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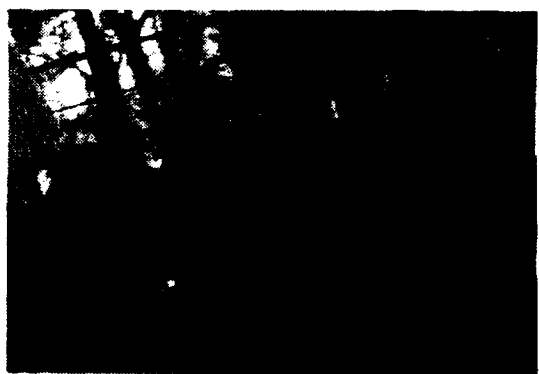
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(Top) Students gather in Erie Hall Monday to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (Middle) The Behrend Dance Team commemorates King with a performance. (Bottom) Students recreate the famous 1963 march in Washington D.C.



"Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Behrend celebrates King's life

by Erinn Hansen
calendar page editor

Classes were cancelled as students, faculty, and the community gathered in Erie Hall on Monday for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration 2003, one of many events held to celebrate his birthday. The theme of the event was "Reflections of the Dream, America in Their Eyes."

"The idea is to spread diversity and to understand that he was a great leader," said Edalia George, president of the Multi-Cultural Council. "We also want to symbolize our coming together as a campus community."

The celebration opened with a performance by the Behrend Gospel Choir and a reenactment of the March on Washington. During the March, Behrend students recited lines from Dr. King's speeches, including "I Have a Dream." These students include Christian O'Conner, Gillian A. Young, Dante Spain, Jamila Sheikh, Olga N. Nacalaban, Scott Soltis, Victoria Anderson, Kennedy Lorya, Cristen Stephansky, Kim Moses, and George.

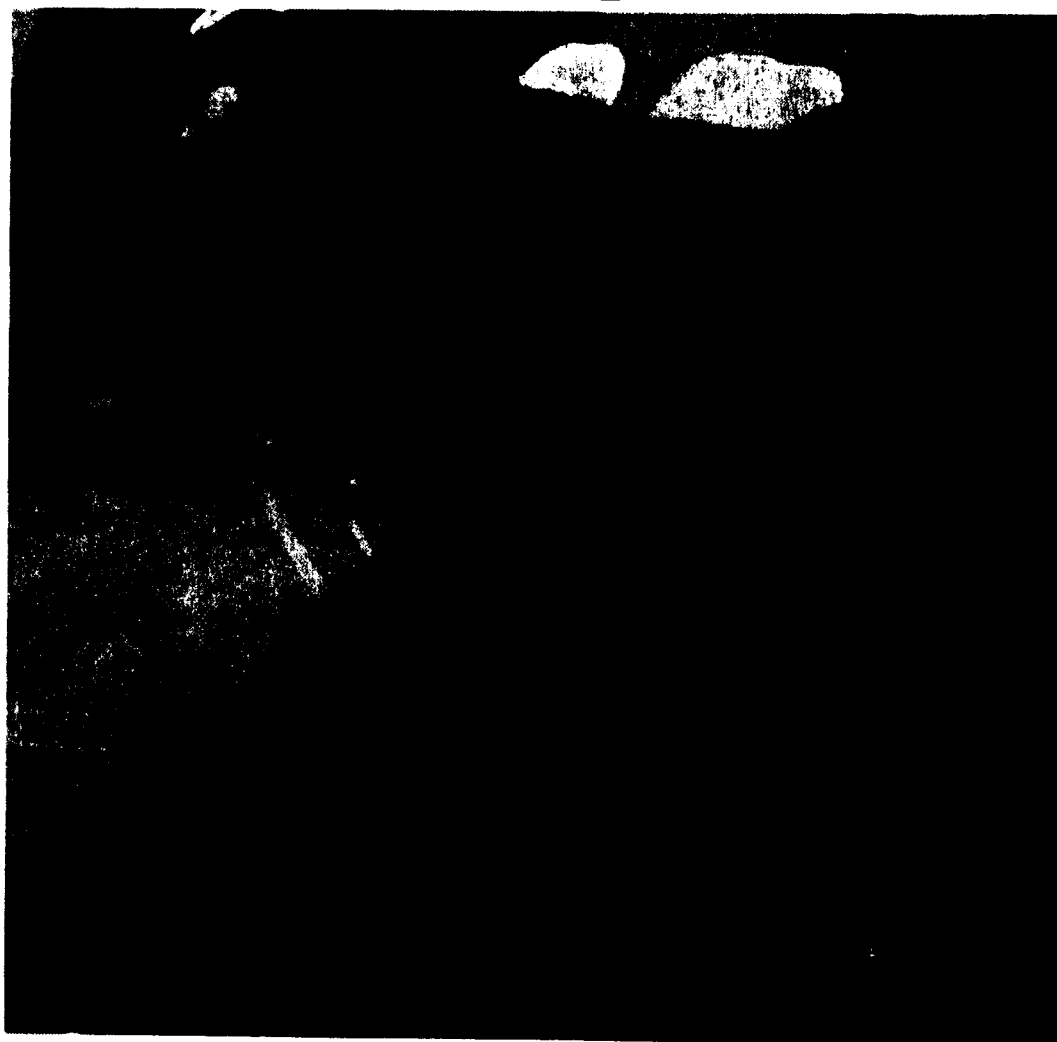
Victoria Anderson, president of the Association of Blacks Collegians, then welcomed everybody to the program, followed by an introduction to Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. J-LaVon Kincaid, assistant to the Bishop, United Methodist Church of Northwestern Pennsylvania, by Dr. Jack Burke, Provost and Dean at Behrend.

