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Commonwealth Campuses Form COPS Committees

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COPS, the Council of Presidents, which consists of all Commonwealth campus presidents, was set up by University Park president Dr. Oswald, as a direct liaison and sounding board between University Park and the branch campuses.

Major topics of concern at the recent meeting included the welfare of the Commonwealth campuses. An attempt is being made to alleviate the feeling that Commonwealth campuses are secondary to University Park. One problem has been the exclusion of ticket allocations to each campus for concerts held at U.P.

Several committees have been established to benefit both University Park and the branch campuses. The Undergraduate Student Government Branch Campus Service committee orients transfer students to U.P. and provides them with information about facilities and services that are available.

The Tuition and Educational Costs committee made a

proposal to form a committee to investigate tuition costs and perhaps answer the question as to why branch campus tuitions have been raised and why there has been no allocation of funds from State Legislators.

Students on the Presidential Advisory Board include one member from Hazelton and a member from the Wilkes-Barre campus. These students confer with President Oswald to discuss problems other than those at U.P.

The Board of Trustees of Commonwealth Campuses on the Educational Policy is composed of a sub-committee which reviews the academic policy and course implementations. This committee meets 7 times a year and includes one undergraduate from U.P., one graduate student and a commonwealth undergraduate. Walker Moore, Behrend's SGA president, has been elected as the undergraduate student to represent the Commonwealth campuses.

JRC Proposes Selling of Stocks to Boost Finances

The Joint Residence Committee of the Behrend Campus held a highly technical meeting Tuesday, October 24 in an attempt to solidly establish the organization.

The first order of business was to recognize Carol Black, Richard Rotz and Rob Johnson as the three new members under the

amended constitution. After setting up election procedures, Michael Chiricuzio, acting chairman, resigned his office. New officers were elected as follows: Richard Rotz-Treasurer, Marilyn Trusz-Secretary, and Ed Neuberger and Michael Chiricuzio-Co-chairmen.

The meeting then turned to new business. Suggestions were made for possibly organizing something for Halloween; however, nothing could be arranged because of lack of funds. With the JRC Constitution still not ratified by SGA, co-chairman Mike Chiricuzio suggested that the organization simply concentrate on itself for awhile.

With this, in mind the idea of selling stocks into the Joint Residence Committee was raised as a solution to JRC's financial straits. It was decided that these stocks would be priced at 50 cents apiece and that dividends for the stockholders could only be received at the end of Spring Term provided the stock had been held for at least one-half term. Stocks could be cashed in for face value at the end of any term. This would provide JRC with the funds to organize activities on campus. The profits made would be deposited in a continuous fund.

Most of the business that took place at Tuesday's meeting was done on the assumption that SGA will approve the JRC Constitution as it stands. Chances are good that this will be the case and JRC should be in good functioning order in at least a couple of weeks.

SGA Executive Board Talks About Funding

by Jim Benner
Staff Reporter

Sometimes an organization must review what its purposes are and to what ends these have been followed.

The Executive Committee of SGA did exactly that at a meeting held Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. Several future undertakings were introduced and discussed.

Walker Moore, SGA president, opened the meeting with a brief report from the COPS (Council of Presidents) meeting he recently attended. One impression Walker got from the meeting was that Behrend campus is often overlooked in allocations of funds, even with its newly acquired four-year status. Moore also said he was disappointed in student interest in Behrend so far this year. He noted the problem with SGA elections, late constitutions and late budget requests. Being in the fifth week already, no budgets will be accepted by SGA for this term. The topic for the evening opened on that note—How to increase interest in Behrend as a four-year school instead of as a launching-pad for University Park-bound students.

The first area covered was public relations for Behrend. By establishing a solid campaign among the two-year commonwealth campuses, other colleges, and especially high schools, Behrend could build a strong four-year tradition. It should follow too, that Behrend students would be interested in "their" campus. Of course, every student ought to take an interest—in where ever he's attending: offering his talents toward a better academic and social atmosphere. However, such is an ideal situation, SGA must deal with reality.

