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Should Third Party candidates be allowed to participate in the debates?

By Teresa Nicolia



"Yes. This country is based on the ability for there to be parties. If you're not allowed to participate in the same activities as the other parties, whats the point?"

Christen Case,
BIOBD 05



"Yes. Because they're running for president as well and they should have a chance to express themselves with the other two parties. They should be given the same opportunities."

Ray McKee,
PLTBD 05



"I think everybody should be allowed to have a voice. Because if they have something to say, then let them say it."

Mary Poston,
BBACC 03



" Yes, I think they should be because if you're talking specifically about Ralph Nader, he's going to add more variety and is going to bring up topics that no one else will be willing to."

Joel Godfrey,
HSTBA 03



"I think so, just because they have a right to voice their opinion. But then again, the votes for them affect the other two candidates."

Kyler Gray,
BECON 01

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Creative writer to speak this week Second reader in creative writing series

By Brian Mitchell
staff writer

Imagine having to leave behind modern society and battle forest fires, flying rats and cobras everyday for a long period of time. Creative Nonfiction Writer Faith Adiele, who will be speaking on Thursday at 6 p.m. in Reed 177, experienced all of that torture in the journey to become Thailand's first black Buddhist nun. There will be a reception in the Smith Chapel living room at 4 p.m.

She will be reading from her first and so far only published book, *Meeting Faith: The Forest Journals of a Black Buddhist Nun*, which is highly praised and discusses all her obstacles to become a Buddhist nun.

"She is a skillful writer who approaches unusual subjects in an unusual way," said Dr. Holly Welker, professor of creative writing. "The reading will be very informative."

She became an ordained nun because she met a woman in Thailand who interested her in peace and wisdom.

She is also a community activist, diversity trainer and petty bureaucrat and has traveled to many places as follows: Southeast Asia, West Africa, Latin America and Europe.

"Because of her background, Faith is uniquely qualified to comment on issues of race and religion, and her training and experiences make her insights and ob-

servations all the more valuable," said Welker.

Although she only has one book published, she had other works published in a variety of selections, which include the following: O Magazine, Essence, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Fourth Genre, Creative Nonfiction, The Buddhist Review, and numerous anthologies. All of these publications led her to publish her first book.

"The title of Adiele's book, *Meeting Faith*, is extremely apt because the book not only tells her personal story but also addresses larger issues on faith in oneself in the divine in humanity," said Welker. "Her work demonstrates how quest for self-knowledge can evolve into a quest for spiritual growth and vice versa."

She has received a number of awards for her excellent works including UNESCO, PEN New England, Yaddo, Crab Orchard Review, Creative Nonfiction, Foundation, and Zora Neale Hurston/Richard White foundation to name a few.

She also holds a number of degrees from a variety of schools. She holds a BA in Southeast Asian Studies at Harvard College, an MA in Creative Writing from Leslie College, and MFAs from the University of Iowa in both Fiction and Non-fiction.

Now, she is an assistant professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh.

Olympic skater teaches at Behrend

By Laura Spencer
staff writer

Do you think you can be the next Scott Hamilton or Kristi Yamaguchi? Want to learn a double lutz, what about a triple axel? Why not give it a try? Behrend is now offering a figure skating class taught by U.S. National and World medalist Caryn Kadavy. The class is offered at the J.M.C Ice Arena from 8:30-10:45 a.m. and at 11:00-12:15 p.m. The class is held every Tuesday and Thursday fulfilling three physical education credits.

Erie's hometown Kadavy is back at home to teach the sport that she loves so much. Since the age of four Kadavy knew that skating was her passion; her family had a membership to a local ice rink.

Kadavy said, "My dad's side of the family went skating on holidays. I was on double runners when I was two years old".

Kadavy's love for the sport lead her to move away from Erie so that she could

be closer to rinks that were open all year round. Between the ages of twelve to twenty Kadavy took on a very physically demanding schedule. As an Olympic contender, Kadavy practiced six hours a day, six days a week in order to be a top competitor.

Currently, Kadavy practices an hour and a half a day along with off-ice training, such as running. Recently she has participated in the Brian Boitono Skating Spectacular, Scott Hamilton's Christmas Special, and a tribute to composer Burt Bacharach. This year's line up includes a tribute Andre Bocelli, Kristi Yamaguchi's ice show, both in November and a tribute to Kenny Loggins in December. Look forward to watching Kadavy at these shows that will air on NBC in December.

If you enjoy skating but your idea of stopping is ramming into the boards...no problem! Kadavy offers the class to students with a variety of skating experience from beginner to highly developed.

The class is designed to teach the ba-

sics of figure skating such as balance, one-foot glides, proper posture and how to balance one's body weight. When the class comes to a conclusion on 11/11/04, students will be required to perform a thirty-second routine of continual movement.

Kadavy is excited to be teaching at Behrend, "I'm thrilled about the opportunity. I'm learning a lot. [The students] effort level has been really high. By the third class I've seen improvement".

Kadavy is grateful to have this opportunity to give back to others what she gained from the sport. "I've really enjoyed the technical side, the creative side of skating. I enjoy giving that to others. It keeps the chain going" said Kadavy.

So if you have always had an interest in figure skating or would like to give it a try, what better way then to learn from a pro? How many people can say they learned to skate from a professional figure skater and Olympic contender? So if you are left asking yourself, what would Brian Boitono do...he would take figure skating at Penn State Behrend!

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we have this American Dream? 'Is it what keeps America unified?'" Brock said.

"(Is the dream) being used to keep the poor people poor and the rich people rich?" Brock said.

The three proceeding events will also be held on Tuesdays in the Smith Chapel at 7:30 p.m. They will be comparative

to the first event on the American Dream and will be relative to what is going on in the world.

On Oct. 12, Rabbi John Bush of the Temple Anshe Heses will speak on Jewish Fundamentalism, such as the types that are currently creating troubles in Israel.

On Oct. 19, Professor Baher Ghosheh of Edinboro University will speak on Is-

lamic Fundamentalism, the kind which the suicide bombers of 9/11 and the followers of bin Laden and Al-Qaeda practice.

The series will wrap up on Oct. 26 with Behrend Professor Dan Frankforter speaking on Christian Fundamentalism and some key aspects in the history of Christianity. Every event in the series is free and open to the public.

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