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## Lawsuit filed against Sigma Kappa Nu Charges student with assault, fraternity with negligence

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A lawsuit filed last week by a Butler resident charged a Behrend student with assault and battery and the Sigma Kappa Nu fraternity with negligence, according to a report in the *Erie Morning News* Thursday, April 18.

The plaintiff, Robert R. Mowry, III, of Cabot, PA, filed the charges last week in an Erie County Court. The charges stem from an incident that allegedly occurred during a New Year's Eve party held last December at the fraternity's house at 3801 Shannon Road.

Mowry claimed he was attacked without provocation by Harold E. Donachy IV, a member of Sigma Kappa Nu, after paying to enter the party.

Sigma Kappa Nu President Daniel Behanna, however, offered a different account of the evening's events in an interview with *The Collegian*.

"This individual (Mowry) was inebriated and had started causing problems early in the evening," Behanna said. "He was walking around the house in a pair of shorts and trying to go into our jacuzzi."

According to Behanna, who was present at the party but did not witness the incident, Mowry began a confrontation with Donachy's younger brother, after which the older Donachy "struck him once in the eye and knocked him down."

Donachy could not be reached for comment.

Behanna said that no fraternity members were posted at the house's door to collect money from guests.

According to the suit, Mowry allegedly suffered cuts, bruises and lacerations to the face and head, damage to the central nervous system and fractures and bruises to the bones and muscles of his chest and ribs.

In addition to the claims against Donachy, Mowry has charged the fraternity with negligence. The party in question was not a fraternity-sponsored event, however, so the organization should not be liable for any occurrences, Behanna said.

Student Services officials, however, are investigating the accusations.

"We are certainly concerned with finding out all the facts (continued on page 3)



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Scene of dispute: The Sigma Kappa Nu fraternity house was the site of the alleged altercation that occurred on New Year's Eve.



## Former Texas mayor predicts cultural crisis Expects clashes with elderly and minorities

by Floyd J. Csir  
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"In the year 2050, will the U.S. occupy in roughly the same place, in terms of leadership and relationship to other nations, a position of world power as we know it today?" Henry Cisneros asked a half-filled room of faculty, students and local citizens.

The former mayor of San Antonio discussed "America's Challenge in a Changing World" last Wednesday in the Reed Lecture Hall.

When Cisneros posed the question of U.S. status to the audience, only 10 percent raised their hands.

Audience responses included: "constraints on enterprise and business," "illiteracy," "growing gap between the rich and poor," "trade and fiscal deficits," and "complacency."

Setting the stage for understanding America's problems, the former mayor

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## Mahoney, Bates win elections

by Mark Owens  
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David Mahoney was elected by a two vote margin in last week's Student Government Association elections, probably the closest race in Behrend's history, according to SGA officials.

Out of 400 votes cast, Mahoney received 188 votes while his opponent, Christopher J. Hilden, captured 186. The other 26 students did not vote for that position.

Mahoney said next year there are several issues that he wants SGA to tackle, the biggest being the organization's visibility.

"One of the things we really need to work on is letting

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