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## Student Government Ready and Willing

by Rosa Myers  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association held its first meeting September 9. Officers present were: Jim Armstrong, president; Dave Scypinski, first vice-president; Gina Myers, second vice-president; Barbara Jolly, secretary; and Barb Frank, who is resigning her post as treasurer, due to her responsibilities as a Resident Assistant. (Ballots for the selection of a new treasurer are available at the RUB desk.)

The possibility of selecting a student to serve on the Pennsylvania Postsecondary Planning Commission was discussed. The commission's purpose is to develop a plan for a comprehensive system of post secondary education and to advise the State Board of Education along with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The plan will provide opportunities and programs for those in the Commonwealth who are interested in pursuing a higher education. It will appoint task forces and subcommittees to develop programs for selected areas and to make recommendations. All expenses accrued by members will be reimbursed. Interested students are asked to submit their resumes as soon as possible since the SGA must submit its recommendation no later than September 30. Students who apply are asked to profess a sincere interest in planning for a comprehensive post in secondary education in Pennsylvania and to be articulate and talented.

At the May 18, 1974 meeting of the Council of Presidents, a new constitution was approved. In the future the council is to be referred to as: The Council of Branch Campus Student Governments. The new constitution concerns itself with the issues of organization, university representation, meetings, annual assessment, and a method of amending.

The purpose of the Council is to represent the concerns of students attending the branch campuses, to provide a means for the exchange of ideas in different areas of student concern, and to represent the interests of the SGA of the branch campuses.

The Council consists of SGA presidents of each University branch campus; a student representative from each branch campus who shall be elected by

the SGA and a Council Coordinator whose duties are clearly outlined.

Also under revision was the SGA constitution and the changes are as follows:

### Section I Article III

The number of representatives is hereby set at seventeen (17) including five (5) executive board members; three (3) members one from each of the academic divisions; one (1) commuter member; one (1) dorm member; three (3) at large representatives of the student body; four (4) members of class standing, one from each of the four classes.

(a) The election of the executive board consisting of a president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, and treasurer shall be open to all full-time students. This election shall be held Spring term.

(b) The election of class representatives shall be open only to current members of that class; to be determined by term standing.

(c) Each class shall be represented on SGA by their class president.

(d) The election of academic representatives shall be open to current members of that academic division under which their college falls. There will be one member from each of the following academic areas:

Arts and Humanities  
Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Natural Sciences.

This election shall be held during Spring term.

(e) The election of the commuter representative shall be open to all full-time commuters.

(f) The dorm representative shall be the chairman of the Joint Residence Council.

(g) The election of the three at large representatives shall be open to all full-time students.

(h) All elections except those otherwise designated shall be held during Fall term.

Voting for class officers this Fall term will take place on September 25, 26, 27 from 11:30 until 2. Commuter and Dorm representative elections will take place October 2, 3, and 4th from 11:30 until 2:00.

Presently needed by the SGA are the names of those persons willing to serve on the faculty committee. Dean Lane suggested an application and interview procedure to screen future members willing to work with the faculty on areas of academic

interest.

Along similar lines the Christian Associates of Metropolitan Erie are seeking students to volunteer one hour a week every week beginning the first week of October and ending in May. For further information contact: Ms. Barbara C. Irvine, coordinator of Project SHARE, Post office box 1194, 235 West Sixth street, Erie, Pa. 16512.

WQLN has asked Behrend to continue its radio series. Students who can offer suggestions for upcoming programs are asked to contact Arno Selco.

All campus organizations are asked to submit their prospective budgets for the year no later than September 30.



Mike Hanley and Jennifer Gregor in the process of trying out for the Behrend Players' new show "Sticks and Bones".

## Production Underway

by Chuck Little  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, October 30, the Behrend Players will once again open the doors of the Studio Theater to welcome a new production. Under the direction of Arlo Selco, the Players will present David Rabe's Tony Award winning "Sticks and Bones." The Behrend Players, headed by officers Cathy Lipinski, Chuck Little, and Jennifer Gregor have already begun work on the production.

Last season the Players presented two full-length productions. The winter production was the melodrama "The Drunkard." The play was scheduled for five performances. Due to the overwhelming demand for tickets "The Drunkard" was sold out for two weeks before it opened. Subsequently, two extra performances were added, and these too sold out ahead of time.

The second production opened in the Spring. This time the Players presented John Guare's, "House of Blue Leaves." Seating was increased to sixty. However, once again, additional performances had to be scheduled. The Players performed "The House of Blue Leaves" nine times. The problem of limited seating may be alleviated in the near future by the Studio Theater refurbishment project.

