

Question of the Week

by Jen Henderson, associate editor

Who did you vote for in Tuesday's election?



"I didn't have time to vote."
Kathryn Huysman
MIS, 08



"I would have voted, but I didn't get my absentee ballot in time. If I would have, I would have voted for Fisher."
Robin N. Sampogna
Accounting, 05



"I voted for Fisher because of his position on unions."
Carrie Egnosak
Psychology, 07



"Ken Miller for President!"
Keenan Hansen
Psychology, 07



"I voted for Fisher because he upholds the ideals of the Republican Party and the traditional family values."
Lauren Piera
Political Science, 05

Engineering students get a dose of Chinese culture during October trip

by Alyssa Peconi
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On Oct. 10, a group of 20 engineering students from Behrend; three faculty members, Paul Koch, Brian Young and Jon Meckley; and three persons from Industry flew for nearly 22 hours, traveling 17,000 miles to the other side of the world to China.

Engineering professor Jon Meckley and senior engineering students Kyle Astor, Mike Hucko, Garrett Miller, Tom Lacey, and Steve Hlopick learned a wealth of information about the culture and customs of China.

In Shanghai, the group explored the Yu Gardens, Jade Buddha Temple, and the Shanghai Museum, and attended a circus show.

It also stopped at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University, where about 80,000 students attend school. The University is comparable to most American universities, except instead of cars in the parking lots, there were bicycles- a common method of

transportation.

Another attraction of Shanghai was the markets. The students spent a good deal of time, bartering, then buying items, while communicating with vendors by using mostly hand gestures. Astor called the markets "one of the best parts of the trip." He bought a Rolex watch for \$2.50.

The city of Shanghai was very surprising to most of the group members because it resembled a large metropolis with towering skyscrapers.

"(They were) like the ones you would see in the movie Batman," said Meckley.

The students also noticed that around every corner stood high-rise construction cranes while the air was full of smog and pollution. The city was likewise extremely crowded with people and traffic, where traffic patterns were very congested and busy, with no stoplights.

On the fifth day, the group traveled to Beijing, where it spent the next two days, visiting such tourist

attractions as the Ming Tomb, a Peking Opera show, and the Great Wall of China.

The Great Wall took the group nearly two-and-a-half hours to climb. After a tiring hike, it decided to ride the roller coaster which has been built alongside the Great Wall. Next, they toured two other tourist attractions in Beijing, the famous Tianamen Square and then the Forbidden City, where they surprisingly found a Starbucks coffee shop.

When the eighth day of the trip arrived, the group finally got to Hong Kong, where it saw many tourist sites such as Zi Jing Square and Tai Ping Mountain. They also got a chance to tour Tyco, a large manufacturing plant. Miller said the plant was "nearly 50 years behind us in technology." Workers are paid a minimum wage of \$60 per month, work primarily manually.

After nearly four days in Hong Kong and 11 total days in China, the group was ready to head home.

The students enjoyed many entertaining aspects of

China, trying new foods such as cow stomach, seaweed, jellyfish, and octopus. Luckily, they found comfort and familiarity in American-style restaurants like the Hard Rock Café, McDonald's, KFC, and Pizza Hut.

Because the students could not drink the water in China, they enjoyed the cheap price of Tsing Tao beer and cigarettes, which were only a dollar a pack. They also spent some time in the bars, where karaoke was always occurring.

Overall, the students agreed the country is an expanding place that was cheaper and dirtier, but with very clean tourist areas. The people there were very nice and thoroughly enjoy Kenny G, who was supposedly spotted there.

They also agreed that visiting China was a good educational experience, where we had the opportunity to learn about the different markets of another country. They said they learned about the business aspects of China and other countries.

McClung concludes Soup for the Soul

by Courtney Straub
staff writer

During Thursday's final Soup for the Soul talk, Rev. Charles McClung, from the Healing Hearts Ministry, discussed helping the imprisoned. The ministry was started in 1994 and is a small community of people.

"It's a healing community for people that is spiritually centered," said McClung.

Through the ministry, McClung began visiting the State Correctional Facility At Albion. He meets with inmates who are sex offenders. His group of about 10 men meets once a week on Monday afternoons. Then on Wednesday afternoons, McClung has a one-on-one prayer ministry meeting with each inmate.

At the ministry sessions, McClung tries to get the inmates to figure out why they have been acting they way they have. McClung wants the inmates to become honest with their lives.

"They're aware, of course, of the crimes that



PHOTO BY HEATHER MYERS / BEHREND BEACON
Rev. Charles McClung discusses his ministry to the imprisoned.

brought them there," said McClung.

McClung's also helps the men look at their sexual brokenness and find out what is beneath it. Sex is not usually the reason that the men are sex offenders. More than likely, the men were abused at some point in their lives. Once the inmates realize where they are wounded, they can begin the healing process. The process is basically to invite God into their brokenness.

"I just trust God to do this," said McClung.

God becomes present in the men through love, light, and truth. Once God is with them, they feel a revelation. Some of the inmates sense love or they sense a word or phrase. Their wound is replaced by God, said McClung.

"They no longer experience pain," he added.

McClung helped one man discover his brokenness by giving him a book to read. The book was a 12-step program that helps people identify God. After reading the book, the man wanted help.

"I may have had more of an impact just giving that guy a book than on any other guy," said McClung.

