

Morris Dees Calls for Tolerance and Justice

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On Wednesday Sept 16, civil rights attorney Morris Dees spoke in the student lounge of the main building during common hour.

About 50 to 75 people stood in the hallway awaiting their turn to be checked, scanned, and searched by the campus security on the hopes of having a chance to see Dees; although many were unsuccessful.

"I really anticipated to see him speak, I was upset I had to hear it from the hallway," stated Sarah Stover, (3rd semester, English).

The audience that awaited Dees inside the lounge ranged from senior citizen supporters to young college students, to attorneys with their initials embroidered on their shirt cuffs.

As 1 p.m. rolled around you could see the nonchalant Dees leaning against the Pepsi machine in the lounge wearing black jeans, hiking boots, and a denim shirt. When it was time for him to speak, he rolled off the machine and to the podium.

"Y'all look like a pretty safe crowd to me," said Dees as he apolo-

gized for the intense security.

As lights flashed around him from local media photographers, Dees continued to give his "Passion for Justice" speech.

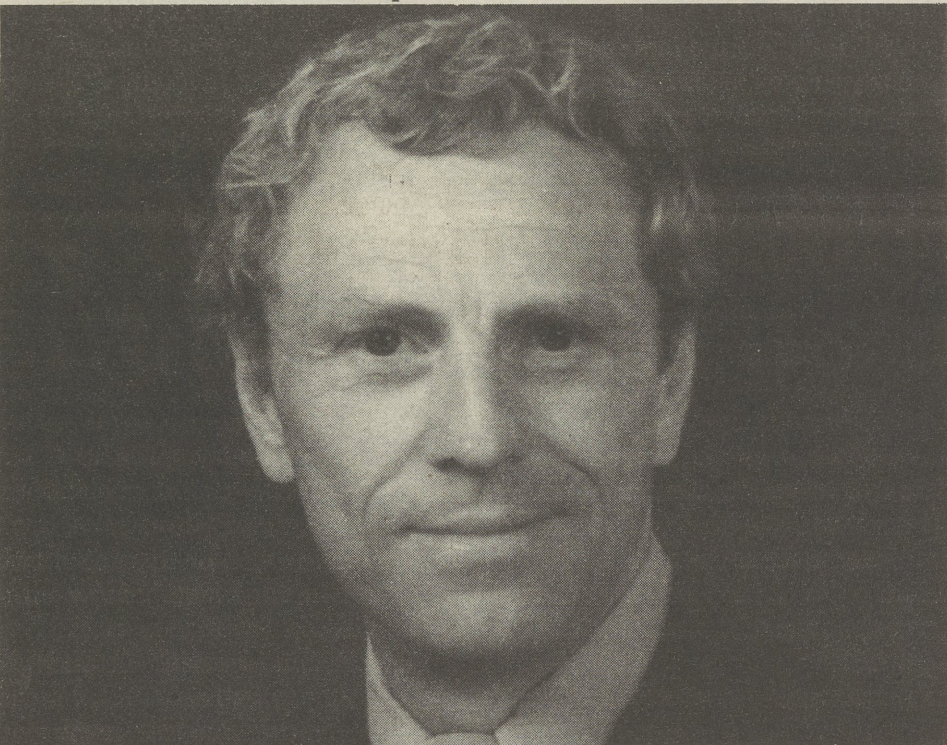
Dees said that, "It is a time that finds us a nation divided," as he began to tell the audience of his experience and success as a civil rights attorney.

Throughout the speech, emotions were on a roller coaster. In the background you could hear someone crying while someone else was praying.

Dees had said that the only thing to effect you more than any other discrimination is the line between color.

"Teaching Tolerance" is a program Dees had started with the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), in order to teach children at an early age not to discriminate against people for anything.

After his speech, the audience was allowed to ask questions. One person asked how he felt against the generation coming forth and what he felt about their racial problems. Dees just simply said, "I'm very optimistic."



Morris Dees expressed his views on racism and tolerance during his speech on Wednesday, September 16, in the Main Student Lounge.

