

Regatta draws 15,000, despite cloudy skies

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Signs posted around the University and around town during the last few weeks said "Ya Gotta Regatta."

About 15,000 people took that suggestion and attended the 11th Annual Beta Sigma Beta Sy Barash Regatta yesterday afternoon at the Bald Eagle State Park, despite cloudy skies and cool temperatures.

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"I think it's a good idea to have windsurfing here since it is something to do rather than just listening to the concerts," Fahrenbach said. "Since people can't swim, it's good to put the lake to use."

During the day, tug-of-war competitions and canoe races were held. Participants in the tug of war competition had to pay a \$20 entrance fee and meet a weight requirement of 1,200 pounds for males and 900 pounds for females. Divisions included teams for fraternities, sororities, residence halls, and independents.

Teams of two members paid an entrance fee of \$15. Divisions included teams for fraternities, sororities, residence halls, independents, and a blindfolded division.

Kathy Crocetti (junior-psychology) said this was the first time she attended the Regatta and that it was a good break before finals.

"The day was relaxing and the music was good," Crocetti said. "Even though the weather at first may have kept some people away, I think everyone had a pretty good time once the sun came out."

Rhonda Pellegrini (sophomore-landscape architecture) also said this was the first time she attended the Regatta and that she enjoyed watching the windsurfers the most.

"I had a really nice time and the sunshine made the day complete," Pellegrini said.

Raymond Azzato, a park ranger, said that the crowd was well-behaved and did not cause any problems. Park Ranger Del Landfried added that there were no serious problems, but that there were several citations issued to people who had alcoholic beverages in the park.

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People who attended the Regatta, which started at 11 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m., were able to listen to concerts, compete in a tug-of-war competition and canoe races, or just relax by the lake and take in some sun.

Kenny Dubin, chairman of the event, said the Regatta raised about \$27,000 to benefit the Centre County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

"Unfortunately, the weather in the morning wasn't with us this year," Dubin said. "The rain and cool temperatures kept some people away and kept us from meeting our goal."

Dubin said he expected about 25,000 people to attend the Regatta. He added that the original goal was to donate \$32,000 to the society.

Dubin said there were no serious problems, other than traffic congestion, caused by the people attending the Regatta.

The musical group The Hooters of Ardmore took the stage at 3:30 and played for more than an hour for an enthusiastic crowd. The Social Voyeurs of Philadelphia took the stage at 1:45 p.m. and played for an hour. The Phyrst Phamily of State College were scheduled to play at 11:15 a.m., but did not go on stage because technical difficulties with the sound equipment.

Susie Rubinson (junior-marketing) said she thought the Regatta was great and that the Hooters concert was the highlight of the day.

"I thought the Hooters really performed well," Rubinson said. "I only came to the Regatta to see them perform since the weather wasn't really that good."

Some people took windsurfing lessons provided by The Ski Station for \$5 an hour or rented a windsurfer for the day for \$25.

David Fahrenbach, co-owner of The Ski Station at 224 E. College Ave., State College, said fewer people than last year had taken

In the past, the Regatta has donated over \$121,000 for the American Cancer Society in memory of Sy Barash, a former president of the Beta Sigma Beta fraternity and State College businessman, who died of cancer in 1975, Dubin said.

Elaine Jurs, executive director of the Centre County Unit of the American Cancer Society, said the money raised by the Regatta will be used for research, education and patient services for the area and for the national chapter of the society.

Jurs said the donations from the Regatta is the largest single contribution the society receives each year and will help the society meet its goal of \$154,000 this year.

Dubin said Barash set the groundwork for the first Regatta in February 1975 while he was crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society, but he died before it was held.



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Having a ball

Tish Kinsey (junior-PNGE) enjoys playing with a giant beach ball at the Beta Sigma Beta Sy Barash Regatta at Bald Eagle State Park yesterday.

Univ. student holds hostage

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A University student was charged Friday with holding the wife of an assistant manager of Mellon Bank hostage for \$20,000 ransom for more than 90 minutes before turning himself in to police.

Michael J. O'Donnell, 20, of 427 W. Fairmount Ave., was in Centre County Prison in lieu of \$100,000 bail after he allegedly held Lynette Darrah at gunpoint from about noon until 1:40 Friday afternoon at her 250 Buttorf Drive residence, the State College Police Department said.

O'Donnell (sophomore-liberal arts) allegedly made a phone call to Edwin Darrah, assistant bank manager of Mellon Bank Central at 100 W. College Ave., demanding \$20,000 within 15 minutes in exchange for his wife, State College police added.

O'Donnell was charged before District Justice Clifford Yorks on charges of burglary, kidnapping, unlawful restraint, false imprisonment, aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person, terroristic threats and criminal attempt threat by extortion.

Rosenblatt nixes resolution

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Stating that students are not aware of all the financial ramifications of divestiture, the Undergraduate Student Government President on Friday vetoed USG's senate resolution calling for University divestment of \$4.4 million invested in companies operating in South Africa.

