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Roth to speak in SEET series

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On Oct. 21 at noon in Reed 114, Dr. John T. Roth will be presenting an oration about extending tool life in manufacturing. Roth's presentation will be the second of three seminars this semester for the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology.

Roth has a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering and has been the assistant professor of mechanical engineering for the past three and a half years at Behrend. Roth primarily teaches undergraduate and graduate courses dealing with manufacturing materials.

Roth's presentation will be based on his research in engineering and manufacturing done at Behrend. Roth said there are some positive aspects of the speaker series, "It is recognition of research. It's an asset to local industry so that they can recognize Penn State Behrend... as a resource to industry."

One of the coordinators of the series, Dr. Ralph Ford, agrees that the Speaker Series helps to bring in "Erie community industry... [so they] have an opportunity to see [Behrend's] faculty research."

Ford notes that the series helps to "raise awareness of our research to industry as well as other faculty."

Ford said it's not only good for industries and faculty, but for students too. He said of Roth, "Dr. Roth involves lots of students in his research."

Roth recognizes the community rather than the school's need for the series. "The series really isn't geared towards the students; it's geared more towards the industries of the community," said Roth. "Lots of industries don't have research programs so they can use the campus as a research and development tool."

According to the Penn State Behrend website (www.pserie.psu.edu/academic/engineering/speaker_series.htm), the school is trying to help these industries be more competitive in today's technology-based world. "For manufacturing based industries, tooling costs frequently play an important role in determining the competitiveness [of the company]... it is highly important to reduce these costs as much as possible. To address this situation, research is being conducted at Penn State Behrend, which is focused on understanding and influencing the tool wear phenomenon... Several projects are currently being pursued towards this end."

Ford also mentioned that it was a great asset to the series to be able to bring in external speakers for two of the presentations. Dr. Lukas Sekanina will give the last presentation of this semester from Brno University of Technology. He is a Fulbright Scholar from the Czech Republic.

There will also be three more seminars for the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology in the spring 2005 semester. Dr. Bob Gray, Dr. Joseph McClellan, and Dr. Thomas Hemminger will be giving presentations.

Career fair aids job-hunting undergraduates

CDC provides meeting place between companies and potential employees

By Jeff Smen
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Wednesday's career fair went smoothly for students hoping to find an internship or career in their field. The fair was held in the Junker Center from noon to 4 p.m.

Students could have pre-registered or they could have just showed up and filled out their information there. The Career and Development Center headed up the event with over 75 companies attending the fair. Companies that attended included Erie Plastics, General Electric, American Red Cross, Home Depot, and various other companies from Erie to outside the state.

At the fair, there were plenty of students walking from table to table talking with various representatives from each company. Most students dressed up neatly with men wearing suits and women wearing dresses or suits as well. There were even students from several other colleges in the area like Gannon and Edinboro. Several faculty members could be seen at the fair talking to prospecting students and companies in their field.

"Career fairs are a great way to meet representatives from, and give your resume to, a variety of companies," said Scott Hrinko, CENBD. "Although there were only a few employers at today's fair looking for computer engineering students, the fair was well organized and provided me with a



Student surveys career fair scene in Junker Center on Wednesday. Over seventy-five companies met with and received resumes from job and intern searching students.

variety of opportunities to talk to potential employers. The career fair was worth going to."

"I thought the career fair could have been more diverse for the majors," said Brittany Hess, Elish 09. "It seemed like there were a lot of jobs for engineers and business, but nothing geared specifically for English majors. I'd go again if they had one with all of our majors in mind. I'd like to see more respect given to the H&SS majors."

"It was a good idea, but it needed more companies that offer full positions and internships rather than companies who are just there to promote themselves and information," said Dave Kuhn, MIS 09.

Now that the career fair is over, students are encouraged to follow up with a letter expressing an interest in their company and what it has to offer. The CDC encourages sending another copy of one's resume and providing better answers to questions given by employers. It's a good idea to send a thank you or a follow up letter within two to five days after the fair has ended.

Students should also remember that the career fair is a learning experience, and students shouldn't feel bad if the fair didn't go as they planned it. They just need to refocus and learn from their mistakes for next career fair.

Vote for a change tour comes to Penn State

By Andrew McLachlan
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On Oct. 1, supporters of presidential candidate John Kerry welcomed the "Vote For a Change Tour" at the Bryce Jordan Center in State College, Pa. The tour is a democratic rally that includes famous musical acts that are against current president, George W. Bush.

The show in State College included musical acts: My Morning Jacket, Jurassic 5, Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals, and Dave Matthews Band.

They played to an audience of about 16,000 people. In the parking lot of the concert, there were conversations about the presidential elec-

tion and opinions on how the country is being currently run. Dave Snyder, a 28-year-old man from State College, expressed his views and feeling on the current leader of our country.

"It is just time for a change in our country," said Snyder. "We have given our current leader a chance to show what he can do in times of crisis and he has failed. I believe, with a new leader like John Kerry, he will get us back on the right track and fix the mess the President Bush has left Kerry to clean up."

Some people in the parking lot were selling Kerry posters and buttons, and cars in the parking lot had Kerry bumper stickers on their cars and flyers on their windows.

Other than Snyder, there was very little Bush

bashing taking place. Not many people even discussed the Republican candidate and were more excited about the future of the country with Kerry as president. Ivan Eisenberg, COMMBD 01, sees the future getting brighter with Kerry as president.

