

Student elections under fire

Complaints on procedures, ballot taken to Senate, committee forming to address problems

Student Government candidates share their views on the recall election and its ramifications

by Maria Plaza Collegian News Editor

Complaints of unfair procedures and a poorly designed ballot have prompted Student Senate members to schedule a new election.

Vice presidential candidate Damon Gray addressed the Senate at their April 6 meeting. Gray complained that the position of names on the ballot made it unclear who was running for what office and confused voters.

The Senate voted 8-3 in favor of

holding new elections on April 19 and 20. Only positions with two or more candidates wishing to run again will be included. No new candidates will be allowed to enter the race.

"A new ballot and stricter guidelines will be set up."

Voter turnout was exceptionally high at the last election, said Commuter Council President Steve McGarvey. The 15% turnout was up 5%, a substantial increase. It is unknown whether the increase was caused by voter enticement.

Although the Senate voted to have the voting table run

exclusively by faculty, President Matt Farkas feels that the motion will be amended to have one faculty member and one student present at all times. "It's the students' responsibility and it's not right to take it out of students' hands," Farkas said.

Commenting on the decision to hold a second election, Farkas said "I'm glad to see the Senate made the right judgement."

A new ballot and stricter guidelines for election procedure will be set up by a committee consisting of two faculty members, two majority students, and two minority students.

There may be two types of ballots used, said Farkas. Half of the ballots would have candidates' names in random order and the other half of the ballots would have the order of names reversed.

by Bill Warner Collegian Staff Writer

In the wake of the April 6 decision by the Student Senate to recall the ballots and hold a second election, the Collegian contacted the candidates who ran for SGA president and vice president positions for their reactions.

How they feel about the elections being rerun:

"I think it's really more important that everyone is satisfied with the election process, because if they're not, if somebody has a question about how the election was run, it's going to cause problems..."

- Steve McGarvey Former SGA Pres. Elect

"I'm pretty pleased that the senate decided in myself and

Damon's favor. Hopefully, with the new election committee, the changes will happen."

- Stanley Husband SGA Pres. Candidate

"What concerns me is the possibility of people sitting at the election booth telling people how to vote. It could have affected any of the candidates..."

- Carl Dabler Former SGA Pres. Cand.

"I'm pleased. It shows that there are concerned students, students who care about right and wrong."

- Damon Gray SGA V.P. Candidate

"At first it shocked me...there were problems with the voting procedures and there were problems

with the ballot. It had to be done again. It was the only way to go."

- Beth Buck Former SGA V.P. Elect

On voter turnout for the second election:

"It won't be as high as the last election... The SGA shouldn't ever encourage people to vote. That should be up to the candidates to get people to vote. The voter turnout should be maybe half of the last one."

- Stanley Husband SGA Pres. Candidate

"I would expect the voter turnout to be lower. It would be a shame to have a race won or lost on the basis of voter apathy."

- Steve McGarvey Former SGA Pres. Elect See Candidates, pg. 3

Behrend Briefs

"Barefoot in the Park" A nationally acclaimed touring company, the Alpha Omega Players, will bring their production of Neil Simon's smash comedy "Barefoot in the Park" to Reed 117 on Thursday, April 14 at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Comedy--"Bruce and Bizarre" Comedy duo Scott Bruce and John Bizarre will appear in Reed Lecture Hall on Tuesday, April 19 at 8 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

Emerging Leaders Series "Values Clarification" presented by Rev. Ronald Garrett, April 14 at 5 p.m. in Reed 116. "The Student Leader at Large" presented by Dean Chris Reber, April 19 at noon in Reed 116.

Faculty who would like their work included or updated in the Faculty Research Display Case on the second floor Reed can send samples of their research to Mari Trenkle in the Glenhill Farmhouse.

Library Hours. The Library hours for the Spring semester have been extended on a trial basis. Here's the new schedule: Monday through Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: Noon - 11:00 p.m.

Police and Safety Services is the designated location for on-campus lost and found. All items found, from cash to notebooks, should be turned in to them. If you lose something, check with Police and Safety as they may have recovered it. Call 898-6101 for more information, or stop by the South Cottage in the rear of the Glenhill Farmhouse.

SPC Film this week is "Gotcha." Watch for show times.

