

Letters to the Editor

Festa off mark

Once again Mr. Festa is right off the mark with another one of his over-whelmingly stupid articles.

This time he does an excellent job of babbling his way through another article deadline. In his wonderfully ignorant article, Mr. Festa has decided to place the blame of ignorance upon Behrend's professors. Mr. Festa goes so far as to place the responsibility of his being a part of Penn State-Behrend upon the shoulders of the University and its staff. I wouldn't wish that responsibility on my enemies.

No, Mr. Festa, your "smile and pride at having been a part of Behrend" does not depend on the University and its staff - it depends on you. It depends on what you make of your college career - academically and otherwise. Mr. Festa, placing the weight of your pride on our professors is a cop-out.

Instead of asking the question - Are our teacher's doing all they can, ask yourself - Am I doing all I can? Teachers, doing all they can, can only do half the job, the rest is up to you. Teachers can only teach us the facts, albeit some better than others, then it's up to us to study it, learn it, and apply it.

I seriously doubt Mr. Festa has ever taken an Ed. Thep., Ed. Psy., or C and I teaching course, let alone actually teach a class - heaven forbid! Perhaps Mr. Festa has forgotten about, or chosen to over-look teacher evaluations. Indeed, this minor point could add a lot to his article.

In conclusion, I hope that Mr. Festa would stop using the University and its staff as a cop-out for his own academic failures. Education is not a magic wand professors wave over your head and you're instantly educated. It takes a lot of work on your part as well - live up to your responsibilities.

Chuck Hoffman
Tenth semester
English

Thankful electees

We would like to thank all of those who voted in the recent Student Government Association elections.

Voter turn-out was the highest ever in recent years. Don Krause, who was in charge of the elections, deserves special thanks for giving an exceptional effort in coordinating the event. Hopefully interest in student government will continue to build, allowing us to become stronger and serve you, the student body, better.

We are sincerely thankful that a majority of students looked beyond the superficialities of the campaign and to the positive

future we proposed for next year's SGA. We are already laying the groundwork to get a jump on SGA activities for next fall. Look for us to have better communication with students, more cooperation with *The Collegian*, earlier and updated student phone directories, and a centralized campus activities/entertainment schedule next year.

We look forward to serving you in the future, and welcome your questions, concerns, and ideas.

Joe Mycka
Sixth semester
Accounting

Gregory Farrell
Sixth semester
BECN

The authors of the above letter are the president-elect and vice-president-elect of the Student Government Association, respectively.

Allegations explained

In the wake of last week's election, it has become necessary to explain some of my campaign allegations.

Let me begin by congratulating the Greek organizations on their ability to mobilize around 200 voters and win the election. Until the commuter population learns to do the same, the Greeks will control campus politics.

It has become apparent that Joe Mycka wishes to dispute the fact that he has not sat on a single committee this year. He argues that two years ago he sat on the Spring Break Committee and last year he sat on the Homecoming Committee (maybe for IFC).

He will argue further that this year he sat on the Appellate Board. Although one committee a year is an unacceptable work load for any SGA member, the past two years Joe did sit on A committee, although his level of output on said committees is suspect.

He would have you believe that the Appellate Board is a committee that meets regularly and actually performs work. The Appellate Board is not a committee, it is an appeals body which meets only when a student is unsatisfied with the decision of the Disciplinary Board. It has met once in the last three years, and not at all this year.

I have not been the most active member of Student Government, but I have been a working member of the Erindale Committee, the Bylaws Committee, and the Budget Committee. I have also been a SGA Representative to the Faculty Committee on degree audits and major requirements, as well as a member of the

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Appellate Board.

Qualifications aside, the Greek vote has allowed Joe to get elected SGA president and Greg to ride on his coattails in Dan Quayle fashion. The greatest difficulty Joe will have will be in increasing his work load from nothing to planning, coordinating, and overseeing everything.

I wish him luck, for this is a tall order. I also recommend that he curb his emotional outbursts in SGA meetings and plan on studying Parliamentary procedure and *Robert's Rules* all summer.

John J. Mack
Fifth semester
History

Stay involved

The last few weeks have been tough for all the candidates in the SGA elections.

I congratulate all who were elected and encourage all who fell short in their bid for an office to stay involved. I thank all the students who came out and voted last week, especially my friends and supporters.

I thank everyone for their encouragement and dedication during my campaign, I could not have done it without you.

Next year will certainly be a special one for Behrend College.

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The author of the above letter is the president-elect of the Student Programming Council.

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