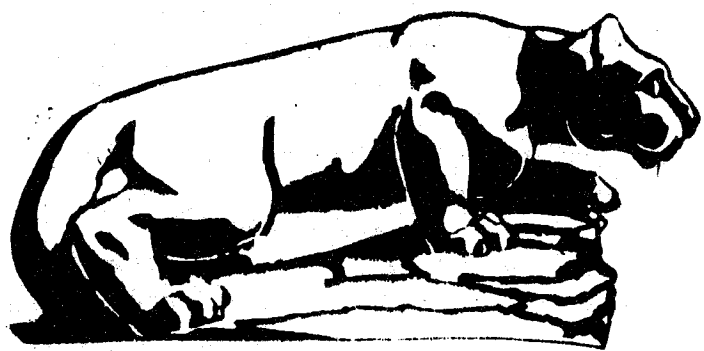


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"We are the ones we've been waiting for!"

## Dr. Dorothy Cotton Visits Hazleton Campus

By: Janice D. Hayes & Ben Turrano

On Monday evening January 18, Dr. Dorothy Cotton, of Cornell University, spoke to an attentive group of Penn State students, faculty, and staff in room 115 of the Evelyn Graham Academic Center here on campus. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s colleague, who joined us in celebration of his birth and his dream, posed the question: "Will you be prepared for the job that lies ahead?"

Dr. Dorothy Cotton, returning from a breakfast in the South, spoke to a crowd of eager listeners about her various experiences and gave new insights to all present through recollections of her childhood and her young adulthood living in the "whites only" south. During her awe-inspiring talk she emphasized that anyone with a passion toward problem areas in our society can make a difference and she also offered suggestions to help enable one to become a leader. Some of the events in her life that she had so eloquently related to us, almost seemed incomprehensible to many of the young listeners who had been born after the turbulent sixties.

Four students from the Hazleton Campus opened the program with a song entitled "Lift Every Voice and Sing", along with a reading by Janice Hayes, one of the featured singers. The other student performers included Micheal Brewster, Shirley Jackson, and Lori White. During the emotionally uplifting presentation, some members of the audience were holding back a few tears or chuckling hardily at the clever quips that Dr. Cotton included in her speech.

Between the opening remark: "Did you all forget to pay your heating bill here?", an obvious reference to the heating, (or lack there of) in some of our buildings down to the last clap and thank you; she tried to give us the mental tools so that we could be prepared for the future and told us to take some initiative and do things without being told to. Many observers remarked as they

left the room that they felt a renewed sense of direction and purpose in life. Quite a complement to the person who was so inspirational in a lecture that only lasted slightly more than an hour, that one might be forced to wonder what direction society would take if more people were like this vibrant leader.

### Fire Alarms

By: Erin Ann Keane

After returning to Hazleton for second semester, I wondered if I would encounter any nights when my sleep would be interrupted by the piercing noise of a fire alarm. So far, none have been pulled in North Hall and only one was pulled in South.

Last semester, pulling fire alarms became a great pastime for a select few in North and South. On any night, it was a good idea to have shoes, pants, and a coat handy just in case the jolly jokers struck. After the first few pulls, the novelty wore off. People became quite vocal about their distaste for the pulls as they trudged to the basketball court to take their place among the other victims. All told, fire alarms were pulled in South and North anywhere between two and four times a night. These numbers are outrageous and only caused negative reactions among residence hall inhabitants.

Many people chose to take their chances during a pull and remained inside by hiding in their rooms. Although I sympathize with these people, their behavior in such a situation is dangerous and potentially life threatening. Due to all of the fire alarm pulls last semester, people became callous and lost the fear and respect that should be associated with the sound of a fire alarm. Despite all of the false alarms, I urge residence hall students to think twice before staying inside for the next fire alarm pull. Although it is of great discomfort, leaving the security of a warm bed in the middle of the night is the smart thing to do and could save your life.



## Upcoming Events

### Feb.

- 4-12 Candy Sale (Hershey's Kisses)
- 10 Cartoon portraits (FREE)  
10:30AM- 2:30PM  
Upper Commons
- 11 ASO Meeting 7:00 PM  
Nomination of officers  
Lower Commons
- 12 V-Day Dance  
8:00PM Dining Hall  
Code Blue  
(Rhythm Blues)  
11:30AM-Noon
- 16 MCC Talent Contest  
7:00 PM Upper Commons  
Cash prizes!
- 19 U.S. Air Force ACC  
Heritage of America  
Clarinet Quartet  
7:30 PM Commons
- 27 Open House  
Movies in Commons  
Glory  
Patriot Games  
The Naked Gun  
Mo' Money

### March

- 2 Roommate Game  
South Hall Lobby
- 23 Win, Lose, or Draw  
7:00PM South Hall  
Lobby

### April

- 13 Name that Tune  
7:00PM Dining Hall
- 22 Luau (Rain Date 26th)  
4:00 p.m. Look-Out
- 23 Spring Semi-Formal