"We are here to honor a great leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," said Anderson. "We are here also to celebrate the civil rights movement," added Burke.

Kincaid, community organizer, civil rights leader, and author of two books, then took the floor. He started off with a special thanks to all of Penn State Behrend for inviting him to come speak.

"I am really excited to be here and celebrate," said Kincaid. "I met Martin Luther King Jr. in 1963, and he is a legend. I was mesmerized by his message about his dream of social non-violence through love, and of gaining equal rights."

Kincaid then gave a brief history of Dr. King's life. He explained about how people were annoyed by Dr. King, especially after he won the Nobel Peace Prize. He talked about how Dr. King was warned about the rumors of



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A Behrend student reflects on the words of guest speaker Rev. Dr. J-LaVon Kincaid.

people wanting to kill him, as he was leaving to speak in Memphis, Tenn. Dr. King decided to go anyway, and quoted, "There is nothing to fear but fear itself."

After Dr. King was shot, the people in the community were given the responsibility of carrying on the dream.

"Killing a dreamer does not kill the dream," said

Kincaid. "Dr. King's dream is for us, let us all unite together. Have love in your hearts to carry out the dream."

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Tuition cost going up

by Kristen Schrum
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Every year you dread hearing these words; Yes, once again, tuition will likely rise.

When asked why she thinks tuition is going up, Angela Chevalier, a senior, replied, "Probably for the same reason it did last year, because the state took away funding." She is right.

Back in the 1970s, the state covered 80 percent of the funding for universities, and 20 percent was paid in the form of tuition. Now, the percentages are reversed. Less money comes in from the state and as a result, tuition goes up. Each year, the state proposes how much it will give to each university, and then mid-year it makes adjustments. Consequently, money that was allocated by the state for universities is then cut.

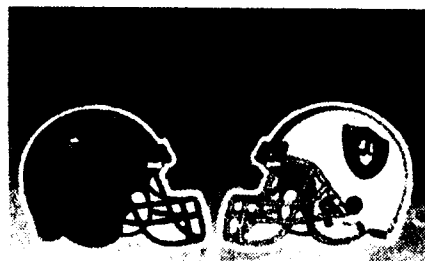
"They consider it [college] a more private investment now, rather than a public investment," said Interim Provost and Dean Dr. Jack Burke.

Tuition is set at State College, and Penn State receives less money per student than Pennsylvania's other large schools, Pitt and Temple University. The state is now spending more money

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The one day Roman numerals matter



by Scott Soltis
sports editor

"Hey, man, both are pirates. How about that? I guess we're going to have a lot of fans in the stands Sunday wearing patches on their eyes."

Future NFL Hall-of-Famer Tim Brown summed up this year's Super Bowl in a nutshell on Media Day in San Diego. Brown is one of the star players on the Oakland Raiders who will represent the AFC. Playing for the pride of the NFC will be the one time laughing stock of the league, Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Delving deeper into the biggest game in football than Brown's statement reveals the game has many interesting aspects to it. First and foremost, it is the classic offense versus defense matchup.

The Raiders tout the NFL's top offense, ranking first in total yards per game with an average of nearly 400. Almost 280 of those 400 yards come from the NFL's top passer and league MVP Rich Gannon. The team as a whole also ranked second in the NFL in scoring, averaging 28 points per game.

The Buccaneers, on the other hand, have the stingiest defense in the NFL.

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