After last year's productive theater season, Behrend College was invited to join the Erie

Theater Arts Institute and the Arts Council of Erie. The four producing theaters that are members of the Erie Theater Arts Institute include Behrend College, The Erie Playhouse, The Village Dinner Theater and Gannon College. Our membership in these two groups, as Mr. Selco said, "should increase our theater audience tremendously."

"Sticks and Bones" opened on Broadway in March of 1972. It had a lot of qualities of Black Humor, but really it is a very serious play about American values. It is very controversial yet significant because of its subject matter. The play deals with the son who returns home from Viet Nam in 1968. He has been blinded during the war. His harrowing war experiences have completely changed him, and neither the family nor he can cope with the situation.

In his book, "The Theater: An Introduction," Oscar Brockett, the Dean of American Academic Theater, chooses "Sticks and Bones" as the one play that

represents contemporary American Theater and Drama. He does a complete analysis of the play in the recent new edition of his book.

Joseph Papp, the Czar of New York Theater, considers Rabe, "Our greatest playwright today."

David Rabe spent 11 months in Viet Nam. Out of his experiences he wrote three full length plays. Rabe's, "The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel" and "The Orphan" as well as "Sticks and Bones". He signed his name D. William Rabe because he didn't want people to connect his own first name with that of the main character who is also named "David."

Tickets for the Behrend Players Fall production of "Sticks and Bones" go on sale in the Reed Building on October 23. Tickets cost \$2.50 for the public and \$1.50 for Behrend College Students, faculty and staff. Again, only 60 tickets are available for each performance.

## Godspell Cometh

by Alan Kirk

You readers who had looked forward to a well-written critical analysis of Sunday night's movie, "Godspell", in this issue are asked to be patient. However, many of us here have been quite concerned by the mass conversions which have been occurring across the country. It was quite repulsive when our stalwart Charles Colson committed the ultimate, he was enlightened.

Is an Age of Faith upon us or what? No sooner had God died than it became necessary to mass produce Him. It may or may not be unfortunate that we are now deluged with movies such as "Godspell." The movie itself is in the so-called rock musical model and comes highly acclaimed. It is supposed to be an experience, but no one told me of what or how.

Now don't start squirming around in your seats because we mentioned that word religion. But look at it this way. If you had fled gothic horrors of feudal Europe's churches, with their mad demands of eating the flesh of a carpenter who had been dead for seventeen centuries you would have insisted on freedom of religion and gone to Los Angeles.

So before you render it unto Caesar, take a look at that dollar in your hand. What is that cabalistic Rosicrucian clashing of symbols portrayed on the back?

Godspell will be seen Sunday night, September 22, the times and ticket prices are still the same. So we'll see you there. Peace. One-Way. Love. Jim Croce. Krishna. Mellow and here don't forget your coloring book, brother.

## Judicial Anew, Second Breath for Students

by Amy Loeffler  
Staff Writer

"No student is going to get shafted here"...at least Dean Lane doesn't think so. Why should he? Supported by Penn State's Discipline System, which includes the relatively new Student Standards Board, it'd be pretty hard to challenge his statement.

Although the system has always provided a very democratic judicial branch, several recent policy changes have streamlined campus judicial procedures considerably. Last fall, the Student Standards Board became a part of the system. It was to serve as a jury—hearing cases and recommending punishment when indicated; and was to consist

## Change for the Better

by Jody Reed

Among the many changes that have taken place at Behrend this year is the change of housemothers to the new housing staff. This new staff consists of

the Residence Community Coordinator, John Giesmann, and Area Coordinators Jay DiFrank and Beverly Romberger.

One of the reasons for the replacement of the housemothers

with the area coordinators is that the new staff is much closer in age to the students and has had professional training in counseling and speech and communications.

The house mothers of the previous years were required by federal law to work only certain hours. This year, the housing staff is paid a salary so that they are always available to the students.

Mr. Giesmann feels that the new staff is interested and dedicated to their jobs. The staff will be having a program survey in the near future to determine the resident students interests as far as activities and educational programs are concerned.

On Saturday, October 5, the staff, with the help of student affairs, is going to sponsor a trip to see the Pirates.

Overall this could be the start of a new and very different year for the resident students at Behrend.



Shown here is Mr. Giesmann, the new Residence Area Coordinator in his new office in Lawrence Hall.