The work that McClung does at Albion Penitentiary is not therapy. It is a prayer process to help the inmates discover their true selves.

"This talk made us really reflect on our attitudes towards those who have made mistakes in their lives. It makes you question whether government is doing the right thing in prison philosophy," said Lynn McNeil, Protestant Campus Ministry Coordinator.

In December, the PCM and Catholic Campus Ministry sponsor "Come to the Quiet." The sessions will include arts and craft and then some reflective thinking. The sessions are non-denominational and their purpose is to prepare the inner self for the holiday season.

Cancer survivors encourage women

by Courtney Straub
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On Tuesday, Barbara Power and Barbara Junker were the guest speakers at a luncheon about women's health. Power and Junker shared their personal experiences about their battles with cancer and encouraged women to be more pro-active about their health.

Power had no symptoms of cancer. In 1996, she had a routine mammogram and learned that she had stage 1A breast cancer. She then found out that she had stage 3C ovarian cancer. Power had to have major surgery. Luckily, she had the annual screenings that detected her cancer early on.

"My primary message is for you to have annual screenings. It is important to have exams even though they're not fun," said Power.

She also encouraged people with cancer accept support.

"The battle for cancer is much easier with troops behind you," said Power. She explained it is important for people to learn as much as possible about the disease, that it's good to be an informed patient.

"I am actively engaged in treatments I receive," said Power.

In October 1999, she had ovarian cancer surgery, leaving a wound that took four months to heal. She is grateful for the two special RNs who helped her feel better. They came to her house twice a day and cleaned her wound. Eventually, they only had to come once a day.

"They truly were amazing," said Power.

In 2000, Junker was not feeling well, but her primary care physician had told her it was just her digestive system and recommended Pepcid AC. In Feb. 2001 her symptoms got worse, she found out she had stage 4 ovarian cancer in March 2001.

She had numerous tests to determine where the cancer was. On more than one occasion, doctors had

to insert a tube into her chest to remove fluid. Also, all of her reproductive organs had to be removed.

"Thank God my husband was a wonderful caregiver," said Junker. Many of the cancer treatments Junker received have side effects. She was fortunate enough to get none of them. She was even able to play golf after her treatments.

"I've been blessed that way," said Junker.

In October 2001, she helped create The Circle of Courage. The group has about 25 members. Its members, who all have suffered from ovarian cancer, meet twice a month.

She jumps at every chance she gets to talk about ovarian cancer because ovarian cancer is the deadliest of the gynecologic cancers. It occurs in 1 in 57 women. Each year 14,000 women die from ovarian cancer and more than 23,000 women are diagnosed with it.

Her main message for people is to talk to their female friends, relatives, and neighbors about it. She feels that not enough women are aware of this disease and she agrees with Power that tests are very important.

"I have three daughters and three granddaughters. I pray for this new test," said Junker. She and Power both found healthy ways to deal with the disease.

"My life is good," said Power. "Today I got up and ran 10 miles."



PHOTO BY HEATHER MYERS / BEHREND BEACON
Two cancer survivors recount their experience and urge women to pay attention to their health.

Brock to discuss Heston's vision of American Dream

by Erin McCarty
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Dr. Charles Brock will present a lecture titled "The Two American Dreams of Charlton Heston" in the Smith Chapel on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Brock, the Director of the Institute on the American Dream, teaches religious studies courses at Behrend in the fall and Oxford University in the spring.

Brock has come to view Heston as a provocative figure representing a particular version of the American Dream. He will explain that although Heston has certainly been successful, both in his half-century of starring in motion pictures and in his more recent role as president of the National Rifle Association (NRA), he equates the realization of the American Dream with freedom rather than prosperity.

Brock will supplement his talk with film clips, particularly from "Planet of the Apes" and "The Ten Commandments," discussing how the latter was Cecil B. DeMille's comment on communism in addition to being an account of the Jews' flight from Egypt. Heston's Moses was the American freedom fighter to Yul Brynner's bald-headed Russian Pharaoh, proclaiming liberty for all.

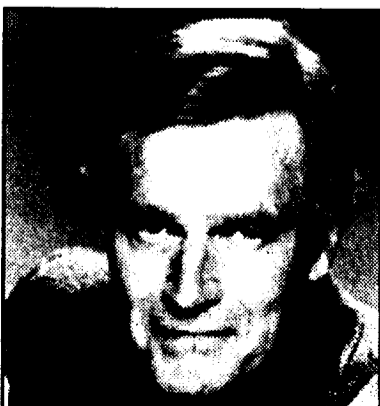
The discussion will also broach the topic of Islam's relationship to America today. Brock will talk about Moses' role as the second most important figure in Islam, in which he is admired as both lawgiver and

liberator, noting that radical Muslims equate themselves with the disenfranchised Jews and President Bush with the Pharaoh. He will invite comments on what kind of American Dream is most appropriate for this time, and whether a rethinking of our values is in order.

Brock will also speak about Heston's work with the NRA, which involves striking out against big government and trying to maintain individuality. Heston has become a symbol for the rugged American man, exerting the right to use guns freely for hunting and sport.

The free lecture is open to the public, and attendees are encouraged to voice their questions and comments, both negative and positive.

Charlton Heston will be the subject of a lecture presented by Dr. Charles Brock on Wednesday.



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