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Higher appropriations goal of rally

Students will visit Harrisburg today to lobby legislators for state funds

By Krystle Kopacz and Devon Lash

At least 300 students are expected to travel to Harrisburg to lobby for an increase in state appropriations at

today's Rally in the Rotunda. Kathleen Streaker, Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) governmental affairs director, said although only about 300 students are definitely attending, the original goal of about 600 people in attendance may be met through the appearance of

additional students and alumni. "We tried our hardest to get the students out there," she said. "Any students there is a positive thing."

Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Governmental Affairs Director Kyle Metzgar said he is unsure how many students will actually attend today's rally because some students have opted to find their own transportation, and students from branch campuses are also organizing trips to the capitol. Although USG and the Interfraternity



Foulke

Metzgar said about the low interest. Eight speakers are scheduled to

Council sponsored a 90-seat bus to transport students to the rally, only 15 students signed up, he said.

"I was wondering if it was my fault — I didn't get the word out about it — or if it's just apathy, and there's not much I can do about that," Foulke said he plans to tell legislators that students "are caught in the middle"

Sen. Jane Ori, R-Allegheny and Butler; Rep. Lynn Herman, R-Centre; Rep. Jewell Williams, D-Philadelphia; Rep. Steven Capelli, R-Lycoming; Rep. John Yudichak, D-Luzerne; Rep. P. Michael Sturla, D-Lancaster; USG President Galen Foulke and CCSG President Bridget Daly will speak about the importance of higher education and increased appropriations.

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Charles Sulzen, of Spring Grove, plays the bagpipes as petitioners ask passersbys to help save Terri Schiavo.

Group petitions for Floridian

By Josh Kowalkowski

The distinct sound of Scottish bagpipes were heard across campus yesterday as Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) Student Action tried to raise awareness for saving the life of Florida resident Terri Schiavo.

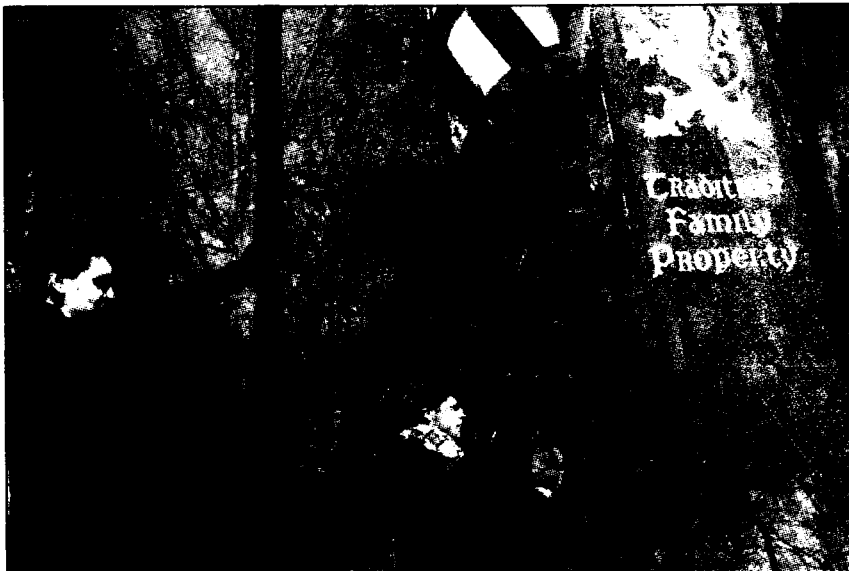
Ritchie said TFP is a cultural and civic organization of Catholic inspiration that works to uphold and defend the values of tradition, family and property — values they believe to be the basic pillars of civilization.

Schiavo, 41, who has brain damage due to a cardiac arrest in 1990, cannot communicate with others and has to be fed through a tube.

"Bagpipes are attractive, beautiful and can be heard from a mile away," said director of TFP Student Action John Ritchie.

"And what we're trying to do with them is to draw attention and awareness to protect the life of an innocent lady who doesn't deserve to die," he added.

The organization was asking people to sign petitions on Allen Street as they carried giant red TFP flags urg-



Members of Tradition, Family and Property Student Action rally on Allen Street.

ing Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to do what it takes to save Schiavo's life.

Ritchie said 200 to 300 people signed and turned in the petitions as of 2 p.m. yesterday.

"She can say some words like dad

and mom, and she has an appreciation for music," Ritchie said. "Jeb Bush is doing all he can to stop this."

A judge recently ordered that Schiavo's feeding tube be removed Friday. See PETITION, Page 3.

Student recalled for love of travel

Friends are saddened over the death of Chen-Ying Chien, who passed away after an automobile accident on March 7 in Florida.

By Drew Curley

Chen-Ying Chien, known as Ethel to those who knew her, will be remembered as an independent and brave traveler by her friends.

Chien, 20, a first year Penn State international student from Taipei, Taiwan, died March 7 when her vehicle struck a concrete barrier on the Florida Turnpike.

She was vacationing in Florida for spring break with a group of friends

and was traveling to Miami when the accident occurred.

