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## Class Presidents Encourage Unity

The classes have voted, the votes have been counted, and the results have been made known to the student body. This is the first year such a large majority of Behrend students participated in voting, although the ballots were still very close for all candidates. The freshman class had the most ballots considered acceptable by the counting board with a total of 183.

Running uncontested for the senior presidency was Pam Babcock. She plans to try and unify the senior class as a whole. "I want to come up with suggestions to solve past problems and to possibly consider having a different type of graduation ceremony than Behrend has been holding in the past."

Her fellow officers are Mike Meyer as first vice-president and Dennis Hart as second vice-president.

Receiving the secretary-treasurer position was Barb Schnieder. The senior offices of second vice-president and secretary-treasurer were won by write-in votes.

No students were seeking election in the junior class. Therefore, all positions won by the junior officers were due to write-in votes. Darrel Whitney won the office of president. No statement was available from Darrel.

Serving as first vice-president will be Vic Kopnitsky and second vice-president, Gary Pisani. No junior was elected to hold the secretary-treasurer position.

Henry Walker was elected to serve as sophomore class president. He would like to try to get small practical improvements at Behrend that will help all students, not only the sophomores. Henry personally believes that "all weekends are dead at

Behrend and I hope to be successful in helping to plan more activities." "I believe the sophomores are already united as a class, we all seem to know each other." "All we must do is to get together and become organized."

Holding the remaining sophomore offices are Fred Palmer as first-vice president, Janet Smith as second vice-president, and Marilyn Davidson will be secretary-treasurer.

The positions in the freshman class were very close with Fred Mayer winning the presidency with 85 votes. Following behind was John Biggi with 80 votes. Many rumors were being passed that the ballot box was stuffed. One individual, who wished to have his name withheld had the election contested.

According to a member of the Student Government

Association executive committee, "the election was proven to be fair and reasons for the contesting of the election were disproven." A recount of the ballots did take place to prove the voting was fair.

As president, Fred has many tentative plans and ideas he hopes prove successful. During the fall term he wants to propose a commuter weekend. His plan is to have each dorm student keep a commuting student over the weekend. The main reason for the commuter weekend is to involve the commuters with Behrend more than just academically.

"I hope to hold class

meetings every other week, get the commuting students involved, and to unite the entire freshman class both academically and socially."

Serving as freshman first vice-president is Ed Hunkele. Holding the remaining two positions are Bette Meter as second vice-president and Jeff Cole as secretary-treasurer.

Walker Moore, president of the Student Government Association, presented the idea of holding class elections during summer encampment. The voting for class officers proved to be quite successful, understanding that Behrend has never held such elections before.

## Enthusiastic Crowd Greet McGovern In spite of Delay

by Margie Campbell

A threatening rain shower and an hour and a half delay did not dampen the spirit of the large crowd at the McGovern-Shriver rally in Perry Square, Erie on Wednesday, October 11. Entertainment was provided by Bryan Lee and the Bry-tels, a country and western group and the Cathedral Prep School Band.

Speaking before the Senator arrived, Lt. Governor Ernest Kline expressed his support for the McGovern-Shriver campaign, and stated that he didn't believe the polls meant that much. Erie County Democratic Chairman Roger Fischer backed Lt. Governor by saying "I don't care what the polls say, I know what the people say." An appeal for financial help for the campaign was also issued to make it possible to spread the philosophy of Senator McGovern.

Senator McGovern and his entourage were met at Erie International Airport by Mayor Tullio, Congressman Joseph Vigorito, Rae Crumbly, the organizer of the League of Black Voters, and Louis Rzymek, Erie County Commissioner. Upon reaching Perry Square the Senator was welcomed by the crowd singing "This Land Is Your Land." More than thirty dignitaries were on the platform, including officials of Erie City and Erie County government, the Democratic Party, organized labor, and the McGovern-Shriver citizens committee. Introduced by Representative Vigorito, Senator McGovern spoke for approximately twenty minutes on a range of topics, including inflation, pollution, aid to parochial schools, and the war in Vietnam. McGovern stated that in order to combat the unemployment and inflation situation, more job opportunities will be opened up for everyone able to work. These

jobs would be obtained by building up the cities, cleaning up the environment, and fighting the crime and drug problem. Senator McGovern promised that if he were elected steps would be taken to investigate the unjust tax system and observed that the rich can deduct martini luncheons averaging \$20.00, whereas the poor man can't even deduct a peanut butter sandwich.

Commenting upon the pollution situation, Senator McGovern felt that this is killing Lake Erie, and stated that measures must be taken toward cleaning up the environment.

