

# Opinion

## Editorial

### Student Government needs fresh look

ELECTIONS

# SGA

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How many times have you wondered what the Student Government Association (SGA) does for you? Or, more likely, how often have you wondered why SGA doesn't do anything for you?

Well, quit asking why and find out for yourself. In less than two months, students will elect their SGA representatives for next year. Two days during the first week of April will determine what kind of leadership the student body of this College will have next year.

In order to avoid another stagnant year in Student Government, students must breathe a breath of fresh air into the SGA offices.

Of course it is important to vote, and every vote counts, but it is time for a greater change on this campus. It is time for new student leadership, and new student leaders.

The students leaders of this year may not be in the exact same positions next year, but, with minor shuffling, the same faces will be present in Student Government.

In order to avoid this, new leaders need to come forth from the student body and revamp the lethargic attitude that is currently prevalent in SGA.

Something can be done and improvements can be made, but nothing will happen without student involvement at all levels.

Just because you haven't yet been involved is no excuse. If you think you may be interested in running for an SGA position, show up at one of the SGA orientation meetings on Monday, March 2 in Reed 117. The first meeting is at noon, and the second one will be held at 8 p.m.

Change starts with you; make it happen.



## Letters to the Editor

### Festa broke, broke, broke

In response to Mr. Festa's "If it ain't broke..." article which appeared in the February 20 edition of *The Collegian*, Mr. Festa states: "If you begin something reach for a conclusion. If you have something to say, speak -- if you speak, make sure you're heard."

I would sincerely wish that Mr. Festa would practice what he preaches. I do not consider myself an expert journalist, however I am also a tenth semester English major and found Mr. Festa's article, at best, a rambling, babbling mess.

At times I found it next to impossible to find any semblance of consistency between the title and the theme. I'm still not sure what he was trying to say or just what conclusion, if any, was reached.

It seems to me that Mr. Festa has reached the conclusions that doctors, lawyers, teachers and "advertisers" have little to offer society. Mr. Festa, where would we be without our respirators, heart monitors, cat scans, and advances in lazer surgery?

Mr. Festa, we learn from history. How could our judicial and political institutions, arguably the best in the world, litigate laws if there's no basis for sound judgement? Teachers, Mr. Festa, are our greatest resource. I don't know whose classes you've been taking, but there's a saying that goes "you only get out of it what you put in".

Also Mr. Festa, advertisers, communications and sales - "advertisers" as you call them - are the most important facet of industry - you can't sell a product no one knows about. I'd hardly call their part "small".

I hope that in future articles Mr. Festa thinks a little more before he writes. A little research

would be nice. Mr. Festa, please practice what you preach, because this article is "Broke! Broke! Broke!"

Chuck Hoffman  
Tenth semester  
English

### Candidates wanted

What's bugging you? Do you have concerns or ideas that you would like to voice? Would you like to meet enthusiastic students like yourself that are shaping our campus and student life? At the same time you can be gaining the vital communication, leadership, and organization skills that employers look for.

If you have some good ideas and a little bit of dedication, we would like you to attend an orientation session that will outline the procedures necessary to run for a Student Government office for the 1992-93 school year.

This meeting will give you a basic understanding of how your governing body influences student life and it should also serve to familiarize any potential candidates about Student Government so that you may make an educated decision concerning your involvement.

We urge you not to underestimate your qualifications. Student Government is not a group of intimidating political science majors wearing three-piece suits to every meeting, but rather a cross-section of concerned individuals who want to get more out of Behrend than just grades.

These people are a contributing factor to the future of student life as well as the entire campus. Currently, SGA members serve on everything from Budget Committees to the Traffic Appeals Board, and they include everyone from freshmen

to non-traditional students.

Approximately 20 voting seats are up for grabs. This spring we will elect the new president and vice-president as well as all new commuter senators and resident senators. Also, several of the council president seats are also available.

Even if you are currently unsure about running for an office, with a better understanding of SGA, perhaps you will see how effective you can be.

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*The letter writer is the chairman of this year's SGA Elections Committee.*

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