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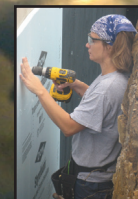
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School year marks passing of time

This September marks the beginning of my daughter Ayshe's senior year of high school. She has already begun dreading how quickly it will go and how much she'll miss her friends and the State College Area High School marching band.

She lives in the future a lot, and I'm afraid that's my fault, because I do it too. Right now I'm anticipating the future of this little newspaper when I leave it in June 2011. I'm searching hard for possible replacements. I worry that our small board will not know how to raise the money to entice a high quality managing editor, someone who knows more than I do, (which wouldn't be difficult), and who won't have to do the job guided by little experience and a whole lot of intuition.

But I'm convinced that's the next step for Voices—a professional at the helm, providing this region a necessary, vital independent press. We see the support for it with our new advertising representative Marisa Eichman.

from the desk of managing editor

Suzan Erem

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So I have hope. But mixed into my hope is also sadness, like my daughter's, of friends and challenges I will miss. One friend we lost already, this August, when Advisory Council Member Rustum Roy died at 86. Rustum was a great supporter of Voices, and while I didn't know him well, his reputation was that of a man who believed in shaking things up and who also found ways to bring disparate groups together to develop new ideas, scientifically, socially and spiritually.

It seems he had a lot in common with Voices. I feel honored that he served on our council. We are going to miss him very much.

As for the present, this month's issue addresses climate change and the effects it will have on us locally. David DeJuliis found some intriguing facts. And the summer debate over the closing and relocation of Webster's had me thinking about the role of community and public spaces which caused

me to develop the story on that in our community section. And while it may not be news that men's sports have more money than women's at Penn State, we hope you find some of the other facts Emily Dabney uncovered illuminating.

On a lighter note, this issue has a new Centre Region Yoga Directory. Our yoga studios were very excited about this, so I hope you will let them know you learned about them in Voices...or this might be the only month we see them in our pages. If Webster's taught us nothing else, it taught us not to take the things we love about this community for granted.

So please, continue to support Voices, so that all of us can look toward a rosy and long future of the free press in Centre County.

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