

EDITORIAL

ONLY YESTERDAY

Only yesterday we were infants, high school seniors listening to the graduation speaker telling us the world was ours. Only yesterday we were asking the study hall monitor for a lavatory pass, or signing our names to the office check-out list to go home for lunch. Only yesterday we were for the Centaurs or against the Ramblers, pro Grapepickers or con Yellow Jackets. We paid our class dues. We had a crush on the history teacher. We elected the football hero senior class president. Only yesterday most of us had never even heard of Behrend Campus or its student council—the SGA. All of this was only yesterday.

And what are we today? Infants, that's what we are. But we are about to do some fast growing because college will not suckle infants. We will find ourselves in one short week sans homeroom teacher, sans lavatory pass, sans free text books, sans old friends. We will find it necessary to rearrange our lives so that we fit into the slot that reads "college students in good standing here."

Good standing usually refers to scholastic achievement. If a student's All-University average slips below a 2.00, he is not in good scholastic standing. There is also a discipline angle; if a student is convicted of cheating or involves himself in some other unsavory matter, the University no longer considers him in good standing and the proper discipline will follow. These are conditions in regard to good standing that subscribe directly to University policy.

But there is another circumstance of good standing that students will not find in the Senate Handbook or in communications from the office or on his term grade report. This good standing is the one whereby a student lends his abilities and his complete support to the many varied activities produced throughout the year by the Student Government Association and the Student Affairs Office. Each year the SGA spends thousands of dollars . . . that's right: thousands . . . and incalculable effort and hours to provide this campus with the finest activities program in the entire Penn State Commonwealth Campus system — all fourteen campuses worth. In return, all this organization expects from us is an appreciation and support of their efforts, efforts that are too often maligned — or worse: ignored — again and again by students who have no conception of the services rendered or the problems faced by the SGA.

This year the SGA and Student Affairs will again present an exciting activities program for our participation, enjoyment, benefit. Homecoming, Winter Carnival, Thursday morning common hour programs, Thanksgiving Ball, spring and Easter plays, the newspaper and yearbook, Erie Hall recreation, the Spring Prom, evening lectures and motion pictures—all these are but a few of the events that will need our participation in the coming terms. We are paying for them. We owe it to ourselves and to the campus to take part. Of course we are not expected to attend everything. There are only so many hours in the day and professors are fond of A students. But we should try to participate as often as possible. Let's get involved in things—it's the only way to gain the full benefits that college offers.

There is one more point. Returning to the campus this year are four sophomore students who will form the nucleus of the Student Government Association. These four were elected last year by their fellow students and will serve on the SGA all year. Let me point them out to you: BOB COOK is our president. You can't miss him—he's the tall, goodlooking kid with the gold plated hair. PAULA HARRIS is our treasurer. She's from Houston and often greets friends with "Howdy!" RAY ELDER is the man with the receding hairline. MIKE ROPELEWSKI is the tall one with the bushy crewcut. Mike has more of what Ray has less of.

Bob, Paula, Ray and Mike are the Big Four. But there's a lot of work ahead this year—a lot of prestige to be earned—and the Big Four can't do it alone. In just four short weeks the SGA will hold its fall elections and eight vacancies in the student government will be filled. SGA is the most important student organization on campus. The students on the twelve-member council automatically occupy the highest positions of influence, prestige, and responsibility. SGA requires hard work, enthusiasm, intelligence, sincerity, responsibility, time. Sometimes it is a headache. Often it is a joy. Always it is fascinating.

To be elected to SGA all one need do is secure the proper petition from the SGA office in the basement of Erie Hall and have it endorsed by ten friends, place a few campaign posters around campus informing students how much they need you, make a three minute speech on election day, and pray for enough votes. It's that simple And the Big Four need you.

So here we are in college with a lot of hard work and good times ahead. And we feel pretty grown-up because we don't need a lavatory pass. One year from now we'll look back over our first three terms and marvel at how much we've learned, how we've improved as a leader and an individual since being elected to SGA, how much we've matured, and how we were infants only yesterday.

A Brief History of Behrend Campus

Originally the Behrend Campus was the 420 acre summer estate of the late Ernest Behrend, one of the founders of the Hammermill Paper Company in Erie. When Mr. Behrend died, his widow Mary E. Behrend, decided that the estate would make a beautiful non-sectarian college campus and a fitting memorial for her husband. The Pennsylvania State University offered to purchase the land from Mrs. Behrend but she declined and instead aid that she would give it to the University. In July of 1948 the old Behrend estate officially became the Behrend Center of The Pennsylvania State University. A few years later the name legally was changed to the Behrend Campus.

