

# COBCSGA holds conference

Penn State students and deans from the 19 commonwealth campuses including University Park packed the Highacres Residence Hall on August 19, 1979. The reason for the gathering was a Summer Leadership Conference which was sponsored by the Council of Branch Campus Student Governments Association (COBCSGA) and Student Affairs which would last until August 21, 1979.

Vic Verbeke, coordinator of COBCSGA and Dr. Staudenmeier, Associate Director at Highacres officially opened the conference. Dr. Kenneth Varcoe, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at University Park and Mr. Charles Kormanski, Counselor at the Altoona Campus were the main presenters. Mr. Kormanski gave a lecture on leadership qualities to the one-hundred leaders in attendance. After the opening sessions, Dr. Varcoe had the students break up into groups of seven. The purpose of the groups was to conduct an SGA "in-basket" simulation in which the students were to pretend that they were members of the SGA council and had just arrived for the first meeting. They find ten letters waiting in the in-basket. Given a few hours, the students were told to conduct an SGA meeting and provide logical answers to the ten problem situations. While holding their meeting, the students were observed by the deans. After the problems were solved, the students were observed by the deans. After the problems were solved, the correct answers were read and the deans gave reports on how the students handled the situations and how their discussions worked.

Also on the agenda were a number of workshops which the students attended by their choice. The workshops included communications, leadership decision-

making, motivation, coping and dealing with stress, how to run a meeting, and leadership strategies.

Following the workshops the students attended meetings concerning their leader positions, such as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer or special interest groups. These meetings were very informal and offered the students an opportunity to ask any questions pertaining to their position.

However, the conference wasn't all work. During the evening there were Penn State mini-olympics held in the gym. Here the students competed in crazy events including a contest which involved eating a cracker and trying to blow up a balloon, and bowling between their legs, backwards. The students also sponsored their own toga party. These activities were as important as the lectures and workshops, since the students met new people and were able to share ideas.

Dinner on August 20, 1979 was highlighted by guest speaker John J. Coyle, Professor of Business Administration at University Park. He spoke about what a leader should be.

Concluding the conference was a COBCSGA orientation session where the SGA members from the campuses received information about the meetings held at University Park four times a year. With this conclusion the students were now well-informed and well-prepared to carry out the duties of their positions.

### FREE TIMBER

On June 3, 1878 the Timber Cutting Act permitted a settler to procure for himself free timber from public land.

# Upcoming events

Oct. 16	Slave Sale	8:00 p.m.
	Residence Hall Lobby	
Oct. 18	Ketchum and Segal	8:00 p.m.
	C-1	
Oct. 19	Bridge on the River Kwai	9:00 p.m.
	Residence Hall Lobby	
Oct. 24	Bloodmobile	12 noon-6:00 p.m.
	Residence Hall Lobby	
Oct. 30	Count Yorga, Vampire	8:00 p.m.
	Residence Hall Lobby	
Oct. 31	Halloween Party	8:00-11:00 p.m.
	open	
Nov. 2	Las Vegas Night	8:00 p.m.
	Commons	

### PSU Linebacker

## Lance Mehl: Monster 'Back'

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.— Unfortunately for Penn State football opponents, linebacker Lance Mehl's modesty off the field isn't reflected in his play on the field.

The 6-3½, 231-lb. senior from Bellaire, Ohio, opened the 1979 season the way he ended the 1978 season, leading the Lion defense in tackles and establishing himself as one of the country's top linebackers.

Characteristically, the Lion defensive captain downplayed his efforts and praised the entire 11-man team.

"I thought we played pretty well after we settled down in the first quarter," Mehl says. "We had some new players in the lineup and I only told them that they had the ability to do a good job. My play was okay, but I did miss a few tackles."

Mehl led last year's 11-1 team in tackles with 96 and also ranked third on the squad with four interceptions. He was voted defensive player of the game in the 17-10 victory over Pittsburgh and then had 17 tackles, including 11 solos, against Alabama in the Sugar Bowl.

His junior-year performance earned him All-East honors and honorable mention All-American recognition, but that hasn't changed his approach to his senior year.

"I'd just like to have our team play as well as it can," Mehl says. "That's what I wanted last

year too.

"Sure, I've set some personal goals. I'd like to have a certain number of tackles a game and a certain number of interceptions for the season, but as long as the team plays as well as it's capable to playing, I'll be happy."

One person who is happy with Mehl's play is Penn State coach Joe Paterno.

"Lance played awfully well against Rutgers," Paterno says. "He is certainly one of the best—if not the best—linebackers in the country. He is big, strong, has good range and plays with intelligence and poise."

"Lance is as good an inside linebacker as we have ever had at Penn State," Paterno says. "He is always around the football."

Mehl established an outstanding reputation as a scholastic football player at Bellaire High School, where his interceptions attracted attention from colleges.

He laughs when he recalls that he played high school football at 195 pounds and came to Penn State and played at middle guard at just over 200 pounds. Mehl and the football fans in Bellaire didn't know much about Penn State football in those days.

"Now there's a lot of support for Penn State back there," Mehl says.

And there's a lot of praise for Mehl's play—even if he doesn't talk about it.

### Drama Club

## to present 'Leaving Home'

The Drama Club will present *Leaving Home*, a two act play by David French on October 24, 25, 26, 27 in the Commons. Dr. Carl Frankel is directing the production.

*Leaving Home* has a cast of seven. Members of the Drama Steering Committee held tryouts and selected actors and actresses earlier this term. The cast includes Martha Beharry as Mary Mercer, Nick Millen as Jacob Mercer, Mark Peterson as Ben Mercer, Jeff Beach as Billy Mercer, Dawn Gyurcsek as Kathy Jackson, Beth Howard as Minnie Jackson, and Glen Puhak as Harold. Nora Reichard was chosen as assistant director.

The setting of the two act play is a family home in Toronto in the late '50's. Among many others, two rather typical household problems are the basic themes for the script: The inability for family members to communicate, and the parents' deep-rooted traditions. These come to light as both Billy and Ben Mercer are preparing to leave home, but for much different reasons. The plot deals with these reasons and the complications which subsequently arise.

Admission to *Leaving Home* is free to students, and additional tickets will be sold at \$1.

Rehearsals are held each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. Anyone interested in helping in some capacity with the play may attend a rehearsal or contact Nora Reichard.

### Security system in use

A Checkpoint Security System is now in operation in the library here at Highacres. These are the turnstiles located at the entrance of the library that you must go through whenever you enter or exit the library. This system monitors pre-conditioned library materials to insure that they have been properly checked out. If the monitor detects material which has not been properly checked out, a beeper sounds.

This system was not put into use to be an inconvenience to students. Rather, it is extremely beneficial to all who are Penn State students. Each time material is stolen from the library and not returned, the money to replace this material comes from the students' pockets in the form of increased tuition. Also, the material someone else steals may be exactly the book or magazine you may need to complete a term or research paper. So, it can be seen that the security system now in use in the library is there to benefit each student.

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STORE HOURS: Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 A.M.-4 P.M.

According to Mrs. Mary R. Ferry, librarian, the following schedule of library hours is in effect at the Highacres Library this term:

Sunday evening	6:00 pm-10:00 pm
Monday-Thursday	8:00 am-10:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am-5:00 pm
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