Nae-Yun Chen (freshman-business), known as Alice, and Chien's roommate on the International Language House (ILH) floor in Beaver Hall, was also from Taipei.

"She's really independent, very considerate and very mature," she said. "Ethel was pretty outgoing, she was full of dreams."

Chen said that she and a group of friends traveled with Chien to Orlando, Fla., for spring break, to visit area amusement parks, and learned about the accident early in the day.

"She was going to drive to Miami and come back and meet us," Chen said. "It was shocking ... we were making phone calls to confirm the news. Everyone was really upset."

Ren-Kuan Kuo (freshman-business) See TRAVEL, Page 2.

Colleagues, friends remember students

Community members recollect the lives of three Penn State students who were killed in a car accident on I 80 over spring break.

By Erin James

Friends of three Penn State students killed in a car accident on Interstate 80 last weekend recalled the women as "inspirational, gentle and precious."

Daniel Trout (sophomore-journalism and history) said graduate student and communications lecturer Djung Tchoi created a classroom atmosphere that made him look forward to attending class.

"Out of my entire college experience, she's the [lecturer] who stood out the most," Trout said.

Tchoi was driving the 1997 Nissan Maxima that crossed into oncoming

traffic and rolled into the air, killing Tchoi, 33, Hyeonhwa Lee, 30 and Joo-Ook Kim, 27, last Saturday near Danville.

Tchoi, Lee and Kim were all international graduate students from Korea.

Tchoi was a doctoral student in mass communications, Kim was a master's degree student in business administration and Lee was a doctoral student in educational theory and policy.

Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Wayne Laskoski said police have completed their investigation, though it is still unclear why Tchoi lost control of the vehicle.

"For whatever reason, she went off into the rumble strips," Laskoski said.

Police have not been able to obtain additional information from Penn State student Jinhee Kim, 30, who survived the crash.

"She doesn't remember anything," Laskoski said.

Tchoi made sure to memorize the See COLLEAGUES, Page 2.

PSU's union building celebrates 50th birthday

By Alison Herget

The building had a ballroom and stage for performances. There was a lounge with a fireplace and a soda fountain. A used book exchange was nearby.

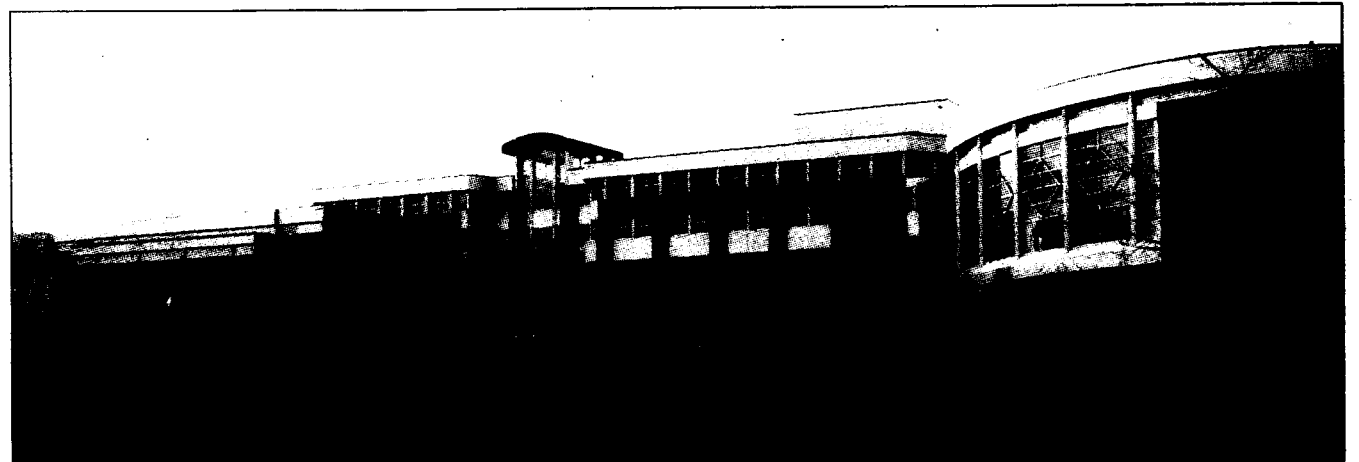
This conglomeration of operations was known as the TUB, Penn State's first temporary student union building. Constructed from recycled materials from a war-surplus USO club out of Lebanon,

Pa., it probably wasn't the most attractive place to meet and greet.

"The TUB was a pretty grungy place, but we took what we could get," said Mimi Coppersmith Fredman, a 1953 alumna.

As funds were raised and the TUB became outdated, efforts concentrated on opening a permanent student union building.

Today's HUB-Robeson Center, which See HUB, Page 5.



The HUB-Robeson Center is celebrating its 50th birthday this week with a ceremony, food specials and displays.

Glee Club member to be on 'The Price is Right'

Over spring break, 25 members of the Glee Club visited California, with one appearing on the famous CBS game show. | LOCAL, Page 4.

Library board to decide new name for building

A three-member committee was formed yesterday to decide a new name for the Schlow Memorial Library. | LOCAL, Page 4.

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