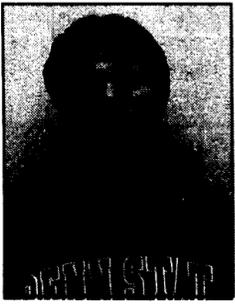


NEWS

By, Teresa Nicolia

What's the Biggest Issue in the 2004 Presidential Election?



"One of the biggest issues I think about is war time. I feel that Bush is a good war time president...but the objective is not to remain in war. Kerry is working on bringing pride back to America instead of continuing the war."

Matt Brendle
DUS, 01



"For me, the biggest issue is the state of the economy. Basically it has to do with job security and that there will be Social Security by the time I am eligible for it."

Jason Finney
ME BD, 03



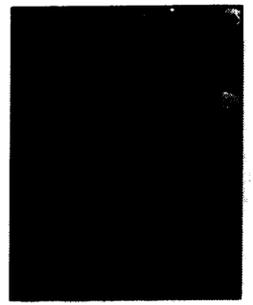
"War on terror is something I am thinking about. I feel that the candidate I am choosing can get the job done. I feel like he is going to do the right thing for our country."

Dominick D'Aurora
CENBD, 07



"Homeland security. After the 9/11 report came out, I feel that it is crucial to see how each candidate reacts because we obviously don't want it to happen again."

Julie Kosin
MTHBD, 01



"One of the biggest issues is new jobs. There needs to be more opportunities for employment because many people have lost theirs [jobs]. It definitely needs to be addressed."

Megan Dunn
DUS, 01

Have a suggestion for Question of the Week? Email your question to us at: behrendbeacon2@aol.com.

FOCAL POINTS



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The Matchbox Players are at it again. Just one week after their highly successful "Club Rush" improv night, the student run drama organization is once again putting on its magic. "We are pulling out all the stops for this one" said Club President Steven O'Donnell, HIST.07. The event will be held this Friday at 7:00pm in the Studio Theatre.



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Jenna Boazzo, a junior BUS MANGT major, tells students about the great opportunities there are in the Homecoming Club.

POLICE AND SAFETY

- 9/1/2004**
Vehicle fire by the Turnbull lot. Fire was contained until the Fire Department arrived.
- 9/3/2004**
Complainant reported that 40 CD's were taken from vehicle in Engineering west lot.
- 9/3/2004**
Student reported that the window screen to his room had been ripped open. No items missing from room.
- 9/4/2004**
Resident Assistant reported unresponsive male student in Perry bathroom. Officers found student standing but inebriated.
- 9/4/2004**
Hit and run.
- 9/7/2004**
M&O reported a two vehicle accident at the intersection of College Dr. and entrance to RUB lot. No injuries but Dodge needed towing.
- 9/7/2004**
Individual came to Police and Safety Office to report a theft from his vehicle.

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HELP WANTED

Dog/House sitter wanted during occasional travel. Saltsman and Rt. 20 area. Teacher/admin recommendation required. 814-602-4713. Next required 09/16-19.

Election 2004

Special Coverage in your Behrend Beacon

Bush visits Erie

The President rallies with city Republicans



PHOTO BY BRADLEY STEWART / BEHREND BEACON

By Bradley Stewart
News Editor

On September 4, the President of the United States, George W. Bush, was in Erie, Pennsylvania. Not since Franklin D. Roosevelt visited in 1936 has a sitting president been in Erie. It was one of Bush's first stops after the Republican National Convention held in New York City just two days before.

Pennsylvania is one of eleven critical swing states that Bush hopes to convince of the Republican Party agenda between now and November. In the election of 2000, Al Gore bested Bush in Pennsylvania by a slim margin, making Pa. a tasty target in 2004.

Somewhere between 16,000 to 22,000 people were packed into Erie Veteran Stadium on Saturday. The crowd varied in age from infant to elderly and from staunch conservative to the undecided voter. There was a definite lack in a multi-racial presence. Ninety-five percent of the viewers were Caucasian, highlighting the traditional republican handicap of reaching a diverse audience, an issue that Bush has attempted to address by appointing a very qualified and multi-racial staff.

Before the arrival of Bush, a handful of Pennsylvania Republican Party politicians took the podium to plead the Republican case. Each had the following goal in mind: "Four more years."

Bush's entrance was earlier than anticipated, exciting the sweating Veteran Stadium crowd that was expecting to wait for another hour. He was greeted by chants of "Four more years," wild applause, waving flags and banners. His wife, Laura, and two daughters, Jenna and Barbara, were with him.

The First Lady, Laura Bush, was the first to speak, introducing her husband George W. to the stand. He addressed such topics as health care, national security, Iraq and terrorism. In his thirty-two minute speech, he highlighted his hopes to simplify the federal tax code and revamp social security allowing for individual opportunities to invest. He attacked Kerry, identifying him as a flip-flopper on the issues. Bush also defended his actions abroad, stating that America is fighting "not for pride, not for power, but because the lives of our citizens are at stake."

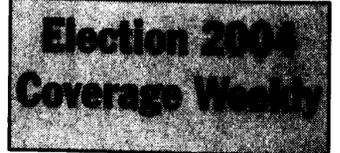
At the conclusion of Bush's presentation, exiting rally goers were greeted

with protestors waving signs labeled "Bush lied. People died" and "I'd rather plant a tree than vote for Bush." A line of mounted policemen kept close watch of the protestors.

Twenty blocks away in Perry Square, 300 Kerry supporters gathered and had their own rally. Erie's mayor, Rick Filippi, addressed the anti-Bush crowd saying, "Where was the president when we were losing 9,000 manufacturing jobs in northwest Pennsylvania?"

After the presentations in Perry Square, Kerry supporters marched south on State Street in protest of Bush and his policies. They only got as far as 24th Street: barricades and police officers that were part of Bush's security force blocked the path.

Will Bush's visit make a dent in the traditionally Democratic armor of Erie? Erie's own mayor was at the protests in Perry Square. Only time will tell.



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can call 898-6242 to have their name added to the list.

These workshops are being held to help those who wish to write a proposal and will provide useful information for getting the best result out of the proposal process.

"The students who have come [to the workshops] have produced quality proposals," McCoy said about students who attended previous workshops.

At the workshops, attendees will receive a business card that has useful

websites listed for obtaining SAF information. They will also receive a packet of information that includes FAQ's and sections that explain concepts of SAF Proposals.

The sections include but are not limited to: Areas Eligible for Funding, such as Campus Activities, Equipment, Facilities, and Recreation; Limitations on Student Activity Fee Fund Use; and Items That Will Not Be Funded, such as scholarships, salaries, appropriations to any partisan political activity or purchase of alcoholic beverages. The information booklet is also available online at the SAF website.

For those interested in sending in a proposal to ask for SAF funds, printable applications can be obtained online at the SAF website: <http://www.pserie.psu.edu/activity/saf/index.htm>.

For further information or questions regarding SAF, proposals, workshops or deadlines contact Scott Soltis, Student Government Association President (898-6220 or sms520@psu.edu) or Dr. Ken Miller, Director of Student Affairs (898-6111 or kenmiller@psu.edu).