

New semester, new faces, new names, new faculty

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news editor

The freshmen aren't the only new faces wandering around campus this fall; there are new faculty members as well. Between the four schools at Penn State Behrend (the School of Business, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, and the School of Science), more than 30 faculty have been added to the roster.

In subsequent issues of the *Beacon*, we will feature these new members of the Behrend community. Each week a different school's new faculty will be showcased, offering photos and short biographies. This week we begin with the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology.

Three people have been added to the SEET staff: Dr. John Roth, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; Xuping Xu, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering; and Brian Young, lecturer in plastics engineering technology.

According to Robert Simoneau, SEET director, the number of new faculty this year is consistent with previous years. "This year was

relatively typical. We expect to have three to five new faculty each year."

Simoneau said the new members were chosen due to their abilities to complement and expand the SEET programs. "Our faculty are always chosen by their outstanding credentials, as well as to meet specific teaching needs."

Roth's area of expertise is in manufacturing fundamentals, especially in advanced machining and dynamics. Simoneau said. Xu's forte is systems automation and control and communication networks. Young, who is a Behrend graduate and has been an adjunct faculty at Behrend for several years, has extensive experience in the local plastics industry.

Simoneau said there will be only modest increases in faculty in the immediate future, at least until the Research and Economic Development Center is completed. Only a couple retirements are expected at this time and as there are no major increases planned in the engineering programs, large numbers of new faculty should not be necessary.

The only significant area for growth fall in the new majors: Software Engineering and Computer Engineering. Simoneau said.



Dr. John T. Roth

Position:

Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Classes:
MEGSE540 - Manufacturing Systems course
EM 13 - Strength of Materials

Previous/current teaching experience:

Teaching assistant, Michigan Technological University
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Xuping Xu

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Assistant Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Classes:
CMPSC 201C-Computer Programming for Engineers

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Young's photo is not available

Brian Anthony Young

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Lecturer in Engineering Technology

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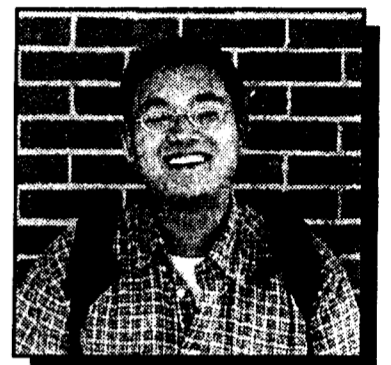
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What celebrity would you like to have teach at Behrend, and what should he or she teach?



"Tony Soprano to teach economics so I could make a lot of money."

Chris Won

Biology, 08



"I'd like to have O. J. Simpson teach women's studies because it would be interesting; like Michael Jackson teaching kindergarten."

Jeremy Boor

Finance, 05



"Jenny McCarthy teaching CPR so maybe I could resuscitate her."

Chad Holzshu

MET/PLET, 07



"I'd like Maya Angelou to teach my creative writing class because it would be interesting to get her perspective."

Meisha Watkins

EET, 09



"Jewel to teach a poetry class because she is my favorite singer."

Erin Dillon

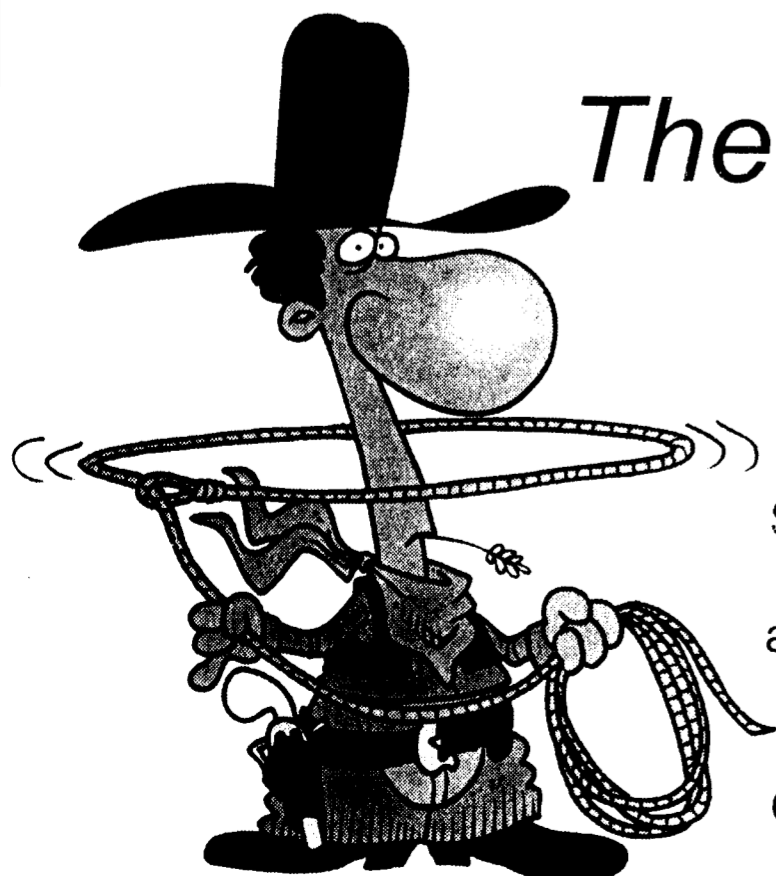
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confidence, pride, [grit]
and plenty of time to shower
before calculus.

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