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time, speaking of her views on not just racial equality, but also on economic equality and the elimination of excessive wealth and materialism.

According to Sanchez, it has been her goal as a writer to "eradicate the aura of the educated class, while still furthering creativity."

To end her lecture, Sanchez read two of her poems to the audience, one of which was dedicated to rapper Tupac Shakur.

Ending Monday's events was a dinner at the Logan House with Sanchez. Students, faculty, and staff packed the mansion, which was filled just about to capacity with close to 40 participants, including Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley.

Dinner began shortly after the arrival of all of the guests at 6 p.m. After dinner, Sanchez again entertained questions from the group, which allowed her to elaborate on many of the points she had brought up during the writers session and during her lecture.

The last event of the week's celebrations was the MLK Forum,

held in the Reed Lecture Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Although the event began promptly at 6 p.m. as scheduled, it went overtime by about a half-hour as some of the discussion/debate became heated.

The Forum was led by a panel of students, faculty, staff, and community members. The panel of six included Dr. Robert Speel, assistant professor of political science; students Nick Carter and Melissa Davis; Tammy Furiesz, Residence Life Coordinator; and Gary Horton, Assistant to Erie Mayor Joyce Savocchio.

Initially, each member gave his or her views on the current trends and situations for underrepresented groups in American society. After all panelists had presented their views, the audience, as well as the panel, was given the opportunity to comment on or call into question some of the views brought forth. One of the main issues addressed was the validity and usefulness of Affirmative Action.

Although it took a few moments for the audience to get into the debate, people were soon lining up to get a chance to address the issues brought forth.

Textbooks

which students can purchase their books such as varsitybooks.com, bookstogo.com, bigwords.com, acses.com, and even amazon.com. These sites offer some major advantages over the traditional bookstore shopping. First of all it saves students time from having to wait in lines and searching through the store for books. With a few clicks a student can quickly order their books. These sites also offer fast delivery, and most waive the delivery charge as long as a certain amount of money is spent. The average for waiving the fee is around \$100.

One major drawback to these services is a fear of security of sending your credit card number over the Internet, but this is becoming less and less of a factor with the upgrading of security features on these sites.

According to ZDNet, textbook sites have been receiving a large number of hits, as more and more students look into alternatives to the bookstore.

What's the Rush? Greek organizations begin spring recruitment period

by Traci Hamm
staff writer

This week marks the beginning of the spring recruitment period for Behrend's three sororities: Theta Phi Alpha, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Alpha Sigma Tau. The rush period for Behrend's six fraternities (Delta Chi, Sigma Tau Gamma, Zeta Beta Tau, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Delta Rho, and Sigma Kappa Nu) begins next week.

The spring formal rush period is extremely different than the fall informal rush period. During the formal rush period, stricter rules are enforced to ensure that potential members are not pressured in any way. While formal rush is in process, Greek women are not allowed to speak to non-Greek women outside of an academic setting. This allows potential members to seriously consider their decision without feeling influenced. In addition, a temporarily "deaffiliated" sister called a Rho Chi leads potential

members into each sorority event. It is the Rho Chi's job to explain the formal rush process and aid those rushing while being completely impartial.

It is during this period that potential members meet and get to know all three sororities. Jen Osmanski, President of Theta Phi Alpha, commented, "as someone who went through the formal rush process, I appreciated meeting all three groups and being able to make an informed decision."

This process introduces the Greek system to the rushees. "It is a time to learn that they are joining a Greek community, not just a sorority," voiced Shawna Pelasky, Coordinator of Greek Life. At the end of this period, the Greek organizations extend invitations to those they feel most compatible with to pledge their individual sororities.

"Formal rush is a great opportunity for women to come out and see what the Greek community can offer them," said Megan Horanic, President

of the Panhellenic Council. The term "rush" originated in the 1940s when freshmen were gathered on one end of campus. After they were given the "go" sign, they would "rush" to fraternity/sorority row in anxious anticipation of being accepted by the Greek organization of their choice.

Although the times and methods have changed, the essential idea remains. The main difference is that formal rush gives rushees the chance to be introduced to sororities that they might not have encountered otherwise. Jessica Manno, President of Alpha Sigma Alpha, said, "I feel that the formal rush experience is wonderful and I wish that more girls would take advantage of it. You get a chance to meet everyone equally."

If you were unable to attend formal rush events and are still interested in rushing, or if you have any question about fraternities or sororities, you can contact Shawna Pelasky, in the Office of Student Activities at 898-6171.

Question of the Week

HOW MUCH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S DREAM HAVE WE ACHIEVED?

"Probably only about 40%, because there was a lot in his dream that's impossible to answer. There's too much conflict between people."

Chad Warren, 04, MIS



"About half, because there have been improvements in equal rights for minorites, but we still have a long way to go."

Karl Gressley, 07, BLASC

"A moderate amount - there has been improvement in our nation moving toward unity, and there have been better efforts for the equality of peoples in the nation."

Scott Lee, 02, DUS



"We've made some advancements, but I don't think we've achieved MLK Jr.'s goals as of yet."

Shimira Williams, 08, Business ECON

"We've moved more towards racial integration, but there's still a long way to go until everyone is seen as equal."

Melissa Proba, 01, Nursing



Police And Safety

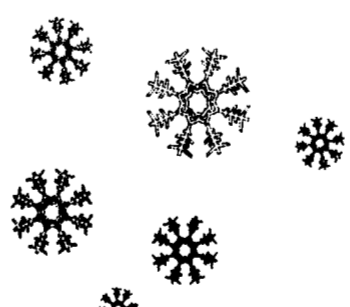

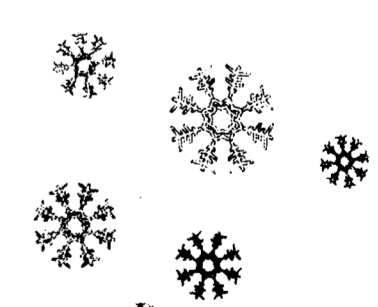
REPORT:

- 1/13/00 08:00 A complainant noticed that someone had run over the "No Parking" sign and the registrar's office sign.
- 1/13/00 11:54 A complainant reported that an individual was receiving harrassing messages on their dry marker board.
- 1/14/00 08:45 A witness reported someone stealing a Penn State chair.
- 1/14/00 16:35 A complainant called P/S to report that a person became disorderly in the office.
- 1/14/00 20:35 A complainant called and reported that they were receiving a harrassing phone call.
- 1/14/00 23:35 Information was reported on roommate conflict and possible harrasment by communication.
- 1/15/00 08:20 A report was made that two computer mices were stolen.
- 1/15/00 10:50 A student was reported driving on the quad without permission.
- 1/16/00 02:40 A student was observed dropping a bottle in the snow upon seeing a cruiser. A check was done and the student was under 21 and had been drinking.
- 1/17/00 20:45 A report was made that two vehicles were driving on the quad without permission.



WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SNOW SHOWERS; LOW IN THE 10'S, HIGH IN THE TEENS	MOSTLY CLOUDY; HIGH IN THE UPPER TEENS	SNOW; HIGH 18, LOW 15.