Is There a Real Need for a Nurse on Campus?

By Phillip Yi
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The other day, my friend tried to peel a soda can. In his attempt, he cut his thumb. As he was bleeding before me, he got up and proceeded to the men's room. He came back with what looked to be an improvised bandage: a napkin. How would you have dressed the wound in his situation?

If you didn't know by now, we do not have an on-campus nurse.

I asked what other people thought on this matter. Phil Doan, (first semester student, computer-science major), said, "We really don't need one." Alec Tran, (third semester, engineering major), said, "Why not, just in case someone got injured."

I decided to pay a visit to our Campus Executive Officer, Edward Tomesko. I asked him why we didn't have a nurse on campus. He said, "The committee has been on our campus and said that we have satisfied the guidelines of the University Health Service Standards of Operation on campus."

He went on further to say, "It was an evolutionary process. The committee decided a single nurse could not fulfill the total Healthcare Service Standards on our campus. What we really needed was an athletic trainer." I inquired how many trainers we had on campus. He said, "We have two athletic trainers on campus."

If you have any questions or want to express your opinions please feel free to write to the Lion's Eye.

Career Expo a Huge Hit With P.S. Delco Students

By Sarah Stover
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The 1998 Professional Participants Career Expo, that was held on Wednesday, September 23rd between eleven thirty and two o'clock in the student lounge in the Main building, presented an opportunity for students to talk to people in local businesses and professions.

Tables lined the perimeter of the lounge and by twelve o'clock the room was continually filled with crowds of students, faculty and participants. There were over thirty five different occupations being represented. Everything from Labor/Delivery Nurse to Plant Pathology to High School Teaching could be explored by the students.

At each table was a sign explaining the occupation and a representative of that particular job or profession. Among the participants were two representatives of Commerce Bank. Both were eager to talk to students about the many opportunities their company offers.

Julie Wright, the Human Resource Manager of Commerce Bank, expressed a positive view on the career expo. She stated that "this gives them [students] a chance to talk to people without being in an interview." She went on to say that the career expo offers a non-threatening environment for students who are seeking job possibilities.

Julie Libutti, who is also with Commerce Bank as the College Relations Manager, added that she believed the expo "gives you insight." She remembered some similar career fairs that she attended while she was deciding a career, and she said they really helped. Libutti expressed this as one of the main reasons to why she attended Penn State's expo.

Both business women reported that Commerce is constantly growing and is always looking to fill employment positions. Even though this was their first year at Penn State's career expo, they said they had a great experience and a good turn out of

interested students and so they plan to return next year.

Another growing company, Sunrise (Assisted Living of Paoli) was represented by Sheryl-ann Burghardt. When asked about what her thoughts were on the career expo, she said that it was a "great informational experience for the students." As she explained, her field like so many others, is expanding significantly, but not all college students are aware of this and opportunities go unrecognized. She went on to say that through programs like Penn State's career expo, students get the chance to explore hidden opportunities and help them better decide upon a career.

Many students who attended the expo had a lot to say about it. Tricia Russo (1st semester freshman, HDFS) when asked commented, "I thought it was very interesting. I learned more about different companies and what the careers are all about."

Another freshman, Lione Smith (1st freshman, Business Administration) thought the expo was a great help. He stated, "maybe I can be aquatinted with some people that will help me after I graduate to get my feet wet in the real world."

The career expo was designed to be used as a guide for students into the future of careers, occupations and business. Students should willingly take advantage of these events. Next semester, on March 10th, there will be a Senior and Alumni Recruitment and on March 31st there will be a Summer and Internship Fair. Both of these events will further help students in deciding careers, but unlike the expo, these companies will be more geared toward looking for students to hire. Regardless, they are worth attending.

Students should keep their eyes open for these future events or talk to either Sharmon Bryant or Christine Boyle of the Career Development Office in the Commons building for help, concerns and/or direction in career exploration.



Students take advantage of the recent Career Expo that was held on Wednesday, September 23, in the Main Student Lounge.
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