Senator McGovern approached the parochial school topic with sympathy, remarking that he is concerned with the future of the schools and hopes to provide relief funding.

Calling the Vietnam War "an issue on my mind and in my heart", Senator McGovern stressed that a commitment he is making to all America is that upon his inauguration, he will begin to recall all men, and POW's from Vietnam and end the war. He also added that "in the future, he would never again send men from this country to a foreign war, especially after seeing the corruption in the Vietnam War."

Senator McGovern finished his speech by stating that it was his goal to call the country back to the standards America wants incorporated in this country. He added that his slogan "Come Home America" is not a plea for isolationism, but rather it is a plea to bring institutions into line with the principles with which the country began. His philosophy that 1972 will go down as a century in which peace and justice will come again, was met with a favorable reaction from the crowd.

Following the rally, McGovern

was whisked off to Boston where he continued his campaigning that night.

Commenting on the rally, Mrs. Walter Champlin, an Erie Republican co-chairman, felt Senator McGovern was well-received however she believed that his appearance failed to affect the Nixon campaign in either way.

## Student Government Discusses Various Financial Proposals

Committee reports and student publication funds were the major points covered in the weekly S.G.A. meeting.

Committee reports were covered first. The Constitutional Review committee reported that only the Student Union Board constitution has been turned in. The remaining documents should be completed and approved soon.

Concerning the Social Affairs Committee came a proposal to include the four first vice-presidents of the classes to its membership. Their duties would be to act as a liaison between SUB, JRC and other student activity clubs and SGA. The purpose being to aid in scheduling student events for the coming terms through a better communication system.

The Finance Committee reported its findings concerning the tentative budget for TEMPUS. Under the proposed budget a debt of approximately \$3,000.00 might be incurred. The debt suffered from last years sales is a major problem in working out the publication plans for this year.

Three steps were suggested as possible remedies. First, to subscribe orders from interested students before committing to a definite printing number. Secondly, to automatically cut back from the proposed order of 400 copies per term to 200 copies each term. And last, to investigate alternative means for securing funds to finance publication. The selling of patrons to either businesses or individual students was suggested.

The final committee issue covered was a change in the

## SUB Proposes Plans For Permanent Coffee House

The dream of a permanent coffee house at Behrend Campus may be a reality in the near future. Feasible plans have been proposed by Student Union Board President, Jay DiFrank.

The Student Union Board looked into several possibilities for a coffee house. First, they thought of building one on campus. But, there wasn't any available land. Also, the problems of building regulations and funds ruled out the idea.

After investigating several other possibilities, the present

plan seemed the most reasonable. This plan involves converting the television lounge in the Reed Union Building into a permanent coffee house by partitioning it off.

The room would be an ideal size. Actually, it is larger than the commuters' cafeteria which holds the existing coffee house. Also, the space can be utilized better. The idea of having an alumni architectural student design the house is tentative.

The house would be open during the day and at night for students at no cost. Weekends would feature entertainment.

Jay added, "Since the coffee house is a place where a lot of kids go, it might help bring commuters and dorm students together."

Approvals still have to go through various channels. It was said that the student Governing Board has not yet given a formal approval. But, the majority of the board seems to approve. The final and most important approval will come from main campus.

Funds will also play a significant roll in acquiring the coffee house. Hopefully, Penn State will furnish all or much of the funds. If not, however, funds will rely on contributions from various campus organizations and possibly student affairs.

Bruce Zimmerman, Reed Union Director, stated, "From an administrative point of view, it is a good idea to utilize some of the RUB space. The final determining factor would be cost feasibility."

The Student Union Board will present a sight and sound sensation on Monday, October 23, 1972 in the RUB Quiet Lounge at 8 p.m. It is the first program in the RUB's varied cultural programming for the current academic year. "SYNESTHESIA" uses original photographic art in the form of slides merging and dissolving into one another; set to impressionistic, abstract, contemporary and absolute music sometimes augmented by original poetry. Tickets are priced at \$2 for faculty, staff and friends of Behrend. They are available at the RUB desk. See Page 2 for the complete story.

## Students for McGovern Back Concert

The Students for McGovern from Behrend, Gannon, Villa, and Mercyhurst College are sponsoring a benefit concert for McGovern-Shriver on October 25 at 8 p.m. in the Gannon

Auditorium. Two musical groups, "Shannana" and "Seatrains" will be featured. Tickets cost \$3.50. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets contact Ed Moore in Perry Hall, Room 107. His number is 899-2340.