

Students voice support for president

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The 1995-96 Student Government Association elections are being held this week. If you didn't vote Wednesday you still have the opportunity today from 10-3 pm in the Science Building outside Room 101.

On Tuesday April 18, SGA held a candidates forum to allow students to ask questions of their potential leaders.

The candidates for SGA President /vice-president are Nicole Buther/Tom Keefe and Michael Woycheck/David Miller.

Buther, President of the Multi-Cultural Council, and Keefe, President of Student Programming Council, are running on their experience in SGA and in dealing with the Administration.

Woycheck, a Resident Assistant, a fourth semester Political Science major and a

member of the Behrend Computer Club, along with Miller, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, are running on their goal to increase communication by SGA.

Both tickets expressed the same goals of increasing student participation.

Woycheck stressed his platform entitled "The Gateway Project" which outlines increased use of the Gopher system and establishing a World Wide Web

page for SGA.

When questioned as to how he was going to accomplish this since the present SGA computer can not post to the system, Woycheck stated that the minutes would be typed in the Behrend computer labs to post them in the system.

Buther stated that the Gopher will not solve apathy problems since not everyone uses their access accounts yet.

Buther also pointed out that this years SGA has attempted to incorporate the Gopher system to eliminate paper waste but has not been able to do so because of computer equipment limitations.

Buther and Keefe say they want to bring SGA back to the students by incorporating the duties of the former Student Organization Council into the vice-president's duties and therefore back into SGA making student government more accessible to students.

They said they also want to increase cooperation and accountability between all student organizations.

Buther and Keefe also advocate SGA take a more aggressive approach to student problems with administration.

Buther cites her and Keefe's experience. "We are running because we've worked in the system and see directly the changes that need to be made. We also have started working on these issues within our organizations and the administration," she said.

Woycheck and Miller advocate bringing events other than the speaker series such as pop music concerts or events of a similar nature. The overall focus of the Woycheck/Miller platform is communication. "The Gateway

Project" focuses on use of email and the Internet.

Joe Motillo, a Commuter Senator on SGA for the past two years said he thinks students should seriously consider the candidates before voting.

"This is a very serious position and people don't realize the amount of influence and power the Student Government Association has in dealing with administrative and other student concerns," he said.

Robert Susann, a 4th semester Political Science major is supporting Mike Woycheck.

"My thoughts of Dave Miller and Mike Woycheck running for SGA is one of admiration. I hear a lot of talk about how SGA needs 'change.' No matter how you look at it, 'change' is inevitable, be it good or bad. I feel that Dave Miller and Mike Woycheck know where this 'change' must lead the school, and it is only in a positive direction," said Susann.

Sharain Naylor, a Resident Senator and a candidate on the ballot, supports Buther and Keefe.

"Nicole and Tom could provide efficient leadership because of their past experience as members of SGA. Also, they have a broad sense of student life and student organizations on campus because of their continual involvement on this campus. They both are very concerned about all students needs."

Bruce Bennett, the vice-president of the Student Programming Council and a member of numerous other organizations, states "Tom and Nicole have the experience needed to get things done and they won't

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SNL Star

Brown to visit Behrend

BEHREND-- Comedian A. Whitney Brown, the former *Saturday Night Live* political commentator best known for examining "The Big Picture" during the show's "Weekend Update" newscast, will perform live at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, in the Reed Lecture Hall, Reed Union Building.



took us "from 'I cannot tell a lie' to 'I cannot tell.'"

Brown spent ten years writing for *Saturday Night Live*; two of his most recognized recurring characters are the Photocopier Guy and the Pathological Liar.

In 1989, Brown had a highly praised one man show *Off-Broadway* at the American Place Theater.

"It is an honor for Penn State-Behrend to host a comedian of

A. Whitney Brown: former SNL star to make Behrend laugh.

this caliber," commented Tom Keefe, President of the Student Programming Council and Coordinator of this event.

Brown's Penn State-Behrend appearance is sponsored by the College's Student Programming Council, Joint Resident Council, Alpha Phi Omega, the Commuter Council, JET 102 and Erie Limousine Service. For more information, phone 898-6000.

The show is free to all college students with identification. General admission is \$2.

Brown had been lauded as "a marvelously inventive and bright comedian...comedy of a very high order" by none other than Johnny Carson. With a mercilessly discerning wit, he delivers on knockout punch after another to every kind of hypocrite and charlatan.

He has done hundreds of writer's workshops at colleges and many times been invited to be artist-in-resident at schools.

Rolling Stone magazine called Mr. Brown "the decade's most biting political satirist," and *The Boston Globe* said he is "as sharp

a political humorist as you'd care to find."

"I could hardly keep from laughing," said Thomas Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

American presidents are a favorite target. According to Brown, Ronald Reagan is "a still picture with the illusion of motion;" George Bush, who was inaugurated on the 200th anniversary of the presidency,

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