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SGA Candidates State Views For Next Week's Elections

tensively. We can also print pieces of paper with the names, phone numbers, and addresses of all SGA members to be given to every freshman by his student advisor. Also during Orientation Week, all SGA members can visit every room in the dorms to talk to the students about SGA, and to urge them to ask any questions. In other words, every student in the dorms would talk to an SGA member sometime during Orientation Week. Throughout the year, the minutes of SGA meetings can be posted in the buildings for students to read.

With all of these programs in operation next year, SGA can better represent the entire student body. I believe that I have the ability to implement these changes in order to develop a more effective SGA.

Sid Goldstein (3, Hum Dev., Erie) is also seeking election to the presidency. Sid believes that bad management and student apathy are responsible for the sad shape of the SGA. "I intend to increase the quality and quantity of seminars, concerts and lectures to get the students behind the SGA, and use whatever means are necessary to give the students a bigger voice in running Behrend. I think it's time for some all-around housecleaning."

Art Muchow, the third candidate for president, and Charles Rainey, candidate for 1st Vice president gave a joint statement of their intentions.

"Charlie Rainey and I are running for 1st Vice president and President of SGA respectively. It is our feeling that the SGA is no longer a well-known organization to the student body. It seems that very few students are aware of the fact that SGA is set up to help them have a better and more enjoyable campus life. All too few students know that they can go to the SGA meetings every Wednesday night and present their problems or their reasons for general discontentment with this campus and afterwards the SGA would do what it can to solve these problems. If elected Charlie and I would try to make the SGA a better functioning part of the student body and we would also keep the students better informed than they were this year as to what the SGA is, what they are doing, and what they are trying to do. We would see to it that not only the SGA members but the whole student body is aware of what is going on around our campus."

Walker Moore (10th, GAAS, Newcastle) is also running for the position of 1st Vice-president.

"I am running for the office of 1st vice president for SGA. I would list my qualifications if necessary, but since these elections are not based on qualified people but are rather popularity contests, I do not find it necessary to do so.

I have worked for and supported many school activities of which ninety percent of the student body feels are unnecessary as evidenced by their lack of attendance.

I personally find it difficult for one individual to correct this over-whelming feeling of apathy. If the students feel

that they are getting screwed it is because of their own lack of initiative.

Changes in any democratic system are never completed through the voices of a few, but by the constant pressure of an active majority. If elected, I will act according to the requests of the active students who voice their concerns for student well-being."

Ken Mushrush (9, GAAS, Erie) is a candidate for second vice-president. Ken sees as Behrend's basic problems a lack of unity in the student leaders, and a lack of truth from these leaders and the administration. He believes that the role of the SGA is too often confused. Social events and cultural activities are not in the realm of the SGA, as specified in the charter. "The SGA should stick to its constitutional duties as a contact between students and the administration, and as the governing body of all other campus organizations. It should always try to fulfill the demands of the student body, regardless of the opinions of individual members."

Ken favors the continuation of open SGA elections with no restrictions because of residency or commuter status. If elected, he would work for the establishment of a 3-5 man commuter board to bring commuter problems before the SGA. Ken would also like to see a committee to which students could bring complaints against faculty members free of any administrative interference. This would eliminate the danger of teachers being fired, and also the possibility of faculty student repercussions. In the end, the quality of teaching would be improved.

Erie) is opposing Mushrush for the office of 2nd Vice President. Mike is presently on SGA as a representative. He feels that the SGA has been particularly effective this year in representing the students. He sighted three examples: freshman girls are free to live off campus, two letters to the parents were sent home, one stated you were given a warning, the second stated you could be suspended or dropped by the University, the second letter is no longer sent home and students are presently represented on the Resident Assistant Interviewing Committee.

There are several measures which Mike would like to see put into effect. He favors a written record of all votes taken at SGA meetings to prove to students who is responsible for passing or defeating measures. He believes that the SGA should publish a monthly bulletin to report the progress and work done during the month, along with plans for the future.

"I hope to see a very large number of people voting. If everyone is as interested as they profess to be, then there has to be a better turnout—SGA needs this interest to be effective."

There are eight candidates to fill the representative posts. Ed Moore (7, Sec Ed, Heidelberg) is currently a representative. Ed wants to see the issue of student jobs reviewed, with jobs going to

people who need the money most. Ed would also work for greater commuter involvement with the formation of a "commuter committee" to report to the SGA. Ed expressed his support for Al Quinlan and Walker Moore.

