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SGA Elects Vice President

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On Jan. 17 the student government senate voted 6-3 in favor of Chris Anderson to be the new student government vice-president for the remainder of the 1984-1985 academic year.

Initially, there were approximately nine candidates. After careful consideration of what the job entailed, the majority of the candidates dropped by the wayside, leaving the race for the vice-presidential seat open for one of the three remaining candidates.

In order to get an idea about how Anderson feels with his new position, the *Collegian* spoke with him shortly after the start of his office. Following is the gist of the conversation with Anderson.

Q: Why did you run for office?

A: "Because I felt that I was qualified, having had previous experience in student government. Also, Doug Gerow (SGA president) asked me to, he thought that I should run."

Q: What qualities do you plan to add to the Student Government Association?

A: "Silent leadership. I don't say a lot of things, but when I state opinions, I think that they aren't just a collaboration of rambled thoughts. I don't say things without already having heard things. I like to listen."

Q: What are your goals?

A: "Internally, I would like to see more day-to-day involvement from the senate members. I'd also like to see the computer start to work for the student government.

Externally, the honor code should be decided on one way or another. I'm against the Inter-Club Council (ICC) having a vote,

because I don't understand what interests aren't being represented now that ICC would represent."

Q: How do you plan to reach your goals?

A: "I'd like to talk with the senate about issues outside of the meeting environment. It's difficult to get people to state what they really feel. They tend to choose sides; one extreme or another. I don't really get a feel for what they think. At meetings, they are forced to take sides."

Q: What is the most pressing issue presently facing the student government?

A: "I can't think of anything that stands out more importantly than anything else. All of the issues are important."

Q: Do you think the student government takes too long deciding on certain issues?

A: "Sometimes. Last semester, the honor code was never solved. It was dropped without a decision being made."

Anderson was also asked several questions concerning the usage of the "new" computer that SGA purchased. He stated, "Kecia Conley was in charge of programming the computer." He added, "The software package will enable us (SGA) to do whatever we need to do, provided that we have someone to program it."

Conley has consulted with Dr. Dennis Galletta and Dr. Dennis Strouble about programming and other aspects of the computer. The computer was to be ready last week, however, it wasn't and Anderson anticipates usage in the near future.

Anderson was the treasurer of the student government, but because of his new position, his co-treasurer, Joseph Ledford will take over. However, Anderson did say that he would occasionally visit the treasurer's office to help with the daily functions of the treasury.



Chris Anderson SGA Vice President

Student Union Board President Resigns

by Paula Maus

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Edward Bailey, former Student Union Board (SUB) president, announced his resignation in early December.

Bailey had several reasons for his abdication. "I'm involved in other activities and found SUB to be too time consuming with hassles that I didn't need," Bailey said. He felt that the organization was not working together in that, "People underneath me weren't doing their jobs and that made me look bad."

Other attributing factors to Bailey's resignation were changes from last year. Chris Reber, former Student Union Manager and Student Activities coordinator, left Behrend for another job. "Chris was an ideal person for the job and he was well over-qualified," said Bailey. "With all new faces in the department, we found it hard to make things turn out for the best," Bailey added.

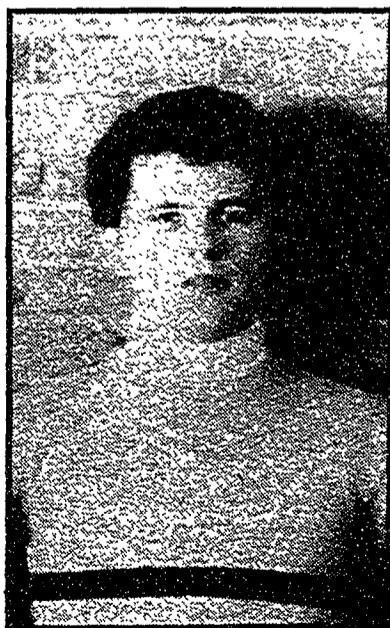
"People underneath me weren't doing their jobs and that made me look bad."

Bailey emphasized a problem with SUB's constitution which was written in 1972. "We had to go above and beyond the constitution. Since it was written 13 years ago, it is practically ineffective now," Bailey stressed.

The club will be reorganized with a new administration. A rewritten constitution will be implemented to update the Student Activities program.

Bailey is working with Collegiate Tour and Travel as a Marketing Representative for the Eastern U.S. He also plans to finish the M.I.S. program here at Behrend.

"I'll still be active in SUB, but I just don't have the time right now to be president," concluded Bailey.



Edward Bailey
Former SUB President

Task Force Opposes Activity Fee

by Julie Reynolds
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University Park opposes a program that would provide Behrend students with a variety of cultural, intellectual, and social events.

The program, similar to those set up by Edinboro and Gannon Universities, would require students to pay a fee with their tuition. Such a program would allow the activity fee to be used by the Behrend campus only, rather than being sent to University Park to be redistributed to all of the commonwealth campuses.

How would Behrend students benefit from such a program? According to Jamie Grimm, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, the possibilities are endless. Behrend students could see more concerts,

first-run movies, big name performers, better coffee house acts, and better recreational facilities.

Why is University Park opposing a program that would let students balance free time with something other than studying and socializing? The Task Force on Student Fees at University Park determined several disadvantages to the program that they consider to override the advantages.

First, student tuition would increase. However, Grimm pointed out, if each student paid a fee of only ten dollars, that would total about \$20,000 that could be used for students' benefit.

In addition, said Grimm, "This is not a unique idea because other

colleges have employed this program providing their students with excellent recreational facilities and cultural programs."

Secondly, the Task Force determined that students would expect more services if a fee were established. But Grimm believes that student expectations would be met and that most money would be put into areas in which students express an interest.

Finally, establishing a fee would require time to plan period to establish fund distribution and accountability procedures. In other words, it's going to take some time from people who are willing to put forth the effort to make sure this program works and is in the students' best interest.