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Welcome to the winter zone: Andrew Pauls, eighth semester Mechanical Engineering, spends some time clearing a parking space for his car. The National Weather Service says colder weather will return this weekend, with snow showers and high temperatures in the 20's expected.

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Capped

Bid for new sorority fails after 7-6 SGA vote fails

by Vicki Snyder
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Last night SGA failed to rescind an earlier motion that prohibited new sororities from forming at Behrend for at least one semester. Their seven-to-six vote also temporarily put an end to a group's hope to start another sorority on campus.

At last week's meeting, the Panhellenic Council presented a motion to SGA senators to extend a cap on the number of sororities that could form on campus, while the Interfraternity Council asked for a limit on the number of fraternities that could form. The ban on sororities was to extended six months while the ban for fraternities grew to one year.

Last night's vote concerned one group's efforts to have SGA rescind their cap on sororities. Members of the Panhellenic Council wanted the measure to remain intact to help members of an already-existing sorority to become national.

"We have nothing against the sorority interest group (the organization trying to establish a sorority on campus)," said Kristen Osiecki, president of the Panhellenic Council. "Expansion

is something we are willing to do, but right now we are obligated to Delta Phi Epsilon and the other established sororities... we're not saying no, but we're obligated to others at the moment."

Sigma Theta Chi is the sorority which is trying to gain national recognition. After their pledge period to the national organization, they would be known as Delta Phi Epsilon. The cap is designed to protect them from competition while they build a membership.

According to Osiecki, the sorority interest group cannot be admitted yet because the Panhellenic Council is under obligation to support Delta Phi Epsilon first.

"The National Panhellenic Council's bylaws say we are obligated to support Delta Phi Epsilon first," she said. "We're afraid that a new sorority starting right now may take away members from another sorority trying to go national."

But according to members of the sorority interest group, that wouldn't happen.

"I think there is a need now for another interest group," said Courtney Donnelly, spokesperson

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Behrend remembers King Jr. remembered celebrates the achievements of civil rights leader

"However, we still need see what needs to be done in the future."

A video program presented an overview of the life of King and how his actions led to the end of segregation and the passage of the Civil Rights Act. The program also included newsreel clips from King's many speeches.

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To provide a readers day global view of continuing issues King fought for, footage from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the revolts in China was shown.

Both on and off-campus organizations were present at the program to distribute materials promoting the continuation of King's ideas.

The program was a success, being at Behrend and spreading the message to share King's ideas with the community.