

Editorial Opinion

Behrend S.G.A. Has It Power?

The role of the Student Government Association has been a long debated point on many college campuses, Behrend not to be excluded. It may seem wise, on the eve of the spring elections, to ponder just what the role of S.G.A. is, has it fulfilled it, and is its title appropriate.

As the name "government" suggests, our S.G.A. is reckoned to be a true governing body that represents the students of the campus in all facets of campus life. It is supposed to be able to make decisions and make laws that will stick with the administration. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth.

In reality, Behrend's student government has only rarely been able to make decisions without consultation with that administration. At the very best, S.G.A. can only act as a sounding board for the wishes of the students, collecting opinions and formulating recommendations to be passed on to the administration.

Nor is the situation any different at University Park Campus. There, the Undergraduate Student Government is only bigger and has more students to deal with. The aura of size does not make it any more powerful in dealing with the administration and the Board of Trustees where the real decision making power lies.

Before the students of Behrend continue to delude themselves into thinking that they hold any substantial power, it might be wise to consider a possible revision of constitution and name to appropriately fulfill the true responsibilities of S.G.A. Perhaps something along the lines of "Student Senate" could be devised, patterned after the Faculty Senate, which itself has no more actual power than the current Student Government.

The Behrend Collegian merely wishes to raise this as a question for Behrend Students to ponder over before voting for next year's S.G.A. officers and representatives, and in an effort to spark some interest from what appears to be a flagging student body. Regardless of the degree of autonomous power that a representative body has, or the name that it is called, the students of a campus should make more of an effort to help it and support it when that help and support is needed. Let us hope that more interest is shown during the coming academic year.

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University Council at PSU Discussed Academic Plan

The University Council Thursday, May 18, approved, in principal, recommendations on the University calendar and continued discussion of the University academic plan.

Dr. Donald R. Olsen, chairman of the sub-committee on calendar, gave an interim report to the Council and was authorized to send the report with editorial changes to President Oswald.

In its discussions, the Council has considered means of adjusting the calendar to be more

convenient to the "natural holidays" that students and their families live by. Other factors discussed include an earlier start for the Fall Term and earlier completion of the Spring Term, with a consequent improvement in flexibility of the Summer Term and in orientation and advising opportunities.

Meeting with the Council for its consideration of the academic plan were Dr. Theodore R. Vallance, chairman of the drafting committee of the academic policy plan, and Dr. G.

Lester Anderson, director of the University Center for the Study of Higher Education, who have assisted in the development of the plan.

In particular, Council members stressed their concern that departments and colleges have more flexibility in developing programs in response to perceived needs. They also recommended additional opportunities for faculty members to upgrade their scholarship and instructional activities.

Flexibility in periods of leave, opportunities for Commonwealth Campus faculty to come to University Park for periods of study, and time for faculty members to take course work in fields related to their specialty were encouraged.

Additional options for students, including more flexible in and out registration, should be built more specifically into the plan, Council members suggested.

The Council will meet at the Ogontz Campus on June 1. Members expect to discuss with students and faculty of the campus the kinds of policy considerations that they have dealt with and expect to deal with in the future.

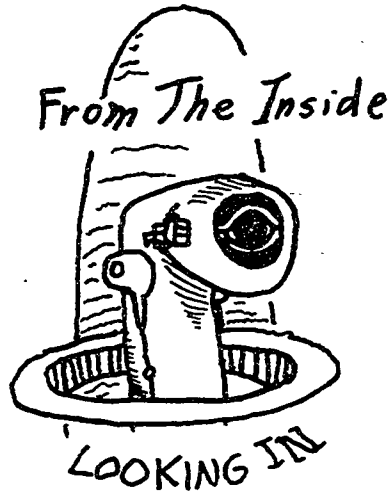
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

On behalf of the entire Security Department I would like to commend all those who helped to make this 1972 Spring Arts Festival a genuine success. Walker Moore and the entire Festival Committee are to be praised for a job well done in planning this event. Communications were very good between Security and Student Mar-

shals, who did a splendid job of keeping things running smoothly throughout the entire festival. Also, the Pinkerton force and Pennsylvania State Police are to be commended for their assistance in traffic control and other valuable services rendered.

Frank J. Nowak
Security Officer



Can't figure out all the hassle about the "Outdoor Music Festival" last weekend. I know that it was a rock concert, and you know that it was a rock concert. Who are they trying to fool?

Seems strange that the year-book got a cartoon AND three pages of their very own, while the newspaper got just a cartoon and everyone else got nothing. And they wanted free advertising from the paper.

Everyone should go out and cast their token vote in the S.G.A. elections this week, just to make it official.

Sure is quiet this spring without Security to upset everyone. Don't have much of anything to talk about now.

Is the darkroom for the student organizations or is it for the faculty?

For those who are trying to figure what all this is about, this little column is merely a resurrected Bill's Toes from last year. Just ask any sophomore or faculty member, and they will fill you in.

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	Witkowski	B101