"The Passionate History of Science" will be the topic of Dr. Jeffery Wicken, associate professor of biochemistry and recipient of the first Council of Fellows Research Award (1982), when he presents the final lecture of the 1987-88 Provost's Speaker Series on Thursday, April 20 at 8 p.m. in Reed 117.

Winning with Women Cecile Springer, the director of contributions and community affairs for Westinghouse Electric Corporation and a Penn State Trustee, will present "Winning with Women: Careers for Women in Corporate America" on Wednesday, April 20. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, begins at 8 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

"Your First Job--What to Expect" is the title of the next Career Development and Placement Services Workshop to be held on Wednesday, April 20 at noon in Reed 117.

SGA Ballot for Residence. Lists candidates for SGA President, Vice-President, JRC President, JRC Vice-President, SPC President, SPC Vice-President, Resident Senator, and Faculty members.

English and the Opening of the American Mind

by James Martin Collegian Editor

On April 22 and 23, Behrend College will host the annual Pennsylvania College English Association conference; the theme of this year's conference is: "The Profession of English and the Opening of the American Mind." The conference, to be held jointly at the Erie Days Inn and on the Behrend Campus, will feature Lynne V. Cheney, Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, as its keynote speaker.

The two day event is actually a merger of the annual conference of the Pennsylvania College English Association and the Behrend College Round Table Society's bi-annual literature conference. As such, two parallel programs will often be in progress, one for faculty and one for undergraduates.

According to Behrend English Professor Dr. Dean Baldwin, PCEA (Pennsylvania College English Association), Program Chairman, preparations for this conference have been underway since November. Baldwin, who is currently brushing up last minute details for the conference, feels confident of the program's success. Attendance is expected to be good, with faculty and students expected from Mercyhurst, Shippensburg State College, Gannon, and Penn State campuses Dubois and McKeesport.

At one p.m. on Friday, "Humanities Education" will be the topic of a panel discussion held in Reed 117. The discussion, moderated by Dr. Evelyn Hovenac, President of the PCEA, will feature Congressman Tom Ridge, Dr. Daniel Sullivan (President Allegheny College), Prof.

Christopher Clausen (Head of English Department, Pennsylvania State University), Prof. John Joyce (Executive Director PCEA), and Linda C. MacDonald (Assistant Vice-President, Marine Bank Erie), faculty and undergraduates on a variety of topics including literature, humanities, education, poetry, short fiction and composition. Because of the parallel nature of the conferences, faculty and undergraduate papers will be presented simultaneously at different locations. Despite this segregation, both faculty and students are invited to attend any of the presentations.

"I would hope that many people from Behrend would take advantage of the chance to hear all of the outstanding people we've got coming for this conference," said Baldwin. He further notes that the best thing you get out of these conferences is mental stimulation. "You learn a lot. You meet a lot of people and you get ideas," he adds.

The conference will get underway Friday, April 12th at the Days Inn with breakfast and registration beginning at 6:30 a.m. The conference(s) will begin with the presentation of papers by both

The discussion of the humanities curriculum is something that is becoming increasingly popular in academic circles. Spawned by Allan Bloom's book, "The Closing of the American Mind," educators everywhere are weighing the pros and cons of the current American curriculum. This is an area the conference will explore at length, both in the panel discussion and in a number of papers being presented on the subject.

The conference will continue on

Friday with concurrent faculty and student sessions being held at 2 and 3 p.m. These sessions will consist of readings and the presentation of papers.

The highlight of the conference, Lynne Cheney's keynote address entitled, "American Memory," will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Reed 117. Cheney was a recent guest on ABC's NightLine with Ted Koppel where she discussed the state of the American humanities curriculum. Ms. Cheney's speech will be followed by a reception in the Reed Seminar Room.

Saturday's on-campus activities include the continuing presentation of papers by faculty and students alike. The conference will conclude with a 1 p.m. panel discussion in

Reed 117. The topic of the discussion will be, "Humanities Education: student and faculty perceptions." This second panel discussion, moderated by Behrend student Mary Stewart, will feature Professor Lawrence Bartlett, Ohio University; Professor David Hockenberry, Humanities Chairman, Columbus State Community College; Mr. Morris Hawk, Student, Ohio University; Professor Patrick L. Courts, SUNY, Fredonia; and Behrend student Kim Krynock.

While an exact itinerary is not yet available at this writing, a more concise schedule, giving times for specific presentations, will be available in the lobby of the Wintergreen Cafe prior to the conference.

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Chairperson Lynne V. Cheney