David Rosenblatt said the resolution was full of loopholes and primarily did not address the possibility that divestiture could result in a loss of revenue and could mean a tuition increase.

The proponents of the resolution said they were disappointed, but showed signs that they were willing to work with Rosenblatt on this issue.

"It's another delay," College Democrats President Matthew Baker said after the announcement.

"What's done is done," Baker later added. "Now we have to work with them."

"We have to get a unified voice. This is not solving the issue of divestiture," said USG town senator and resolution sponsor Patrick Lenz.

Pending further research of student opinion, Rosenblatt said he is prepared to support an alternative resolution drafted by town senator Eric Dirks. Dirks' resolution adds a clause stating that students realize the implications of divestiture and be willing to accept the compromise.

While Rosenblatt could not estimate a possible tuition increase, he said divestiture effects will be researched. In addition, students will be polled to determine their willingness to accept a tuition increase for divestiture, he said.

Larry Patrick, Black Caucus president, said, "I support divestment, but in the first resolution there were too many loopholes. What (Rosenblatt) did was best. We can not send a bill with loopholes to the Board of Trustees."

He added that the board needs to see a resolution stating that students are aware tuition could increase and are ready to take that risk.

However, some senators found objections with the proposed resolution.

"We have been told to consider financial reasons over humanitarian ones," said town senator John Clisham.

"(The resolution) is too negative; it will scare students," said town senator Kate Lane.

"We were given no facts on why tuition would increase. (The administration) scared our student leader into thinking that tuition would go up," Clisham said.

"(Rosenblatt) spoke for the administration, not the students," he added.

East Halls senator Laurie Swercheck added, "If the administration, the Board of Trustees and faculty were always right about the students' needs, we wouldn't need student government."

While Rosenblatt said the goals of both resolutions are the same, Clisham said, "Our goal was not to need the administration wants."

Rosenblatt's veto can be overruled with two-thirds senate vote, Senate President David Rishel said. However, all legislation was to be submitted to the USG legislative review committee by 4:30 last Friday afternoon before it can appear at the Senate's last meeting of the semester Tuesday, Swercheck said.

Rosenblatt announced the veto at 4 p.m. The early announcement gave proponents of the legislation insufficient time to resubmit the resolution.

"He really did a good job putting it off until next year. He's chastising us," Clisham said. "Great political move by (Rosenblatt) and the administration."

"We are losing three months time if it doesn't go through until next year," Lenz said. "In the last three months many blacks have been killed. Can we, in good conscience, put this off?"

Town senator Joseph Tentilucci added, "It is giving Rosenblatt time to settle into office before he has to make any big decisions."

However, "even if David signs the first resolution, the Board of Trustees won't divest in May, so we have time to find out the best student opinion," Dirks said.

"Don't take it as a defeat," Rosenblatt told his USG constituents when he announced his decision. "It's a chance to make the student voice stronger."

The blue chip companies the University has invested in are more stable, he said. In addition, 75 percent of the revenue from these investments goes to scholarship programs and 25 percent to other University academic needs.

However, Baker said the value of stocks invested in South Africa could decrease if there was a revolution.

Police searching for kidnapper of PSU student

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Police are searching for a man they said escaped from the State Correctional Institution at Rockview and kidnapped a University student Thursday night, tied him up and dropped him off in Ohio.

Cpl. James Stuller of the State College Police Department said David Musser, 20, of 215 E. Fairmont Ave., was dropped off at a construction site in Weatherfield Township near Youngstown, Ohio, by a man who then drove off with the student's car.

Musser (junior-electrical engineering) contacted police in Ohio after freeing himself while the man drove off in his light brown 1981 Mercury Lynx near the Interstate 80 ramp.

Stuller said the man was described as a male about 6 feet tall weighing about 180 pounds. He said Reginald Reeves, 28, who escaped from Rockview Thursday night, fits that description, but he said could not confirm that Reeves was the kidnapper. Reeves had been serving four to 10 years for three counts of robbery in Philadelphia.

Musser said he was getting money from the Mellon Bank automatic teller at the Nittany Mall when a man, wearing a t-shirt and pants that looked like

jeans, approached him. The man said his car had broken down a few miles away and asked Musser to take him to Nittany Halls on campus.

"When no one was there, he asked me to take him to University Terrace (Bellair Avenue), but he probably didn't know anyone there because all he said was that there was no light at the place he wanted to go," Musser said.

The man then asked Musser to take him to a friend's home who lived about four miles west on Route 322, Musser said.

"When we got to Port Matilda, he asked me to pull off on this little road," Musser said, "then he pretended he couldn't think where his friend lived."

At that point, Musser said, the man took control of the car and told Musser to get out. Musser said rider also said he had escaped from Rockview.

Musser said he was stunned but decided to stay in the car because he thought the man would soon abandon the car. However, the drive lasted four hours, during which the man told Musser he had been convicted for murder.

Musser said the man said he wanted to go to Youngstown, Ohio. Musser said he talked him into going to Youngstown and then freeing Musser and his car.

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