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# Motorcycle riders protest helmet law **By LORI PERKINS** Daily Collegian Staff Writer

motorcycles - but wore no helmets in added. state's mandatory helmet laws. The motorcycle protest was part of since 1976, he said. the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Rights three-day rally held by A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, a member of the group said.

"The rally was basically a show of people opposing mandatory helmet laws." said Daniel Cross, ABATE member and State College resident. About 3,000 people attended last weekend's rally, he said.

ABATE. a statewide organization including about 2,000 motorcyclists, is 'dedicated to freedom of the road," said Wally Kerlin, president of ABATE's Centre County chapter.

An ABATE committee presented state legislators with a petition Monday which urged them to support a House bill that would partially repeal the mandatory helmet law in the state. The proposed bill would allow cyclists more than 19 years old to have a helmet in their possession while riding instead of requiring them to wear one, Kerlin said. Cyclists under 19 would still have to wear helmets, he said. "We are not against the use of helmets, we are against mandatory helmet laws. We feel it is the right of the at stake here," he said.

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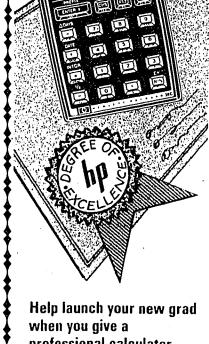
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