

# Women's conference

## Writer to launch look at status around the world

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Robin Morgan, an internationally acclaimed writer on women's rights and feminism, will speak at "International Feminism" to kick off the Undergraduate Student Government's Department of Women's Concerns "Sisterhood is Global" Conference at 8 tonight in Schwab Auditorium.

"Ms. Morgan has well documented the status of women internationally," said Sabrina Chapman, director of the Center for Women Students. "She speaks knowledgeably, articulately, and powerfully of the global need for positive change in women's status."

Dana Froke, co-director of the Department of Women's Concerns, said the "Sisterhood is Global" Conference is an outgrowth of a conference in Nairobi, Kenya, last year marking the end of the United Nation's Decade of Women.

The United Nations had originally set aside 1975 for the study of issues concerning women, Froke said, but, in a conference in Mexico City at the conclusion of that year, delegates decided that a year was not long enough and expanded the period to a decade.

"The (Nairobi) conference was probably the biggest one of its kind in the world," Froke said. "About 15,000 women showed up."

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The main part of the Conference will be divided into several sessions scheduled for Saturday, Froke said:

- 9 to 10 a.m. — Opening remarks in the HUB Fishbowl by Sharon Parker from the National Institute for Women of Color.
- 10:1 a.m. — A choice of two workshops: "Violence Against Women" in 303 HUB or "Women and Aging" in 301 HUB.
- 11:30 a.m. — A choice of three workshops: "Women and World Literature" in 320 HUB, "Gods of Our Fathers" (women in religion) in 310 HUB, or "Women in the Media" in 305 HUB.
- 12:30 p.m. — A brown bag lunch in the HUB Ballroom with all the people from the various workshops.
- 1:30 p.m. — A choice of three workshops: "Women in Technology: Tools for Progress or Poverty" in 305 HUB, "Women, Politics, Power: Crisis of Leadership" in 301 HUB, or "Women in Education: The Cross-Cultural Perspective" in 320 HUB.
- 2:45 p.m. — A choice of two workshops: "Feminism in Developing Countries" in 305 HUB, or "Creating a Peaceful Future: Coming into Our Own" (women in the peace movement) in 320 HUB.
- 3:45 p.m. — An information table in the HUB Fishbowl providing literature from various women's organizations on campus and an additional chance for conference participants to speak with people from the workshop.
- 4:15 p.m. — A summary of the day's events.
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# BSCAR not conceding divestment fight to BAAD

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Despite statements made by a black alumni group saying it is taking over the efforts of the Black Student Coalition Against Racism, BSCAR members say they have not been ineffective in the struggle for University divestment.

Members of Black Alumni Advocating Divestment said during a recent press conference with University President Bryce Jordan that it will take over BSCAR's efforts to pressure administrators to divest the University's \$8.7 million holdings in South Africa.

But Carlton Waterhouse, BSCAR chairman, said BSCAR did not expect to bring about divestment immediately. BSCAR has brought the South African issue to the attention of University students, he said.

Anita Thompson, a 1979 University alumna and BAAD spokeswoman, said the organization will have more of an effect on the University administration because Waterhouse said he agreed that students might not have been taken seriously by the administration.

"I'm sure (the administration) just hoped that the group would just blow away," Waterhouse said. "Students do not have the same input as alumni because they generally do not contribute money to the University, Waterhouse said. "The biggest amount of money that students control is their tuition," Waterhouse said, "and I don't think they are ready to pull a tuition strike."

Thompson said alumni are also in a position to be better organized because they have been out in the workforce for some time.

However, until BAAD can get on its feet, she said, it will be turning to BSCAR for current information about the divestment situation at the University.

BSCAR has been relatively inactive this fall because it has been in the process of joining the Black Caucus Political Services Committee, Waterhouse said.

However, now that the process is completed, BSCAR will be more active.

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return to the University and do something about its continued investments.

"In a way, the University may not have respected the students as much," Thompson said, "but there's always a problem when people come back and protest an issue."

"I think we could have raised the issue why aren't the sidewalks painted yellow and (the University administrators) would have been concerned," she said.

Waterhouse said he agreed that students might not have been taken

# WVU greeks run for disabled

Nittany Lion Head Football Coach Joe Paterno placed Saturday's game ball in the hands of quarterback John Schaffer but instead handed it off yesterday to West Virginia's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity members.

Paterno turned over the game ball for the Penn State vs. West Virginia football match-up to fraternity members for its "WVU-PSU Game Ball Run for Special Olympics" philanthropy.

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity members from West Virginia began running yesterday from Penn State and will arrive — 200 miles later — in West Virginia on Saturday.

WVU Sigma Phi Epsilon President Eric Pugh said 75 fraternity members will each run with the game ball for a mile and then pass it off to the next runner.

The fraternity plans to raise \$5,000 at this year's event to benefit Special Olympics in West Virginia, Pugh said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity members told Paterno that "they came to Penn State to kidnap him."

"That move would be good for West Virginia but bad for Penn State," Paterno said, chucking.

The runners will carry the ball south on Route 220 through Pennsylvania and then west on Interstate 40 into Maryland.

West Virginia Mountaineer Football Coach Don Nehlen will sign the ball at the start of the game.

— by Victoria Pettles

# police log

- A con-man was able to persuade a cashier at MiniMart, 106 N. Atherton St., out of \$90 early yesterday morning through a series of transactions lasting about 30 minutes, the State College Bureau of Police Services said.
- Police said the suspect initially approached the cashier to buy a pack of cigarettes for \$10 in cash. The suspect repeatedly brought items to the counter and put other items back on the rack, before finally leaving with the ill-gotten change.
- A Levi jacket worth \$60 was reported missing by Charles Reichert, 213 Pinchot. The jacket was left at Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, 508 Locust Lane, State College police said.
- An iron kettle yard decoration worth \$100 was reported damaged Monday night after being hit by a vehicle. The owner of the kettle, Gordon Kissinger, 600 E. Branch Road, said a vehicle strayed off the road and hit the kettle in his yard. State College police said.
- A woman's cream-colored 10-speed bicycle was found Tuesday evening at 277 E. McCormick Ave., State College police said.
- A sign worth \$60 was reported missing by Frank Tice, Office of Physical Plant, from Parking Area Blue B near Pollock and Bigler roads Tuesday afternoon, University police said.
- An unknown person broke a window in Lions East Pizza Shop in East Hall on Tuesday afternoon, University police said. The incident was reported by Lisa Wandel, Johnston Dining Hall.
- A \$24 license plate was reported missing by Marry Cubbison, Huntingdon, Tuesday afternoon while his vehicle was in Parking Area Orange near the Work Force" at 11 this morning in the HUB Main Lounge.
- by Gordon Zernich

# collegian notes

- Phi Beta Lambda will meet at 6:45 tonight in 203 Willard.
- The Committee for Justice in South Africa will meet at 7 tonight in 367 Willard.
- The Penn State Objectivist Club will meet from 6:30 to 8 tonight in 110 Sackett.
- The Undergraduate Student Government Department of Political Affairs will meet at 7 tonight in 223 HUB.
- Students for Clinger Committee of the College Republicans will sponsor Connecticut Congressman Nancy Johnson with Congressman Bill Clinger in a forum titled "Women in the Work Force" at 11 this morning in the HUB Main Lounge.
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