

Sanders transfers to Mt. Lebo Police Dept.

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Almost of equal interest is Sanders' interest in crime. "I spend a lot of time working with other task force groups on different crimes: satanic, occult and multiple-murder crimes in different states."

Crime, he added is something that Behrend has plenty of -- more than most people think.

"Crime is a lot worse than people here think it is," Sanders said. "Drugs are a lot more prominent; I'd say about a third have tried, if not seen cocaine. There are a lot of assaults and threats as well. I know of some cases where people are afraid to walk down their dorm halls during the day. That's not right, not here."

According to Sanders, there's plenty of blame to go around for the amount of crime on campus.

"It's partly Police and Safety's fault for not finding it, partly the administration's fault for not acknowledging and reporting it and partly student's fault for not telling us in the first place."

More than anyone else though, he had harsh words for the Behrend administration:

"The administrators at Penn State treat this place like a private business; their job is to sell a product and make it look as good as possible. A police department going out and making arrests doesn't do much for the product's image," he said.

Sanders estimated thefts, if all of them -- reported or not -- were added up, would range from \$20,000-30,000 a year. "At one point," he said, "I ran into a fencing operation running out of the first floor of Perry. They were fencing boat motors, car stereos, tv's -- you name it, they handled it. Things like this tend not to be reported because it doesn't do much for the product's image."

"Still, I think Student Services and other administrators tend to shield crimes to protect the school's image and not protect students or staff," he said. "That shouldn't happen."

But he had a few good words about Behrend as well.

"It's good that the library is on it's way, as well as addressing the parking issue -- something that's plagued Behrend for a long time. There's a lot of potential here."

Sanders started his new job with the Mount Lebanon Police Department earlier this week. Mt. Lebanon is one of only two nationally accredited police departments in the state. "It was a tremendous opportunity for me and I'm going to miss all of my friends here, but they knew why I had to go. Behrend's a good place, but only as good as students let it be."

Cisneros...

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have a determining influence on economic growth.

"Cities (should be) directly involved in economic development-becoming masters of their own destinies, doing in determined, strategic, systematic ways those things that it takes to create jobs," Cisneros stated.

While in San Antonio Cisneros attracted high-technology companies, an attempt to bolster the economy. "The fastest rates of growth in manufacturing are going to be in technology sectors. They're going to pull the economy along and cities need to have a share," said Cisneros.

Cisneros thinks a "new infrastructure" is needed in the technological economy, based on "low-density campus settings that companies with a research orientation like, the ability to create venture capital and the ability to invest in education at all levels."

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Sigma Theta Chi suspended

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(pledges)," Hacker said.

The sorority has been suspended for the remainder of this semester and next fall. Also, Sigma Theta Chi members holding offices in the Panhellenic Council will have to resign their seats. The sorority's suspension, as well as officer removal, will start pending an appeal.

Next spring sorority members, under the supervision of the Panhellenic Council and Student Activities, will have to revise their pledge program, conduct a hazing workshop for the next year-and-a-half and serve a year-and-a-half probation.

Sigma Theta Chi members, however, contend that the charges are merely rumors and their sanctions are unreasonable.

"I'm so infuriated that we received too much action," said Leigh Stanesic, Sigma Theta Chi president. "All of the evidence used against us was secondhand gossip where the sorority involved was assumed to be Sigma Theta Chi. Some of the other witnesses were even from other sororities, which isn't exactly good."

Rachel Eng, Sigma Theta Chi associate member educator, said "I know of other Greek organizations where the Board

had hard, written evidence of what they've done. There isn't any evidence in our case. All of the evidence they (The Board) used is heresay," she said.

Stanesic said she felt the hearing, in some ways, was unfair.

"The prosecutor -- Maureen Finn (Coordinator of Student Organizations and Program Development -- had knowledge of the evidence and time to prepare pages and pages of questions. We didn't. We went in blind and weren't allowed to see any of the evidence before the hearing," she said.

Aside from the disciplinary action taken against Sigma Theta Chi, the Hearing Board "strongly recommended that they seek national recognition," said Hacker. "We felt it was unfair to require national recognition because they may not be able to get it."

Eng maintained that the sorority was "being picked on in particular because we're a

local sorority. The Board wants us to get national recognition, but we want to stay local."

The sorority has five days to appeal the Board's decision and Eng said Sigma Theta Chi plans to.

"We honestly believe that the evidence isn't accurate and the punishment unfair. Other Greek organizations have received one semester probations for more serious offenses," she said. "We think this is happening because we're local."



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