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Winter Carnival Saturday

Recent SGA Criticism Rebutted by McAllister

By Robert Ropelewski

Behrend Campus' S.G.A. President Alan McAllister last week defended that organization with a rebuttal of recent claims of inactivity placed against it. In a special interview, McAllister defined the purpose and functions of the S.G.A. and spotlighted some of its accomplishments during the past months. "The purpose of the S.G.A.," he commented, "is to act as a liaison body between the administration and the student body."

When asked if he felt that the organization was fulfilling this purpose adequately, McAllister replied "I believe we are living up to our purpose as much as we are able with the present percentage of student participation." He expressed disappointment, however, in the nature of the interest displayed by the student body toward the council. The type of interest to which he referred was that of extreme criticism. "Everyone is willing to stand back and criticize," he noted. "We don't mind being criticized when the criticism is accurate and constructive." But so far, claims McAllister, criticism has been neither accurate nor constructive.

Potential success of an S.G.A. proposal often lies in the hands of the Campus administration. If the administration chooses to be unco-operative, it can render the council nearly immobile. Regarding this matter, McAllister commented "I feel that, overall, the co-operation of the administration has been quite adequate. There were certain questions raised by the S.G.A. that were given answers which, though understandable, we felt could have been given more advantageously in regard to student welfare." He is convinced, however, that the Behrend administration is in no way hindering the S.G.A. "I believe," he commented, "that the administration is observing a good hands-off policy in allowing the S.G.A. to govern itself."

It was this issue, too, which formed the basis for recent criticism of the council. "Technically,

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Indoor, Outdoor Activities, Free Supper Are Scheduled

Behrend Campus' SGA will sponsor a Winter Carnival this Saturday, February 17. The Carnival will begin at one o'clock with such outdoor festivities as skiing, tobogganing, ice skating, group singing and snow sculpturing. The indoor activities will include ping pong, chess, pool, bowling, basketball and the trampoline.

About five o'clock, a free supper for all attending the Carnival will be provided by the SGA. The meal, which will consist of hot dogs and hot chocolate, will be served by the Hamot nurses in the Student Lounge of Erie Hall.

Immediately following the meal, Lou Gaghan, Behrend's disc-jockey, will present an informal sock-hop.

The committees for the Carnival are made up of members from both Hamot's and Behrend's student governments.

Term System Endorsed in Survey

By Mary Jean Ferguson

Over the past few weeks, Professor Ernest E. Fryer has been conducting a survey concerning the reactions of the student body at Behrend Campus to the new four-term system recently initiated by the Pennsylvania State University. The results show that the student body is definitely in favor of this system. The poll has been divided into two separate sections: the total group polled (177 out of 255 total students) and the Sophomores polled.

The results of the survey are as followed:

A. The seventy-five minute period.

Total	85%	12%	3%
Sophomores	86%	10%	4%
	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Uncertain

B. The one hundred-fifty minute double period.

Total	69%	23%	8%
Sophomores	82%	14%	4%
	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Uncertain

C. The twenty-minute break between classes.

Total	45%	51%	4%
Sophomores	57%	39%	4%
	Too lengthy	Adequate	Too short

D. The ten-week term.

Total	77%	11%	12%
Sophomores	69%	24%	7%
	Approve	Disapprove	Uncertain

E. The credit load (8-13 credits).

Total	4%	85%	11%
Sophomores	4%	89%	7%
	Too many	Acceptable	Too few

Do you feel that extracurricular activities on this Campus have changed under the new term system?

Total	15%	16%	69%
Sophomores	31%	43%	26%
	Yes	No	Cannot tell

Do you feel that the change from semester to four-term system has been advantageous academically?

Total	51%	12%	37%
Sophomores	67%	31%	2%
	Yes	No	Uncertain

Do you feel that your instructors have adapted well to the four-term system with classroom presentations and assignments?

Total	58%	17%	25%
Sophomores	67%	31%	2%
	Yes	No	Cannot tell

Drama Club to Present Two Plays in Future

The one-act play, "The Valiant," will be presented on Thursday, February 22, 1962 in Erie Hall during Common Hour. The story of the play centers around a young man who is accused of murder but prefers not to reveal his true identity. The scene takes place on the night of his execution in the warden's office of the State Prison at Wethersfield, Connecticut, about 11:30 on a rainy night. A young girl comes to visit the prisoner, thinking him to be her long-lost brother.

The cast of "The Valiant" includes David Craley, Juyn e Kaupp, William Storrer, John Thompson, James Runzo and Richard Wohlgenuth. Mary Jean Ferguson will serve as student director.

"Guest in the House," by Hazar Wilde and Dale Eunson, has been selected as the spring play. This 3-act suspense drama will have a cast of fourteen persons. Tryouts will be held in the near future, with the play to be presented during the first week in May.