Announcements:

- There will be a School of Education tote bag sale on **Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the BRNG lobby**
- Seniors are encouraged to apply for an EOB scholarship
- Students signed up for the Officers Shadowing Program will receive an e-mail invitation to the next executive meeting
- The next all-member PSEA meeting will be on **Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003 @ 7 p.m. in BRNG 1245**

Keynote Speaker: Andy Hartley:
- Middle school math teacher and department chair in Crawfordsville
- A graduate of Manchester College
- Taught two years at North White High School

Andy Hartley began by stating that the Number One Rule in teaching is to be flexible. He also encouraged education students to practice mock interviews with the Center for Career Opportunities (CCO) and friends and family members, and to be prepared for panel interviews. Questions such as how prospective students feel about high school students, what their philosophy of discipline is, reasons for why they wish to teach at a particular school, are all good to keep in mind, he said. He also stressed the importance of showing confidence in being able to talk to parents, orienting responses around benefiting the student, and drawing on past experiences and offering vivid examples during the interviewing process. “Be sure to accept a position where you’ll be happy,” he said.

When preparing for the first day of school, Mr. Hartley also suggested becoming very well acquainted with secretaries and custodians, as their help will be invaluable, and taking advantage of what mentor teachers and veteran instructors have to teach you. He also noted that the day before the first day of school, there is usually a teacher’s meeting where it is extremely beneficial to sign up for membership at the Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA), or local statewide organization, where benefits such as a $1,000 loan, legal protection, and major discounts for first-year teachers, are all available. Understanding that education is political, and that it is important that teachers be involved and at least vote, is also crucial, he said. Another important step Mr. Hartley stressed, was knowing all of the procedures for teaching absences and other logistics in teaching at a particular school. Having an outlet for stress relief, exercising, and eating a balanced diet, will also make the first year easier.

Yet, Mr. Hartley said that passion is the most important, and one quote he shared, was: “Begin each day enthusiastic about the challenges to come before you, and end each day exhausted from your enthusiasm.”
Breakout Session #1: Imagination Station

Jenni Malcomb and Amy Reimer from the Imagination Station showed members how to conduct fun, educational, and inexpensive science activities in their classrooms, including gak, silly putty, film canister rockets, and a mini ecosystem. Learning about states of matter, forces of matter, and various chemical reactions, were all included in these activities. They stressed that if girls are not attracted to science by grade 3, they will simply fall farther and farther behind in formal education, and suggested the following tips in doing any of these activities:

*Try all experiments out first to make sure they work!
*Teach your students about wafting before they begin
*Label everything!

They also recommended attending the HASTI two-day conference in February, where free supplies, networking opportunities, and other benefits are offered for a registration fee of $25. Those interested can find out more by going to the Imagination Station website at [http://www.nlci.com/imagination](http://www.nlci.com/imagination).

Breakout Session #2: Center for Career Opportunities (CCO)

Mock interviews, help with portfolios, and résumé-writing are all available at the CCO, and after going through the various sections of a résumé, including the heading, objective, education, and experience sections, the speaker stressed how most employers give an initial perusal of 20-30 seconds before making a decision about a job candidate, so proper layout and a strong impression are key. Gearing the résumé toward showing why an experience would be good for an employer, and not why the experience would be good for the candidate, is also important. She also said that more information can be found under the Teacher Employment section of their website at [http://www.cco.purdue.edu/student](http://www.cco.purdue.edu/student).