

## REPRESENTATIVES OR PUPPETS??(cont.)

and work through their student government. It will involve taking responsibility, taking an interest which up to now has not been shown.

YOU DO NOT WANT A PUPPET GOVERNMENT. Vote for independent, responsible people. But, above all, VOTE!

## SGA ELECTIONS

Just as the nation is in the midst of election activities, SGA is busy planning and supervising the election of next year's student government. Following the campaigns which are in progress, a student body president, treasurer of SGA, and 1/3 of the SGA will be elected. The remaining SGA members and officers will be elected during the coming Fall term.

Qualifications to run for an office are few in order to encourage more participation from the student body. Each candidate must have a cumulative average of 2.0 and a current term average of 2.0. Also, the candidate cannot have any published disciplinary action in the perspective candidate's file.

The new SGA constitution, however, has changed several procedures from previous ones during past elections. The officer body is one area where a different set-up has been introduced. During the election this Spring, a student body president will be elected. As president, he will represent the student body at public and/or formal occasions. He will be a non-voting member of the SGA and a voting member of the Student Affairs Committee. Also included in his duties, will be the power to veto any action of SGA which in turn can be overridden by a 3/4 vote of the total membership of the SGA.

The chairman, to be elected from within the completed SGA next Fall, will have the duties now held by the president. Presiding over the meetings, conducting meetings according to parliamentary procedure, appointing and removing committees, and calling special meetings when the need arises will be included among the chairman's duties. He will be a regular voting member of SGA also.

Certain apportionments regulating the number of representatives have also been set up. Representatives will be elected for the first fifty students enrolled and one representative for each following fifty students. Student voters will be able to vote for the candidates in their particular categories.

All of the campaign and election procedures will be overseen by an election commission. This committee will supervise and set the standards for all election activities. Members of the election commission include: Bill Benko, Mike Kosares, Bill McLeod, and Diane Reagan.

## FACULTY COMMITTEES

What we don't have here is a failure to communicate due to the efforts of the eleven faculty committees on campus. These

faculty-initiated committees work in close rapport with the administration, advising them of the teachers' viewpoint and recommending needed action. Often an administrator will sit in on a committee meeting concerning his particular area to listen to faculty opinions. The prime concern of these groups is promoting the exchange of ideas between students, faculty and administration.

The teachers feel themselves integral parts of the campus organization, not teaching machines who appear for a few hours and then vanish to a world removed from school life. Rather, their purpose is to work and grow with the college and to help the college grow. Since participation on a committee is voluntary, in addition to their normal teaching load, the level of involvement by the Behrend faculty is indication of great concern and awareness of school problems. Almost every teacher is a member of at least one committee, many of two or three.

Under the guidance of an executive committee formed of three elected faculty members, the teachers are occupied with various aspects of campus life. The Audio-Visual Aids Committee is concerned with the availability and maintenance of overhead and movies projectors and the like. The Library Committee recommends texts, equipment, and other improvements to insure a library adequate to the needs of the campus. Cultural and educational activities are supervised by the Cultural Committee. Publications gives support and guidance to the various student publications staffs. The Safety Committee offers suggestions regarding the medical facilities and safety measures on campus.

Five new committees were started this year. The purpose of the Academic Planning Committee is to advise needed courses and curriculum changes, while the Campus Development Committee is concerned with the future physical requirements of Behrend. The Public Services Committee is responsible for presenting a good image of Behrend to the general public. Keeping the faculty up to date and abreast of new developments in their fields is the work of the Professional Development Committee.

Probably the most important of the new committees, in regard to the students, is Student Services. This is involved with all-aspects of student activities including student-faculty relations and housing facilities. Representing the faculty, this committee serves as an advisor to the entire student body, supplementing but in no way interfering with Dean Lane's activities.

Though not able to initiate action themselves, these advisory committees form a vital link in communications

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## FREE PUNCH!!!

The faculty invites the student body to attend a punch hour at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15. Similar to the coffee-clatches, it will be held on the patio alongside the administration building. It is hoped that all students will take advantage of this opportunity to meet informally with their teachers and will drop by.