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Commonwealth Campus COP Criticizes Grubb Report

University Park (APS)—Recommendations concerning the Grubb Report and Penn PIRG highlighted the meeting of the Council of Presidents (COP), held January 22 at University Park.

Presidents of Commonwealth Campus Student Government Associations (SGA) attending the conference discussed possible recommendations to the University administration concerning the Grubb Report, which deals with the organization and operation of the Commonwealth Campuses.

The report, which was conducted as part of the University's present long-range planning program, was criticized by the council as being vague and ambiguous. "There are very few people in the University who understand the report," said Terry Wimmer, Capitol Campus president. "Something is terrible wrong with this document," he added, concerning its clarity.

COP members said they felt that the Grubb Report neglected views on many of the campuses, with little or no student interviews conducted during the Grubb committee's research.

Representatives of Penn PIRG, Pennsylvania Public Interest Group, introduced their concept to the council, and asked for Commonwealth Campus help in supporting and organizing the group.

Penn PIRG is a student-directed public interest group in Pennsylvania aimed at tapping student energy and research potential, and channeling it into constructive action in the areas of corporate irresponsibility, consumer fraud, race and sex discrimination and environmental pollution.

The basic concept behind Penn

PIRG is to combine energy, the student base, and \$3 and \$4 a student to build a powerful action organization. A majority of students on campus can petition the University Board of Trustees to increase activity fees by one dollar a term.

This money can then be used to hire a staff of lawyers, scientists, and engineers to work full-time on behalf of students. An elected board of student directors would direct the professional staff, while enabling students to contribute to social problems in a manner which benefits, rather than interrupts, their education.

According to Penn PIRG representatives, the signatures of more than 50 per cent of the University students are needed to provide the group with enough student support to ask the University Board of Trustees for approval. Upon approval, one dollar would be added to each student's activity fee, which is part of the tuition sum, a term.

Commonwealth Campuses can benefit from Penn PIRG through the proposed state organization which would divide Pennsylvania into three regions—Western, Central and Eastern—with campuses working in their region's activities, through funds channeled back to them from the University collection.

"This is not a Commonwealth Campus and Old Main organization," said Penn PIRG member James McClure. "It is a Penn State concept with every campus working together."

Commonwealth Campuses would probably be represented in Penn PIRG through COP, or a similar operation.

The definition of the mission of

the University was also brought upon further discussion dealing with the Grubb Report, and COP members said they felt this, in addition to recommendations concerning security and health services at the Commonwealth Campuses, needed further clarification.

Joe Landis, Ogontz SGA president, called for "concrete recommendations in the areas which Dr. Grubb has stressed," by the council. Individual Commonwealth Campuses will send recommendations to Landis for further evaluation of the Grubb Report in February.

Hazleton President Paul Yanoshik asked for discussion on Senate Rule III-D-3, dealing with the publishing and distributing of student publications. The Senate rule states that material published by students of the University may be sold on campus only if it is produced or sold by a chartered student organization.

The question arose over the publication of an underground newspaper, "Guerrilla", at the Hazleton Campus, at the December meeting of COP, where the original resolution was defeated. At this week's meeting, however, the council tabled a similar resolution for a review of rules governing the student publications until copies of the resolution and existing rules become available.

In other business, Ogontz President Joe Landis was appointed by acclamation as the council's additional representative to the University's Academic Planning Commission. Terry Wimmer, Capitol president, was appointed by the council to the commission last December.

SUB Plans Winter Weekend

The Student Union Board reviews plans for the upcoming Winter Weekend at Behrend, included are the semi-formal, Toboggan races, snow sculpturing, coffee house and movie.

Fifth Winter Weekend Begins February 4th

The Fifth Annual Winter Weekend of the Behrend Campus will begin with a semi-formal dance in the Ramada Inn on Route 90, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. February 4. Music will be provided by Adonis, a rock group from Pittsburgh. Tickets will be available at the RUB desk at the cost of \$3.50 per couple with an activity card, and \$4.50 without. Refreshments will be served.

