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Armed to the teeth with caffeine, I made my way back to the table to confidently list their chosen fields. On the way, though, I encountered two students who didn't get a chance to sign the sign-up sheet at the presentation and wanted credit for attending. Here was my salvation; now, I wouldn't have to sound smart all by myself! I introduced them to the speaker and sat down beside them. One was a Physical Therapy major and the other, the famed Undecided. No, I don't recall their names (hey, it was maybe ten years ago) but I do very vividly recall that after they excused themselves, ostensibly to get to class, our speaker also rose to leave but not before saying that Mont Alto was a good place to be. As I walked with him to his

car, he went on to say that we were so fortunate to be in a place that offered students that opportunity to be, that term that philosophy folk use a lot.

The Campus Theme program has evolved over the years from invited speakers to interactive panel forums composed of students from different backgrounds and ages and experts within the year's given theme. Likewise, our students' faces have changed from my vantage point on the other side of the desk and technology has replaced a sometimes more personal approach. Even the dining hall with its big coffee urns is now the Millstream and the coffee itself could more than likely be a latte. What hasn't changed is that

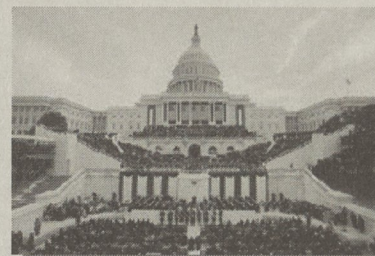
opportunity to hear that new approach on working, going to school, and raising a child from Heather in the second seat in row two or to listen as Chad in the back shares his thoughts on the beauty of rock. This is what that Campus Theme speaker meant when he said that here at Penn State Mont Alto, we have an opportunity to be. The minds behind these changing faces will not only tackle environmental problems or work toward making an injured child become mobile but they will become valued human beings to make this world a better and better place to be.

I love the change of faces every semester and the new ideas that are shared and I love this job where I too can be.

## Bush Inauguration 2005

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On January 20, 2005, President Bush renewed his second term in office. Over 300,000 people braved the cold to witness this historic event. The theme was of freedom and democracy and Bush's inaugural address focused on his plans to rid the world of oppression and tyranny.



The first wartime inauguration since Vietnam, Bush vowed to make human rights the top priority of foreign policy: "All who live in tyranny and hopelessness can know the United States will not ignore your oppression or excuse your oppressors." Within his twenty-one minute speech, Bush said "freedom," "free," or "liberty" forty-nine times, reiterating his objective of freedom throughout the world.

Eighty-year-old Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist swore in President Bush with the oath of office while members of the Bush family held the Bible. This was Rehnquist's first public appearance since his announcement in October, 2004 that he had been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. President Bush will most likely have to appoint a new Supreme Court judge this term.

The biggest concern of the 55<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration was security and the threat of terrorism. Over 17.3 million dollars was spent on security. 100 city blocks were blocked off and everything from sharpshooters to fighter jets were watching. 13,000 plus soldiers and police officers, with the assistance of bomb sniffing dogs, patrolled the event.

Some protesters released an antiwar banner at the ceremony, but were removed by police as the Bush supporters chanted "U-S-A." There were protesters along the parade route with anti-Bush signs and antiwar posters calling for President Bush's impeachment. The day was free from any major incidents.

Bush alluded to the first reading of the Declaration of Independence and the ringing of the liberty bell. He quoted a witness as saying "It rang as if it meant something." Bush went on to say, "in our time it means something still. America, in this young century, proclaims liberty throughout all the world, and to all the inhabitants thereof. Renewed in our strength—tested, but not weary—we are ready for the greatest achievements in the history of freedom."

# February 2005

## Celebrate Black History Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Black History Month</i> 		1 <b>LOL Tuesdays</b> Money Tree Game Show 8:30 pm, WSC Bible Study 7:30 pm, MSC	2 <b>"Spirit Day"</b> Tribal Legacy 9 pm, AUD	3 <b>Thon Blood Drive</b> 10 am - 3 pm, MPR	4 <b>Back History Movie Night</b> 8:30 pm, WSC Special Event Don't miss this show!	5 Valentine Day Trip to Tyson's Comer, VA Students - \$5 Bus leaves MA at 10 am and leaves TC at 9 pm
6 <b>Super Bowl Party</b> 5 pm, WSC	7 <b>Club Night</b> Bring your own T-shirt 8:30 pm, WSC Fashion and Volunteer Club	8 <b>Mardi Gras Celebration</b> 8 pm - 11 pm, WSC Bible Study 7:30 pm, MSC	9 <b>Chinese New Year</b> Lion Dragon Dance 6 pm, MSC w/ Theme meal <i>THON Date Auction</i> 9 pm, AUD	10 <b>Bowling</b> 9:30 pm - 12:30 am	11 <b>CAMP</b> Movie Night <b>SAW</b> 8:30 pm, AUD	12 Walmart Trip 4 pm & 6 pm Sign up Cam- pus Life
13 <b>Movie Night</b> 8:30 pm, WSC	14 <b>VALENTINES DAY</b> Club Night 601 & Wrestling Mont Alto's Top 10 Love Songs 11:30 pm WSC	15 Bible Study 7:30 pm, MSC	16 <b>Open Mic</b> 9 pm - 11 pm	17 <b>"Opera 101:</b> This isn't your Grandmothers Opera" 7 pm, AUD <b>BINGO</b> 10 pm, MPR	18 <b>THON</b> Game Night 8 pm - 11 pm, WSC	19 Dinner/Movie 5 pm Valley Mall Sign up Campus Life
20 <b>THON</b> Movie Night 8:30 pm, WSC	21 <b>Club Night</b> Weakest Link 8:30 pm, WSC	22 <b>Mont Alto Idd</b> 8 pm, WSC <b>Beer Educators</b>	23 <b>African</b> Resurrection 8:30 pm, AUD	24 <b>The Gathering</b> 8 pm, Chapel  LN in WSC- Casino Night 10 pm - 12	25 <b>CAMP</b> Movie Night National Treasure 8:30 pm, AUD	26 Dinner/Movie 5 pm Valley Mall Sign up Campus Life
27 <b>Movie</b> Night 8:30 pm, WSC	28 <b>Club Night-BSU</b> Black History Closing Celebration 7 pm, WSC Adult Learners	29 <b>C.A.M.P.</b> <b>MEETINGS EVERY</b> <b>WEDS.</b> 8:30 P.M.-WSC	30 <b>RHC MEETINGS</b> <b>EVERY OTHER</b> <b>THURS. 8:30 PM</b> <b>WSC - STARTING</b> <b>FEB. 8</b>	31 <b>CAMP</b> Movie Night National Treasure 8:30 pm, AUD		