The house looks much the same today as it did when the Behrends lived here and entertained visitors from all over the world. Lowell Thomas was a frequent guest. The present reception room and lobby was once a patio. This was enclosed to make an office for the secretarial staff and offices for Dean Lane, Director Kochel, and Dr. Knadler, Assistant Director for Instruction. In the southwestern wing of the house there are quarters for the Dispensary, and in the southeastern wing, the dormitory lounge is now located where the cafeteria used to be. The upstairs of the house now accomodates about twenty-five women students.

The barn was converted into classroom facilities and faculty offices. However, just last year following the fall term, the entire top floor of Turnbull Hall was reconverted into a new library and the ground floor became the cafeteria. Turnbull Hall was so named after the late Thomas Turnbull who was a devoted history professor at the Campus in its early years. In its original state, Turnbull Hall was the horse stable and garage on the estate.

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DEAN BENJAMIN A. LANE

It is always a pleasure to welcome entering students to the joys and challenges of a college education, but I would also like to welcome you to the exhilarating experience of assuming your full responsibility as an intelligent and enlightened human being. You will become an educated person only to the extent that you assume moral, social and intellectual responsibility.

I hope, therefore, that your experience at Behrend will be a fruitful one because you will have shouldered the considerable responsibilities that go with a college education.

Dean Benjamin A. Lane
Dean of Student Affairs

What is OSGA?

The Organization of Student Government Associations is the central organization to which the SGA's of all the Penn State Campuses belong. For example, just as the University is the whole of the Penn State system, OSGA is the whole of the fifteen Student Government Associations.

At the present time the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) at University Park is the most important and influential voice of Penn State students. But one day OSGA will attain that position because theoretically though not yet actually, it is the true representative of all Penn State students, not merely those at the two-year campuses.

OSGA holds three major conferences annually in addition to

winter meetings in the three sections of the state: Western, Pocomo, Southeastern. Each SGA sends to University Park or to various Commonwealth Campuses about four representatives who participate in discussions on campus problems, listen to important people in the University, engage in social programs, solidify campus and personal friendships, and generally gain new ideas and try to solve the many problems that confronts the campuses and their SGA's.

OSGA has student officers who are elected from the various campuses during the spring conference. Last spring at the conference at Behrend, students from Ogontz near Philadelphia, Behrend, Scranton, and McKeesport Campuses were elected to office.

OSGA is moving ahead and would like your help. Support your own SGA and learn all you can about OSGA.

SENATOR CLARK VISITS CAMPUS

Approximately forty students heard Senator Joseph Clark outline his political doctrine last fall when the Senator paid the Campus a visit on a tour of western Pennsylvania. One of the interesting points of the Senator's speech came when several of the students present questioned the prudence of his stand in regard to his comments on the Cuban situation. Senator Clark took a firm stand against United States intervention. He said that American military forces were not large enough at the time to allow the U. S. to invade Cuba and still be militarily capable of dealing with situations which might arise in other parts of the world.

Senator Clark was not the only notable to visit Behrend recently. Richardson Dilworth, on his campaign for the Governorship, visited Behrend and held an interesting conference. Last spring Dr. Robert Bernreuter, Dean of Admissions and Registrar and Special Assistant to the President on Student Affairs, and Dean Merle Campbell, Dean of Student Affairs of the Commonwealth Campuses, visited Behrend for the Organization of Student Government Associations Conference. Also in attendance at that time were George Jackson and Donald Morabito, President and Vice President respectively of the Un-

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BEHREND IN THE WINTERTIME. The Administration Building, formerly the Behrend's home, now houses the secretarial offices, dispensary, offices of Director Kochel and Dean Lane, dormitory facilities, and the Behrend Memorial Room.

FIGHT ON STATE

Fight on State, Fight on State,
Strike your gait and win,
Victory we predict for thee,
We're ever true to you, dear old
White and Blue,

Onward State, onward State,
Roar, Lions, roar
We'll hit that line, roll up the
score,

Fight on to victory evermore,
Fight on, on,
On, on, on,
Fight on, on,

