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Attorney Morris Dees to Speak at Delco

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Leading civil rights attorney Morris Dees, will speak at Penn State Delco on Wednesday Sept. 16.

The speech, "*A Passion for Justice*," has taken Dees across the country to speak with college and university students, and spread his ideals on teaching tolerance.

Dees began his passion in 1968 when he filed suit to integrate the all-white Montgomery, Alabama YMCA. In 1971, Dees co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), dedicated to the pursuit of equal rights for the minorities and poor.

Since 1981, hate groups have threatened Dees and made him top priority on their hit lists, forcing the SPLC to take safety precautions everyday. Arson attacks and attempted murder threatens the center and the employees, yet the SPLC still claims victory.

In 1990 Dees successfully sued Tom Metzger, leader of the white Aryan Resistance group, for the beating death of an Ethiopian man in Oregon. The judgement won Dees \$12.5 million. Dees wrote about this triumphant suit in his book, *Hate on Trial: The Case*

against America's Most Dangerous Neo-Nazi (Villard Books).

The purpose of the high amount Dees said, was to, "...put the organization out of business by breaking their bank."

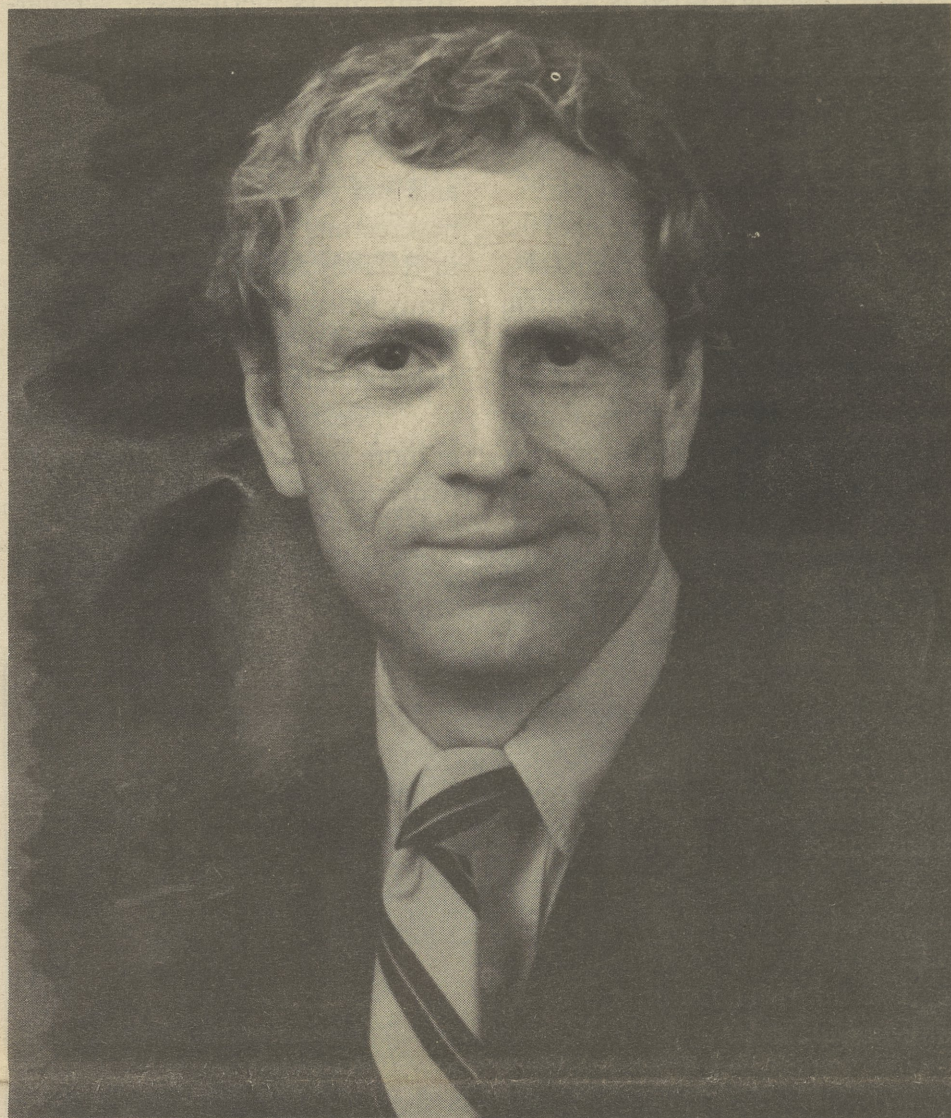
Dees' success not only consists of arguing in a court: he began one of the South's largest publishing companies, Fuller and Dees Marketing Group, during his undergraduate work at University of Alabama. He has written and published three books, the latest, *Gathering Storm: America's Militia Threat* (HarperCollins).

In the early to mid 1970's, Dees was financial director for the Democratic Presidential nominee George McGovern and then President Carter.

Dees has been the recipient of many awards ranging from *1 of 10 outstanding Young Men of America* in 1966, *Trial Lawyer of the Year* in 1987, to receiving the Humanitarian Award from his alma mater in 1993.

Currently Dees represents the SPLC as chief trial counselor and chair of the executive committee.

Dees will speak on Sept 16 during common hour in the student lounge of the main building. All students are urged to attend.



Morris Dees will be speaking on Wednesday, September 16.

The Classroom Building: A Long Awaited Relief

By Phillip Yi
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The long-awaited, high-tech, 3.5 million building is set to open in a few weeks. It is now being furnished.

The new building will be named "The Classroom Building", according to Dr. Edward Tomesko, campus executive officer. It will be dedicated on Oct. 15.

It consists of two floors and a basement. There are five large rooms, four seminar rooms, two engineering laboratories, a videoconference room, a lounge, and a patio. There is one elevator in the building and handicapped parking is available next to it. "Every room will be air-conditioned", said Tomesko.

The Classroom Building will consist of the Business Department

and the Engineering Department. There are ports everywhere for easy-access networking. Each classroom and laboratory will have the capability to support technology-enhanced learning, from Internet connections to teleconferencing. There has even been experimenting with the prospect of wireless networking, using a radio frequency to network computers without additional ports. According to Dr. Tomesko, "The new building will set the student to computer ratio from 15 to 1 to 8.8 to 1. There will be 500 computers all over campus when the new building opens."

Directly through the entrance doors, will be the student lounge, decked with couches. There are floor to ceiling windows on two sides that look out onto a wrap-around patio and the woods beyond.



It's almost time for the new building to open. Photo by Phillip Yi

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