

Party

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One student who got away through the window said that many students at the party chose to run. "A bunch of kids were jumping," the student said. "People

were frantic - they just wanted to get out."

Shrout says that less than twenty students were in the apartment upon the arrival of Police and Safety.

As of press time, the university is in the process of bringing in students who attended the party to hear their statements. After they have collected the stories, they will decide which sanctions, if any, apply.

"The system breaks down into on- and off-campus students," Shrout says. "On-campus students will be handled through Community Standards, which is often done through building coordinators. Off-campus students go through Judicial Affairs."

Shrout says that sanctions through Community Standards often deal with housing contract review on the low end and

contract revocation on the high end. Judicial Affairs, she says, can affect academics through holds or transcript notations.

"If students are honest, upfront, responsible, we take into consideration the low-end codes," she says. "When students lie or run, we get frustrated. When students choose to do crazy things like jump out of windows, we have to answer for that."

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by Penn State University at the time.

"The endowment money allows Behrend to give scholarships to undergraduates and graduates, provide graduate assistance and faculty endowed chairs, and the excellence and opportunity fund," Magenau said.

According to the Behrend Quarterly, the Black Family Excellence and Opportunity Fund

provides innovative and state-of-the-art technology, facilities, and programs to the business faculty and students. This includes library, instructional, and technology resource, and community and industry outreach.

In addition to Behrend, Pat Black has made a difference on the city of Erie.

"As a business person, he is very dedicated to Erie, Pa. and Western Pa.," Magenau said.

Black is the chairman of Erie Management Group, which invests in and manages companies whose innovative products capitalize on economic oppor-

tunities within the Lake Erie region.

Through the company, Black provides opportunities for Behrend students by internships.

"Erie Management Group has utilized students in projects for the company on many occasions," Black said.

Black chose Erie to develop his business because he feels like the city is the "golden opportunity."

"There isn't any reason why we can't bring manufacturing and a high tech industry in. [Erie] has a perfect location and is one of the locations cho-

sen by the experts for the biodiesel plant because we've got the access to the water through the lake and we've got real transport and truck transport on the interstates."

In a Behrend press release, Magenau said that Erie is fortunate to be served by people committed to higher education and to the community at large.

"In Pat Black, we have an advocate who is creating opportunities where none existed, bringing new technologies to fruition, and investing in initiatives that will help make Erie more competitive in the global market," Magenau said.

Winter calls for colder temperatures, but average snowfall

MATT ALTO
weather editor

The 2008-2009 winter season was one for the ages. The images of "mountains" of snow in the parking lots and slick sidewalks around campus will soon not be forgotten.

Erie's previous winter saw the second most snowfall measured in the city's records history with 145.8 inches snow. But will the upcoming season live up to the hype that the 2008-2009 brought?

According to the Accuweather.com 2009-2010 winter forecast by meteorologist Joe Bastardi, Erie can anticipate normal snowfall amounts as well as below normal temperatures.

Bastardi's forecast is not the only one calling for a near average winter in Erie, but other sources are as well.

According to the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center and the 2010 Farmers' Almanac, the Erie area will see average temperatures and precipitation. The Old Farmers' Almanac winter forecast for Erie is calling for slightly colder temperatures than average with below normal snowfall.

Erie's average snowfall in the period between the beginning of October and the end of April is 91.7 inches. High temperatures in the heart of the winter season average near the middle 30's. Average lows are near 20 degrees.

The majority of the snowfall received in Erie is associated

with lake-effect snow, which occurs when cold winds blow across a long stretch of warm lake water. As the wind blows across the lake, it lifts the warmer air sitting above the lake. As the air rises it freezes, then falls as snow on the windward shores.

In order to have lake effect snow, the lakes cannot be frozen. Forecasted below normal temperatures could expedite to process of freezing the lake. Once the lake is frozen, the lake-effect machine is effectively "turned off".

During the 2008-2009 winter season, the lake was not frozen for extended periods of times. This enabled Erie to receive record amounts of snow. With below average temperatures expected this season, we can expect to see not as much snow as we did last year.

With the general consensus calling for below average temperatures regarding the average snowfall, it can be said with confidence that the 2009-2010 winter season will not set records like the 2008-2009 season.

Expect chilly temperatures to be the story of the season with below average temperatures forecasted.

But don't count out the snow, as long as the lake is not covered by ice and the direction of the winds is right, Erie will still see a significant amount of snow by just being located in the Snow Belt.

Keep in mind, 91.7 inches of snow is approximately equal to seven and a half feet.

Speaker

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treatment. On May 17, 2004, Ochs and her partner married on the first hour of the first day that it was possible. Although she thought it was mainly for protection and legal reasons,

Ochs said "my wedding day was the most amazing day of my life." Her wedding was on the front page of the *Washington Post* and a video was posted online.

Afterward, the newlyweds "received nothing but love, support, and affirmation."

Strangers waved to them from their cars and public school buses. People stopped them on the street. A complete stranger approached them and told them that he was

from Israel and how he hoped that someday same-sex marriages would be accepted in his country.

In light of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California, Ochs told the audience, "I'm here to recruit you to change the world."

State laws are a great start, but gays still have a long way to go. Ochs explained that although she is married in Massachusetts, she is not married in the eyes of the federal government.

She believes that in five years there will be more support of her lifestyle, but she also stressed the importance of spreading awareness and gaining involvement.

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ROBYN OCHS

Gay/Lesbian/Bi Activist and Speaker



A packed Smith Chapel listened to Robyn Ochs speak on equality.

Ochs visited the White House this summer and is traveling the world to talk to different groups about same-sex marriage. She is the co-editor of *Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals Around the World*, a book composed of short essays from 184 bisexuals of different ages, classes, backgrounds, and genders.

"I get paid to travel the world

and talk to people who care about what I care about," Ochs said about her job.

Ochs encouraged the audience to get involved in the acceptance of same-sex marriage in Pennsylvania. She said, "If South America can do it, can't Pennsylvania?"

She suggested that those wanting to get involved should visit <http://www.equalitypa.org/>.

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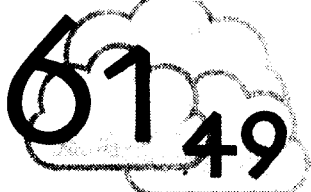
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