

# Astronomy Open House looks at the eye

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On Thursday, November 2nd, Dr. Jonathan Hall conducted an astronomy open house in room 101 of the Science building, with the topic of "Light and Color." Dr. Hall began the night by explaining several early theories of light and then broke up the night's topic into two sections: "What is Light?" and "The Eye."

The first section, "What is Light?", included a large range of colored light displays and examples so that everyone could see several examples of

colors blending together. Dr. Hall also showed the stunned audience how to see the viewable colors in the light spectrum by explaining how to look at the morning dew with the sun to your back. Dr. Hall also talked about wavelengths on the light spectrum and how they cannot be seen by the human eye.

At this point, the talk quickly changed into part two of the discussion, "The Eye." Dr. Hall once again wowed the audience with his knowledge of how our eyes work and how they communicate with our brain to let us not only see, but to see in color.

The night was almost complete, but the last thing that occurred was a very informative question and answer session that allowed several confused audience members to ask Dr. Hall about what had been bothering them during his lecture. The night then officially ended with Dr. Hall thanking everyone for coming out and announcing that the next open house would be on Thursday, December 7th, and would cover "The Big Bang." The next open house sounds like a really "big" time, so Behrend, be there or be square.

Dr. Jonathan Hall conducted an astronomy open house discussion about "What is light?" and "The eye". Future open houses will include use of the School of Science's new 18 centimeter refractor.



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# Health and Wellness Center warns of an alert about over the counter drugs

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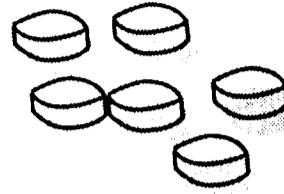
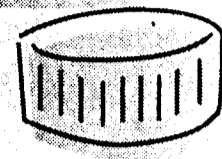
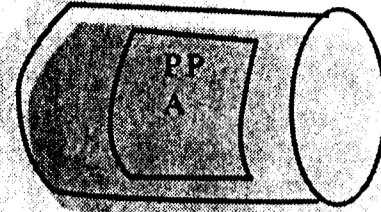
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued the following warning: The use of medication containing phenylpropanolamine (PPA) commonly found in over the counter cold medications and diet pills could cause hemorrhagic strokes, especially in young women, but men may be at risk too. This ingredient may be found in name brand and generic cold medications. Many phar-

macies and stores that sell these products are removing them from

is duadacin that previously had been available at the Health and Wellness Center.

Also included on this list are name brand products such as Alka

Seltzer Plus Cold, Comtrex, Contac, Coricidin D, Dimetapp, Triaminic, Acutrim a n d



their shelves. The staff of the Health and Wellness center recommends that all students, faculty and staff check their cold medications for this ingredient and discard them if phenylpropanolamine or PPA is listed as an ingredient.

Dexatrim. It is important to be aware that this is only a partial list of name brand products and does not contain the generic equivalents. The FDA is answering PPA questions toll free at 1-888-info-fda. A non-toll free line is also available at 1-301-827-4570.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Pasky McMahon at the Health and Wellness Center at 898-6217.

Included in the cold medications containing phenylpropanolamine

# IS IT LEGITIMATE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO WIN AN ELECTION BASED ON THE ELECTORAL VOTES?



"We all agree that it is legitimate, because laws make it legitimate."

(L to R) Kristen Cingley, Accounting, 01,  
Aimee Peterson, Political Science, 03  
Beth Fredrick, Political Science, 05,

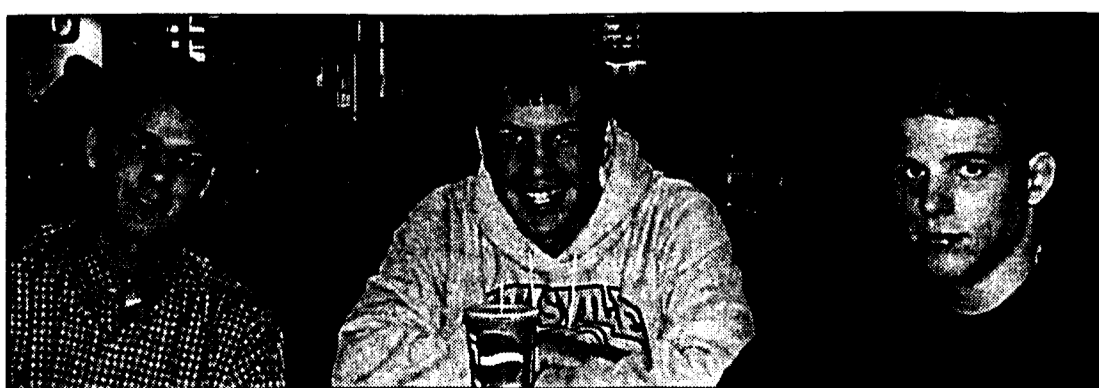
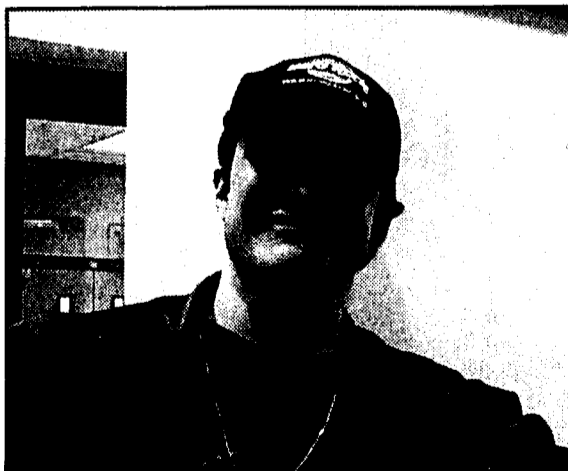


"No, I think that just the popular vote should determine the President."  
Andrew Hernandez,  
International Business, 01



"No, I think that if the majority of the people in the US vote for a particular person, that should be enough."  
Tony Di Placido,  
Undecided, 01

"No, I don't think that it is legitimate."  
Jaime Orcutt, Mechanical Engineering, 07



"No, we all believe in the popular vote."  
(L to R) Chris Agosti, Mechanical Engineering, 01,  
Tyler Morris, DUS, 01  
Andrew Grande, DUS, 01

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