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Sorority suspended, will appeal

Sigma Theta Chi charged with hazing

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Sigma Theta Chi sorority was suspended earlier this week after it was discovered they had violated university hazing policy, according to documents obtained from Student Government Association.

According to Ted Hacker, SGA president, the sorority was brought up on charges after evidence was produced "related to sleep deprivation and implied or unwritten requirements for membership imposed on new members

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Author reads from timely new novel



Philip Rosenberg reads a passage from his latest novel, *Tigers of Wrath*, in the Reed Lecture Hall Monday night.

Philip Rosenberg

The old adage "art imitates life" had one Monday night as celebrated novelist Philip Rosenberg read several passages from his latest new book, *Tigers of Wrath*.

The novel, a fictional thriller that aggressively tackles the issue of excessive use of force by police officers, is rapidly gaining acclaim as our society confronts the frightening potential of police brutality.

Unlike the current Los Angeles police brutality case, the incident that begins *Tigers of Wrath* is accidental.

"The situation in the book comes from a situation inspired by confusion and pain," Rosenberg explained at

a press conference Monday afternoon. The relationship between the book and the L.A. case becomes more apparent, however, as the political and judicial wheels begin to turn.

"In both cases, the police departments rally around their partners and try to turn the situation into some sort of political statement," Rosenberg continued.

Tigers of Wrath documents a violent siege staged in an inner city school and follows the effects of police intervention as they spread through the police department and shake up city hall.

For Rosenberg, a former New York City teacher, the book's research was as simple as remembering the frustrations and challenges of

the inner city educational environment.

To accurately portray the police department, Rosenberg relied on the research and contacts he established during the writing of his several previous crime novels. A few of these novels, including "Contract on Cherry Street," "Badge of the Assassin," and "Point Blank," have been adapted for use as TV movies.

Rosenberg's visit, which also included several classroom discussions, was sponsored by the Clarence A. Smith and Eugenie Baumann Smith Fund. The fund, established in December 1990, was designed to promote interest in the Penn State-Behrend creative writing program.

Sanders leaves Behrend

Officer transfers to Mt. Lebo

by Mark Owens
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Thomas Sanders spent most of last Friday cleaning out his desk, saying his good-byes and exchanging phone numbers.

Sanders, better known as "Chip," wrapped up his four-year career as a Police and Safety officer at Behrend last week, having accepted a position with the Mount Lebanon Police Department in Mount Lebanon, PA.

Of course, people rarely called him officer or used his real name.

"No one's ever called me Thomas, let alone Officer Sanders," Sanders said. "Well... if they're getting arrested, it's officer."

Sanders was known for his "tough cop" image. Did he deserve it?

"Oh, I liked the tough cop image. The way I look at it is, it helps me do my job. If people know I'll arrest them for breaking the law, maybe they'll think twice before committing a crime," he said.

The tough cop image doesn't quite fit Sanders, who out of uniform likes to talk about his wife Deborah (with a baby due in September), his dog Lance, fishing and wood working. "In fact, if I decided not to be a cop, I'd want to be a landscaper. Strange, but true."

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Former San Antonio mayor to speak in Reed Discussion to tackle need for cultural diversity

by Floyd J. Csir
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"Diversity," "Equal Opportunity" and "the American Dream," are buzzwords in our culture today. One political leader, Henry Cisneros, will speak next week about the openness of our culturally diverse society and its role in understanding the American Dream.

Cisneros, former mayor of San Antonio, Texas, will

address society's fate in a speech titled "America's Challenge in a Changing World" on Wednesday, April 17, at 8 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

Cisneros, the first Mexican-American mayor of a major American city, believes U.S. cities should not be bound by previous hardships.

"It's not fate. It's not chance. It's not the roll of the dice. It's not history that's been written and our future

already inscribed," said Cisneros. "If we believe that, we might as well throw up our hands in despair."

Aside from his position as mayor, Cisneros has been politically active on a national level. President Bush asked him to help brief Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev during the 1987 Summit. And when Democratic candidate Walter Mondale was running for the Presidency in 1984, Mondale interviewed

Cisneros as a possible running-mate.

In addition to his political life, Cisneros currently hosts a Hispanic radio talk show, is a faculty member at the University of Texas and Trinity University and chairs the National Civic League, a 96-year old government reform group.

The former mayor also believes city assertiveness can

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