Ken Renshaw (3, IFS) is also a member of SGA. This year, he served on the parking committee which investigated parking problems. Ken wants to improve the social life on campus. His goal is "to represent the students in improving the academic aspects of Behrend."

Kevin Fitzgibbon (3, EET, Pittsburgh) has served for one term as an SGA representative. Kevin reiterated the need for student involvement and the right and obligation of students to express their complaints to the SGA more often. "You can't just talk, you've got to do something." Kevin expressed his support for the reelection of Al Quinlan.

Bill MacTaggart (3, Sec Ed., Erie) believes that "there's a lack of rapport between students and the faculty, and a large gap between commuters and dorm students. The student body needs to be more unified."

Kim Anderson (6, Com Dev. Meadville) has been a SGA representative and is currently serving as the organization's treasurer. "I care about Behrend and I want to work for it, to plan more activities, and work for its betterment."

DeeDee Gordon (3, Math, Pittsburgh) has been active in SGA activities during the year. DeeDee supports more day speakers which would benefit commuters, SGA interests in and support of involvement in the upcoming Presidential elections and public announcement of when and where SGA meetings are to be held. DeeDee feels that a representative must become a link between students and the SGA.

Robert Hicks (6, Psy, Baden) is a one term member of SGA. Rob believes that the campus needs a little bit more to motivate students and get them involved, and that the SGA can do this. "It will take the cooperation of all of the groups involved—students, faculty, R.A.'s, etc. I hope that the SGA can bring about this cooperation." Rob is also in support of Quinlan and Walker Moore.

Last but not least, Al Davis stated that he is very concerned about the plight of the commuter. He also had no sympathy for the few students attacking SGA. He feels that the information has been made available to them and it is not the part of the SGA to "hand it to them on a silver platter."

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Letters to the Editor

Dear whoever cares,

Student cries are heard all over campus because they are uninformed about campus activities. First, I would like to ask the students if they can read. The bulletin boards have every bit of the activity published, but no one reads the signs. A lot of the signs are ripped down, specifically the Spring Arts Festival Publicity posters were removed by the students. This student newspaper carries quite a lot of publicity for the student activities, but what percentage of people care enough to read?

Student cries are heard as whimpers when they desire change, for any a few on 1500 care enough to work for a change. This campus has no culture, this campus has no big name groups. This campus doesn't have enough faculty members to teach courses for the students. This campus doesn't have an adequate library. This campus does not have adequate classroom facilities. This campus does not have adequate athletic facilities. BUT WHO COMPLAINS? Not the students. Most of the complaints for Behrend's lack of facilities has come from the Office of Student Affairs.

Union Board Names Reps For '72-'73

The following students have been elected to the Student Union Board for next year:

Jay DiFrank	President
Dean DeCrease	Vice-President
Charlie Powers	Special Events
Bob Haise	Cultural
Jim Snyder	Film
Joey Kennedy	Coffee House
Bruce Erneigh	Recreation
Doug Schaefer	Promotion
Paul Seiferth	Publicity
Phil Wahler	Special Services
Debbie Breindel	Social or Hospitality
Sheila Wilson	Secretary
Dave Watt	Treasurer

I don't care if students don't want to be political. What really bugs me to death is student's don't even care to help themselves. Students want a change. They want to get rid of what they feel is inadequate. They have no idea of what to put in place of their destruction.

Love,
Walker Moore

Dear Students,

In this issue of the Collegian, you will find the dates, times, and places for the election of next year's Student Government Association. I sincerely hope that you will take this opportunity to express your opinions by voting in these elections. Last fall 484 of 1500 students voted for the positions available. Last spring, when this year's president was elected, 384 out of 1300 students voted. Both times less than 1/3 of the student body participated!! If you are at all interested in the selection and consequent actions of your representatives, you will at least vote.

This spring the entire executive board of the SGA for 1972-3 will be elected, and 8 out of the 21 representatives will also be chosen. "Apathy" (a term often used to describe the Behrend student populace) is one thing, but absolute laziness is unpardonable. It takes but one minute of your precious time to vote in these elections—decisions which will greatly affect you next year.

I cannot force you to vote. The decision whether to participate or not is entirely up to you. Vote if you want, but remember that those who are elected will be representing you before the hierarchy of this campus—THE ADMINISTRATION. One minute of your time cannot possibly be too much for such an important matter.

Joseph Zani
1st Vice President SGA