The Snow Sculpture Contest will begin bright and early Saturday morning from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration forms can be picked up at the RUB desk; cost is 50 cents per teams of an unlimited number.

Saturday evening's activity will focus on a Coffee House of local talent in the RUB dining hall, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The evening is free with an activity card, and 25 cents without.

Toboggan Races will be held Sunday, February 6 at 2 p.m. on the Ski Slope. There is a limit to four members per team; entry fees are 50 cents with an activity card, \$1.00 without. Teams must bring their own toboggan.

The weekly Sunday movie will wrap up the weekend events, starring Mick Jagger, in "The Performance", showing at 7 and 9 p.m. in the RUB.

Holderman Repudiates Ogontz SGA Allegations

University Park (APS)—Responding to "second-class" allegations initiated by the Ogontz Campus Student Government Association last November, Kenneth L. Holderman, vice president for Commonwealth Campuses, said he feels that "due to geographic distances alone, Commonwealth Campuses often have the tendency to view themselves as the forgotten people."

According to Holderman, University Park does not get the "cream of the academic crop," as argued by Joe Landis, Student Government President at Ogontz. Holderman stressed the fact that when applying to Penn State, students are given preference concerning where they would like to study.

Ralph DeShong, assistant dean of student affairs for Commonwealth Campuses and adviser to the Keystone Society, also reiterated Holderman's statement that student choice is among the first criterion for student placement by the Admissions Office. He cited the time at which the application is sent, the number of spaces available, etc., which determine where the student will enter the Penn State system.

DeShong said that he feels few students realize what criterion is used for placement. Giving the example of the high school graduate with 1600 on his college boards, and "A" average, and Ogontz as his first choice, DeShong emphatically said that the student would be placed at Ogontz (which, incidentally, fills up

faster than University Park, according to Holderman).

DeShong admitted that differences have existed in relation to special activities (e.g., All-U Day). Although all students are able to obtain football tickets, All-U Day game gets the greatest Commonwealth Campus attendance.

"One possibility I deem feasible is utilization of the Arch Chapter of the Keystone Society, comprised solely of former students from Commonwealth Campuses," DeShong said. Its members should be aware of the problems they faced while at their respective campuses and serve to facilitate a more equitable treatment. He also said this kind of operation would necessarily need a "Great deal of co-operation."

DeShong said that presently "student activities are not geared for a systemized, comprehensive series" which would include all the branch campuses.

However, the recent Council of Presidents (COP) meeting last Saturday proposed a Ticketron system for social events which would change the localized nature of student affairs, affording a greater interaction among the campuses as well as between the campuses and University Park.

The COP agenda was marked by a need to step up Commonwealth Campus-University Park unity and co-operation. Concerning the almost 18,000 students at Penn State's Commonwealth Campuses, Landis said "We are a minority, but a very large minority."

Kochel Expresses A Need For Community Participation

Throughout this term, a number of members of the campus community will be interviewed concerning their thoughts and actions in community affairs. As is usually the case, the bulk of Behrend's involvement in the Erie area is unknown to the vast majority of Behrendites. These articles, then, will seek to unveil some of the participation in the community which would otherwise go unnoticed.

The logical person with whom to begin is the Director of the Campus, who discussed why a person should get involved in community work, and what activities he has contributed his time and efforts to over the past years.

Kochel believes that every person possesses a set of talents. When that person recognizes a need which exists in the community, he may be moved to apply those talents toward the resolution of the problem. "To give something of yourself to others is an education, broadening and enriching experience that you will long remember. Volunteering one's services prepares and develops those talents for future experiences."

A resume of Mr. Kochel's civic

participation would cover the better part of this page. His most important endeavors have been of committees in the field of education. Among these are: the initiation and development of the Associate Degree Program in Business at Behrend to meet a voiced community need; the founding of WQLN, Erie's educational television station; the institution of Great Lakes Research Institutes (which is presently engaged in research in

ecological problems from recycling to solid waste disposal).

In the final comment, Mr. Kochel revealed his thoughts on our campus's involvement in the community. "Education must, in order to make a great contribution to the community in which they reside, must become, through the people who occupy those institutions, part of the mainstream of life of that community."

