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Kochel Suggests New Academic Structure; Student-Faculty Cooperation Requested

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Concerned Faculty

Approximately sixty faculty members of the Behrend Campus were in attendance at a faculty meeting called October 26 by Irvin H. Kochel. Input, and the lack of it was one of the points discussed at the meeting.

Bill Seigal Wins Second VP; Voter Turnout Disappointing

by Carolyn Beck
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The Student Government Association elections resulted in the election of Bill "Bugsy" Seigal to the office of Second-Vice President. The fifteen new SGA representatives are:

Reese Friedman (316 votes), Kim Anderson (222), Link Myers (210) Al Davis (199), Doug Russel (181) Larry Bayle (172), Barb

Beatles On Film At Warner

"Beatles: Away with Words" will be coming to the Warner Theater on November 4. Showtimes are at 4-7-9:30 p.m. There will be a free bus leaving Behrend for the 9:30 show. Admission is \$1.50 for students with activity cards and \$2.00 for others. Tickets will be on sale at the Rub desk.

"Away With Words" tries to capture the essence of the English rock group which dominated the music of the 60's. Much of a generation has grown up with the Beatles, and the film makes the group a metaphor for a youth society looking for salvation.

"Away With Words" is one of the "mind zappingest light shows of all time" (Milwaukee Sentinel). It is billed as a multimedia montage and requires three motion picture projectors, 21 slide projectors and ten speakers. It is a boggling work which took more than a year to edit and put together.

Slingland (172), Amy Bishop (171), Becky LaPlante (169), Lauren O'Leary (167), Rick Frost (166), Sue Lawrie (166), Mark Bodycombe (164), Randy Seidman (163), Bette Greene (155).

Al Quinlan, SGA president, declared that he was very satisfied with the people elected. "They all seem to be good, hard workers. We should have a lot of action, possibly the best SGA ever." Al did express disappointment over voter turnout. "Voter turnout was very disheartening, even worse than in the spring. And this is the beginning of the year when enthusiasm should be the highest. I don't know what the problem was—publicity for the rally and the candidates was covered well enough, but the voter percentage was very disappointing."

Joe Zani, SGA vice-president was also pleased with the new representatives. "We got a lot of good people, a lot of good workers. A lot of these people want to work in the community, and we hope they back up their

statements with action. Also, I hope to work for more free universities, maybe every week, if we could."

Joe mentioned that voter turnout was "atrocious, lower than the spring percentage; 482 ballots were cast out of 1500 students enrolled. That's only about 33 per cent."

Joe offered two alternatives to the 20 odd losers of the election. "Dr. Tomsic needs three students on each of five faculty committees. Each student would have full voting rights. We could get a lot of things done through these committees. Applications are still available. Also, the Student Judiciary still has room for six members and four alternates, and applications are now being taken. We would like to see a few of the people who lost get a second chance, and these committees could be the opportunity."

Bill Seigal, newly-elected second-vice president of the Student Government Association, is looking forward to occupying the position. "I'll now have the chance, with the help of Al Quinlan, the SGA members, the faculty and administration to initiate summer encampment suggestions concerning resident students, commuters, and Behrend government."

Dean Lane was pleased with the outcome of the SGA elections. "I was generally encouraged by it. Nationally, student government enthusiasm is low. So I was pleased with the turnout at Behrend. Last spring they worried about filling the offices at all, and this was not the case. Generally, I would say it was a very positive thing."

Over 60 faculty members and administrators met with Irvin H. Kochel, Director of Behrend Campus to discuss concerns expressed by several segments of the academic community on Tuesday, October 26, during the common hour (12:15 p.m.). "I would like to see well developed guidelines and objectives for academic development from both students and faculty in agreement with each other...I don't really have that now," Kochel said during the one and one-half hour meeting in the Otto Behrend Building, Room 101.

The Director suggested a new academic structure that would create the positions of Dean of Instruction, and two associates, one in science and one in general arts and science. "This concept must be set up by next year," he said, indicating that this is essential to Behrend's academic development.

This plan, discussed by the executive committee and Kochel last year, suggested that the Dean of Instruction would be responsible for all academic matters. He would be assisted by two associate deans. Stressing inter-disciplinary action among the different colleges, the suggested plan does not envision a departmental organization followed at University Park as being necessary.

Kochel went on to say that there is no specific and thorough plan for academic development through 1975. Although general guidelines for Behrend's academic development were formulated last year, specific course and personnel needs are to be defined, and new area studies and major studies must be considered.

These specific proposals require greater faculty and student involvement in academic planning as Kochel noted, "The academic destiny of Behrend depends on the thorough input of both faculty and students." However the Director further stated, "There has not been ef-

fective input in the 1969-70 or 1970-71 academic years. I hope this won't be the case this year."

To overcome this problem, Kochel called for greater student involvement, and improved faculty and administrative direction. "I don't think this campus can make progress without effective administrative leadership," Kochel said, again indicating that more input is needed for effective administrative decisions. Kochel reiterated again and again that the channels for input are indeed open, and that the faculty and students have not been implementing these opportunities.

Several faculty members as well as Kochel expressed a disappointment in the lack of student input on faculty committees. Davis P. Giersch, chairman of the student services committee said, "I'm extremely disappointed and confused over the absence of students at our meetings. We've had two meetings already and the representative students from the Student Government Association have not been present."

In addition to Kochel's comments on a new academic structure and improved faculty-student input, he also reviewed the physical development of the campus. Due to the financial chaos of the state legislature only \$310,000 have been funded for Behrend through Bill 1304 (March 1970) which is being used for the construction of a standpipe on Jordan Road to service the dormitories. The proposed academic building and library have been presented via this bill, but because of lack of monies they have not been funded, while buildings on other campuses have been. James A. Flaherty, instructor in Theater Arts, said, "I was satisfied to hear Mr. Kochel's response to why certain buildings were funded and Behrend's weren't." He went on to note however that this may effect further academic planning if these buildings aren't begun soon. Kochel also said in regard to Behrend's physical development, "We're running two years behind," pointing to the financial bind that the entire University and state legislature are facing.

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Students Cast Ballots

Several Behrend students cast their ballots at one of the voting booths in the Otto Behrend Building. Approximately 500 students turned out at the polls to elect a second vice-president and 15 members at large to the Student Government Association during the elections held last week.

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