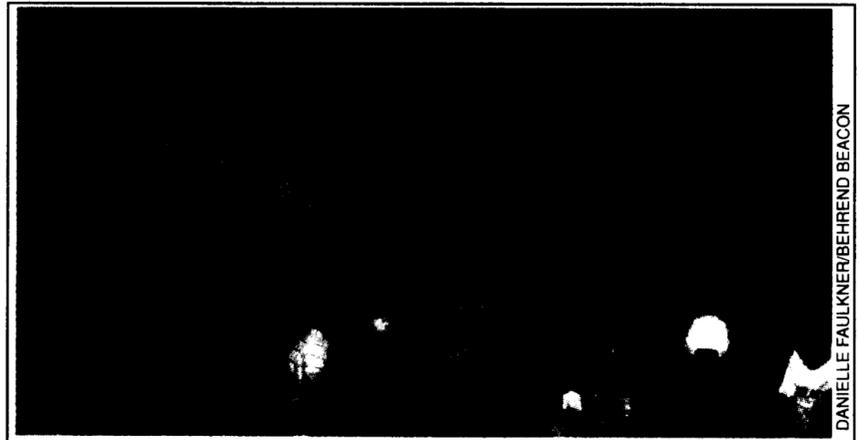
"With new leadership, I see our country economy getting better over time and our standards to the world will improve," said Eisenberg.

The concert started at 6 p.m. with opening act by My Morning Jacket. They were followed by hip hop act, Jurassic 5, and reggae group, Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals. The crowd was very relaxed and laid back until the headliner, Dave Matthews Band, took the stage. Playing famous songs such as, "Too Much" and "Everyday," Dave Matthews Band made the crowd lively.

During the concert, Dave Matthews told the crowd to make sure to vote on election day and asked the crowd to vote for democratic candidate, John Kerry. Matthews clearly stated what side he is on in this election.

"A vote for change is a vote for a stronger, safer, healthier America," said Matthews. "A vote for Bush is a vote for a divided, unstable, paranoid America. It is our duty to this beautiful land to let our voices be heard. That's the reason for the tour."

The Vote for Change tour, which includes such acts as Pearl Jam, Bruce Springsteen, REM, Jack Johnson, Dave Matthews, James Taylor, Bonnie Raitt and John Mellencamp are finishing up their tour with six separate concerts in the state of Florida and then all come together on Oct. 11 to play a star studded show in Washington D.C.



Midnight Bingo returned Saturday with many students in attendance. The Lion Ambassadors resurrected the popular game in hopes of rekindling missing bingo spirit.

Rabbi Bush second to speak on American Dream

Speaker leads discussion on Jewish fundamentalism

By Tim Mak
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The second speech in The American Dream Fundamentalism Series was held Tuesday with Rabbi John L. Bush speaking on Jewish fundamentalism. The seventy-five-minute talk on how Jewish fundamentalism affects our American Dreams inspired most of the audience.

Serving on the Board of Corporators of Hamot Hospital, the Board of Directors Citizens Against Racism in Erie (C.A.R.E.) and the Ethics Committee of the Sarah Reed Children's Centre, Rabbi Bush hopes to contribute something to society with his Juris Doctor degree he obtained in 1986 from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University.

Bush, who described himself as a progressive reformed Jew, began his studies on religion at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. He continued his studies in Cincinnati, and was ordained rabbi in June of 1998. Being a frequent speaker in the community, he was glad to take part in discussion to present ideas from

Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

Bush wanted, through the course of looking at the fundamentalism of Jewish settlers, to identify parallels that are shared by all fundamentalist movements. He also illustrated this by using the settler situation to demonstrate how Jewish fundamentalism works in the life of the modern state of Israel.

"I really hope that we will be able to examine fundamentalism in the Jewish state without becoming bogged down in a political or historical or moral examination of the Palestine or Israeli conflict," said Bush.

Although the word "assimilation" is the watchword for maintaining the Jewish community, Jewish leaders across all denominations admit that the American dream and its lure of assimilation has been the greatest threat to Jewish continuity and community since the dispersion from the land of Israel and Palestine nearly two thousand years ago.

"For some, a reversion to fundamentalism is the only possible answer to the growing problem," said Bush. "Others, like myself, will see that it has been the success of the American Dream that has enabled

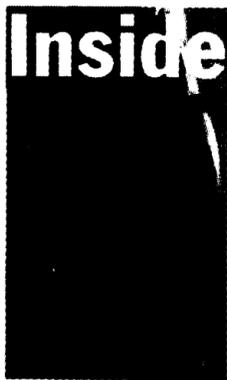
Jews to maintain their Jewishness, and at the same time that no community of Jews has ever achieved in any other place or time."

A thought-provoking question was raised during the question and answer session on whether God created human beings or God created Muslims, Jews and Christians. This question aroused tremendous responses and discussions even after the lecture.

"Of course God created human beings," said Bush. Based on his understanding of the world, he believed that human beings have a sense of belonging and so are not divided.

"Although I am not a religious studies major, I find the talk very fascinating," said Freda Zhang, BUS 01. "Rabbi Bush helped me reconceptualise my goal of life and why I am here."

The next American Dreams Series lecture will take place on Oct. 19 in the Smith Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Professor Baher Ghosheh from Edinboro University will be invited to talk about the meaning of Islam and Islamic Fundamentalism. All teachers and students are welcome.



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