Control of the student's copyrighted material was left up to TurnItIn.com and the professors."

Setting aside legal and moral issues, another area of concern for professors is effectiveness. Any good researcher knows that "the absence of evidence is not the evidence of absence." Simply because a paper is given a clean bill of health by Turnitin does not mean that it was not plagiarized. The student's girlfriend could have written the paper yesterday. It could have been pulled from a fraternity's paper file, but not previously submitted to the

database. A stamp of approval from Turnitin means very little.

The second thing that could happen is that the paper is flagged for having unoriginal text. What does this mean exactly? Again, very little. First of all, there are certain phrases that are simply not novel or original. With over 40 million papers and 100,000 new documents added daily, the odds of penning a phrase that someone else has already written dramatically increases.

It is estimated that "Turnitin flags only about seven per cent of submitted papers for having strong similarities to texts already in the database."

Diane Schulman, secretary of Academic Council at Ryerson University, notes, "only a small fraction of these are actually plagiarized — the rest are just poorly cited."

As Mike Smit points out, "Obviously, you can plagiarize without copying ANY text, and you can easily have 20-30% 'unoriginal' text without plagiarizing at all, assuming proper citation."

Speaking of Plagiarism detection services such as Turnitin, Robin Satterwhite, Social Sciences Librarian at Tut Library and Marla Gerein, Social Sciences Academic Technology Specialist at Colorado College note, "Not only are they ineffective, but some of the products/services promote a real lack of trust and resentment between professor and student that, especially given their lack of success, makes such a purchase undesirable."

Don McCabe, Don McCabe, Founding President, Center for Academic Integrity, has described the service as a "quick-fix to the problem of plagiarism" and "cautioned that it can break down the relationship of trust between students and their professors." The erosion of this relationship could be the biggest cost of all.