Editorials

Cooking the Campus

The Student Government Association began a new practice this Spring with the election of a president for the coming year. This marks the first year in Behrend's history that the election of an SGA president has been conducted in the Spring Term rather than in the Fall Term.

At first, the idea seemed like an advantageous one. Students coming to the Behrend Campus would have the leadership of an experienced, qualified leader who had been chosen by people who were well acquainted with his capabilities. And the incoming president would have the entire Spring and Summer terms to prepare for his office in the fall.

Now, however, there is cause to wonder about this new practice, and especially about the recent elections for the presidency. The biggest question raised is: "Who is Bob Cook?"

In the SGA elections two weeks ago, there were two candidates listed for the office of SGA President. Bob Cook was not one of them. Bob Cook, however, did receive three write-in votes. The other two candidates received 73 votes apiece. Because of the tie, naturally, a run-off election was necessary.

Bob Cook was not one of those who were tied for the office. In fact, he was far from it. However, in the run-off election. Bob Cook obtained the unanimity of those voting, even though he was still a write-in candidate, and even though he had not been a significant candidate in the initial election

The results of the run-off election indicate a lack of intelligent reasoning on the part of both the SGA, which conducted the election, and the student body, which elected Mr. Cook.

This is not to say that Mr. Cook is not qualified to fill the office to which he was elected. Indeed, he may be the most qualified individual for that office in the history of the Behrend Campus.

However, the fact that he did not officially enter his name as a candidate for the position, and the fact that he himself did not actually campaign for the position, nor employ anyone else to do so, indicates either a serious doubt on Mr. Cook's part as to his own capabilities, or else an uncertainty as to whether or not he really wants the position.

On the other hand, the wisdom of those students who elected Mr. Cook must also be seriously questioned. Certainly, not everyone who voted for Cook was well enough acquainted with him and with his capabilities to be certain Cook was definitely the only candidate worthy of the position. How could they be? Did anyone hear him come forward and declare any sort of a platform?

Also, the submissiveness with which the student body allowed the Cook name to be entered on the ballot during the run-off election should be scrutinized. A run-off election, supposedly, is intended to decide a TIE, not to be a completely new election!

We urge, therefore, a careful consideration of this matter on the part of both the student body and the SGA, with the possibility of another run-off election, this time conducted in the proper manner, with only those candidates who were originally tied for the office of SGA President.

Otherwise, it would seem that we are hardly operating our SGA within the bounds of the democratic philosophy on which this country was founded.

Robert R. Ropelewski,
Editor

Here We Go Again

Well, you asked for it. After continued threatening on the part of the SGA. Mr. Campbell, and the administration, a move has finally been initiated by the SGA to close the student lounge.

While the move sounds like a rather drastic one to take, what other choice is left Certainly, the unending misuse of the lounge and its furniture cannot be expected to be tolerated forever.

For this reason, the NITTANY CUB regretfully endorses the action being taken by the SGA in moving to close the lounge.

While it had been our hope that misuse of the lounge would eventually come to a halt, it appears that nothing of the sort is happening. Instead, abuses are continuing with disturbing regularity, with no sign of their eventual subsiding.

One wonders who the students are who commit these acts of vandalism. Could they be the same people who slash convertible tops and automobile tires, the same people who write the obscenities on restroom walls?

Through their acts of destruction in the student lounge, they place themselves in the same category.

Strangely enough, most of those who use lounge regularly certainly LOOK adult enough. It seems hard to believe that they might be responsible for some of the destruction taking place.

No matter what the case, however, closing the student lounge seems to be the only action that can be taken to save the building from complete annihilation. Regretfully, we comment the SGA for its decision.

A POEM AGAIN?!

WHAT BEHREND NEEDS
People with spirit. People
with spirit. People with
spirit. People with Spirit.
People with spirit. People
with enthusiasm. People with
spirit. People with zeal. Poeple
with fun and levity in their bosoms.
People with spirit.

WHAT BEHREND LACKS
People with spirit. People
with spirit. People with spirit.
People with spirit.
People with spirit. People
with enthusiasm. People
with spirit. People with
zeal. People with fun
and levity in their bosoms.
People with spirit.
Pfft—Spat upon the lack of
SPIRIT on Behrend Campus.
Anon.

P.S. Let's get some gung-ho-ism on this campus.

ED. NOTE: The NITTANY CUB wishes to state that the above poem was published because we of the Editorial Staff feel that both sides of the issue should be presented.

Behrend Lacking Spirit! If that isn't nonsense! We at the CUB, always swamped by the number of people entering the office with offers to help, can no more believe that this campus lacks spirit than we can believe that Behrend students would misuse their student lounge.

This student is obviously misinformed! From our view-point this campus does indeed have a great amount of spirit.

The very fact that eight people applied for the seven vacancies on the SGA Spring Term council, and four people applied for the four positions of carry-over members for next year speaks glowingly of the spirit on this campus.

