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Awards ceremony draws 900 Students, faculty and staff honored

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Last Sunday, many students and faculty members were recognized for their great accomplishments at the Thirtieth Annual Honors and Awards Ceremony. This year, 476 individual awards were given in the categories of Student Organization, Scholarship, Academic, Special Service, and Faculty.

Dr. Jack Burke, Associate Provost and Dean, was presented
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Thank you very much: Top award winners proudly display plaques saluting their achievements with Provost and Dean Dr. John M. Lilley. Recipients are Luis J. Mongil, The Irvin H. Kochel Award; Diana L. Ziemniak, The Eric A. and Josephine Walker Award; David M. Kravetz, The Student Activities Leadership Award; Kenneth L. Bunting and Steven R. Smith; The Thomas H. Turnbull Award.

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Sigma Theta Chi charges modified

Charter will not be suspended, appeals board rules

by Robb Frederick
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The Sigma Theta Chi sorority will be able to participate in next year's rush period, according to the student organizations Appeals Board.

The board, which met last Wednesday, discussed recent charges of hazing against Sigma Theta Chi. After hearing arguments from representatives of the sorority, the board modified the sanctions to be taken against Sigma Theta Chi.

The primary difference between the revised and original sanctions concerns the dismissal of a clause that would have suspended the sorority's registration for next semester. Without that registration, the organization could not have participated in the greek rush period.

"I think the ruling went quite well," said Vince Pedraza, chairman of the Appeals Board. "We thought it would be bad for SGA to take away their charter, and we wanted to focus attention as much on the entire greek system than toward one individual sorority."

The remaining sanctions against Sigma Theta Chi remained unchanged. The sorority will remain on probation for the next year, and the organization must submit for review a revised pledge program and a revised proposal for a "hazing-free" rush campaign.

These proposals must be submitted at least five days before next fall's rush period, or SGA will suspend the sorority's registration.

In addition, the sorority faces a social sanction - members can not compete in next year's Greek Week activities.

These sanctions will stand unless Sigma Theta Chi appeals to University President Dr. Joab Thomas.

"I don't see why they'd want to appeal any further," said SGA President Ted Hacker. "I think they're much happier with these sanctions."

Army cuts ROTC unit Officer-in-charge calls move "a shame"

by Mark Owens
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Behrend's ROTC standard was stored away during deactivation ceremonies last night, marking the end of the 17 year-old program.

Earlier this year the United States Army Cadet Command announced it was cutting 50 ROTC programs across the country, with Behrend being one of them. The command said the cuts were a move to scale down the Army as part of the "peace dividend." And according to Major James McCarthy, officer-in-charge of Behrend's program, those cuts are likely to stay.

"I can't see our program being reinstated in the near future," he said. "It's a mixed situation; the Army will always have a need for officers. If that need changes or other programs close, there is the possibility that Behrend may be reopened."

McCarthy said the reason Behrend's program was closed and not others in the Commonwealth system was that the Cadet Command was

looking to cut four-year programs, not two-year programs typically found at the other campuses.

"A shame," he said, "because our number of cadets equals the total bottom six out of eight programs in the system."

The unit's deactivation has sent its cadets and cadre in different directions, some of them out of Penn State in order to stay with the program and, in some cases, hang on to their Army ROTC Scholarships in order to stay in school.

"I think it's a shame," said Dean Meinert, Behrend's cadet company commander. "This was a really good program and has produced a lot of fine officers. I feel bad for the cadets who have had to transfer out to stay with the program."

Seniors won't be affected by the deactivation of Behrend's unit and will be commissioned at graduation this spring, McCarthy said. Special allowances have been made for the other classes, though.

"The juniors this year were on an accelerated program," McCarthy said. "This way they

were able to complete their requirements and graduate from Behrend as well."

Freshman and sophomore cadets will have a tougher time finding an ROTC program, McCarthy said.

"We have two cadets transferring to Edinboro University in order to stay in Erie and with the ROTC program," he said. "Some other cadets are transferring down to University Park in order to continue with their degree as well."

McCarthy said the biggest losers were "those students who haven't taken ROTC or are coming to Behrend next year will never get to experience the programs we offer."

As for the cadre, all but one is headed off for a non-ROTC post.

McCarthy is reporting to San Juan, Puerto Rico in August to take over as the Director of Engineering and Housing at Fort Buchanan.

Sergeant Keith will spend the summer helping Gannon's program, then transfer to Fort Benning, Ga. "I'm not sure

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