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SGA President to Step Down

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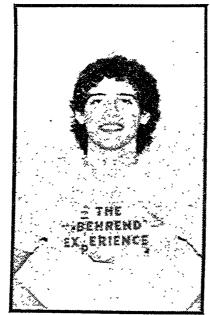
Dann Johns, president of the Student Government Association, will leave office this month after having served as president for one semester. Johns, a seventh semester Political Science major, said "It became imperative to pick up some classes at University Park Campus, in order to graduate in August." Johns also noted that his fiancee, who lives in State College, played a role in his

"I really do wish I could have stayed the entire year to see some projects through, especially the Honor Code," said Johns. "But I have a lot of faith in Doug Gerow, and in the senate. There are many good people working with SGA this year."

Gerow, current SGA vicepresident, will succeed Johns as president next semester. "Doug is extremely experienced and quite capable. He puts in long, hard hours, and will be an excellent president," noted Johns.

Assessing his own tenure, Johns cited several SGA accomplishments. "We've helped to put the book co-op in full swing, and we've been actively involved with IEF week," he said, "and we had a tremendous voter registration drive, in hopes of changing the state funding situation."

"We've also followed up on the parking situation, which will soon



Dann Johns: Wants to be remembered for government management.

be improving," Johns said. He. feels one of the most important facets of his administration was the proposal of an honor code for

Behrend College. "We did the initial work and I believe the issue will be pursued, and eventually a code will be established," stated

Johns also noted other items he believes will affect Behrend's future, including student activities fees, stipends for SGA officers, and the "fine tuning" of the SGA constitution.

"One of my campaign promises was expansion of the Greek Life system at Behrend," said Johns. 'I was pleased to see a new sorority granted a charter by the student senate."

Analyzing his performance as SGA president, Johns feels he "made a concerted effort to run SGA meetings in a more particular manner," giving everyone present a chance to voice opinions. "I see my administration as a sort of 'advisory' government," he said. "Everyone tosses ideas out for discussion. Our decision is then based upon the best idea."

"If there's anything I want to be remembered for, it's the way I managed the government," he said. "The issues are important, but I directed my energies toward working with people." Johns also feels he was able to instill more "confidence in government. I hope I brought some fresh ideas,"

he said. "I just wish I could have devoted more time to the job."

"I've tried to open up access to student government by expanding



Doug Gerow will serve as SGA President.

SGA into new areas. I think it's been successful," Johns said.

Examining the personal aspect of his job, Johns commented,

"The most important thing I've learned as president is the value of working with people and organizations. "It's been half my education this semester." Johns said he is excited about going to University Park, but admitted he would miss Behrend. "I'll miss being here - the people especially," said Johns. "That's part of the reason I'll be Behrend's liason to the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments next semester."

"It's been fantastic working with everyone here," noted Johns, "especially Provost Lilley. He was very easy to talk to and provided a lot of advice."

Commenting on John's performance as SGA president, Inter-Club Council President, Greg Goldsmith said, "Dann was responsible and open-minded very fair. He took into consideration everybody's opinion, always willing to hear suggestions and comments. All topics were open for discussion. Dann wanted and got a general consensus. He was a terrific president."

Alex Primas, Commuter Council vice-president said, "Dann did a really good job. He ran a nice meeting. He allowed people to voice their opinion whether he agreed with them or not."

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