The Spring Term play, ANDROCLES AND THE LION, is an excellent example of this excessive spirit. Dean Lane practically had to fight off would-be actors and actresses clamoring to get into the play. And rehearsals were so well attended that he finally called the whole thing off because of over-enthusiasm on the part of the participants.

Students with spirit. That's Behrend!

New College Created In University

STATE COLLEGE—The College of Chemistry and Physics will be discontinued July 1 and the departments now included in it will become parts of the new College of Sciences, John R. Rackley, vice-president for resident instruction, announced recently.

The new college will include the departments of chemistry, physics, biochemistry and mathematics, he said. Statistics and computer science, scheduled to become departments at a later date, will be part of the mathematics departments.

Additional departments to be included in the College of the Sciences are botany, zoology and bacteriology.

The formation of the new college is a result of a Board of Trustees decision in January. At that time the Board decided to improve the University's organization by grouping the University's non-vocationally oriented departments and curricula into three "core" colleges: the College of the Liberal Arts, the College of Art and Architecture and the College of the Sciences.

In January, departmental reorganization was initiated with the creation of the College of Art and Architecture. This college grouped together departments which were formerly located in the colleges of liberal arts, engineering and agriculture.

Besides the creation of the reorganized sciences college, various other departmental relocations will occur July 1, Rackley said.

Ethics Pose Challenge

A character in one of our contemporary novels was made to say, "All ethics are the same. All are good; what we really need is to learn to apply our ethical standards." Here we find one of the fine sounding half-truths which clutter so much of literature today.

Certainly most of us do need to come up with the gumption to live by our standards, but can we honestly say that ethics are always of the same quality? No! There is an ascending scale topped by what this writer believes to be the highest: the Christian ethic of love.

At the bottom of the scale there are codes of conduct which not many subscribe to with lips but which appear in lives. "Don't rock the boat" . . . "Everybody else does it, why not me?" . . . You get the point; no need to belabor it.

Communism also belongs on this lower ethical scale. With it's doctrine of the state as an end in itself it says that what is good for the state will be good for the individuals in it. Such a relative ethic depends on society, it has no objective ideal which can raise the aspirations of society.

The dialectic materialism of communism also fails to recognize that man is more than an animal whose needs are satisfied when the stomach is full. We have higher needs of personality and character which can be fulfilled only by something outside of ourselves which is higher and can make us extend ourselves.

Higher on the scale are concepts commonly held, the better but not the best. "Everything in moderation" is often a good viewpoint but it has its limits. No one should take heroin in moderation. There are times, too, when we should be more than moderate, as in tolerance or zeal for a high cause.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is better yet (even though the cynic tries to ruin it by saying "Do unto others before they do unto you") but is too subjective, it needs a controlling objective standard.

There is one that is best—the Christian ethic of love for God and man. It challenges the best in us as it takes us beyond the confines of requirements; it gives life to law. It emphasizes motivation as well as deed, knowing that the thought is father to the deed.

Such an ethic cannot be passive as in some religions but must work actively for the good.

Rightly interpreted it is never soupy sentimentality but often hard. Since it stresses the welfare of people it cannot be just "do-goodism" of the type exhibited by the Boy Scouts who came back torn and bedraggled from doing their daily good deed. They had helped a little old lady across the street even though she did not want to go across.

The Christian ethic of love challenges the best in each of us and can do most to develop character for ourselves and for society. If you are looking for a high calling, why not accept this challenge?

Associations to Meet at Behrend

The Behrend Campus will host the Organization of Student Government Associations Spring Meeting on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18.

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17. James P. Runzo, president of the SGA at Behrend, will welcome the group. Mr. Jerry C. Stokes, president of the Perry Plastics Co. and a member of the Behrend Campus Advisory Board, will be the luncheon speaker on Saturday, May 18.

According to John R. Thompson, chairman of the housing committee there are provisions for 36 people to stay overnight at homes of the students here at Behrend. This leaves 20 other delegates without a place to stay. Anyone willing and able to house a representative for the Friday night of May 17, is asked to contact John immediately.

Behrend SGA delegates to the OSGA conference: James P. Runzo, SGA president; Donald H. Barney, SGA treasurer; David C. Craley, recording-secretary, OSGA ; Robert A. Williams, student activities chairman; Robert L. Cook, president-elect, SGA; Paula P. Harris, treasurer-elect, SGA.

"Election of '63"

Behrend students and Behrend alumni will be talking about the "election of '63" for years to come. Not only was there an unprecedented tie between the two candidates for the 1963-64 S.G.A. Presidency, but a write-in candidate surprised all concerned with a smashing victory in the Run-Off Election.

Behrend's '63 election saga began on Thursday, April 18, when Michael J. Ropelewski and Raymond C. Elder, candidates for the S.G.A. presidency, tied with 73 votes each. James P. Runzo, election commission chairman, called a run-off election for Tuesday, April 23, to break the tie. When all votes were tabulated, Robert Lowell Cook, a write-in candidate, was declared the winner by a decided plurality. Other Behrend students receiving write-in votes were Roxanna Samuelson, Ronald Aitken, and William Sanko.

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