Also, by increasing student enrollment, high-level course offerings would have to be expanded; helping Behrend realize its four-year potential. This

possibility led into another suggestion. The SGA, as student representatives will try to form a stronger bond with the faculty governing committees. Hopefully, the expanded communication will aid in academic planning; campaigning for funds to help Behrend grow; and in resolving student affairs issues.

Besides these considerations, the executive committee is investigating the chance of having an anti-abortion group come on campus for a debate with pro-abortion spokesmen, yet to be selected. Also, there is a possibility that a list of speakers will appear to allow students to mark their preferences for speaker and subject matter. The list includes mostly businessmen covering their respective professions and career futures.

When the meeting adjourned, it appeared that against apathy on one side and being ignored on the other, SGA still sees light at the end of the academic tunnel or at least will try to make some.

Abortion Reform Pushed by AWS

University Park (AP)—The Association of Women Students, (AWS), at University Park is issuing a plea to all students of voting age at the Commonwealth Campuses. The AWS is encouraging students to write to their respective State Senators, and inquire how they regard abortion legislation, particularly Senator Martin Mullen's Bill No. 800.

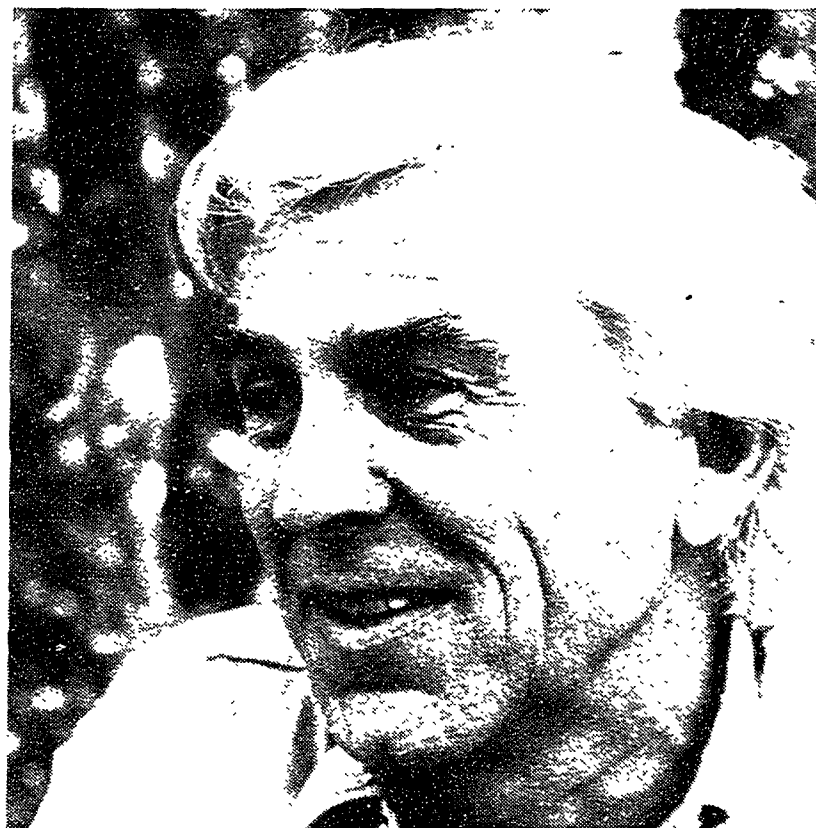
Mullen's Bill, passed 157-34 by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, has been in committee since July. It is to come up for final approval on November 13.

If passed, this bill would deny a woman a legal abortion unless she has been declared on her death bed by a trio of doctors from the hospital she is in. It also denies victims of rape or incest to

have an abortion unless on this deathbed. A married woman would be required to have her husband's consent, and a girl under 18 would need her parent's permission for an abortion.

The Pennsylvania Abortion Coalition, which AWS is sponsoring at University Park, to express the individual woman's right to decide whether or not she will have an abortion needs the help and support of all students. Commonwealth Campus SGA Presidents will receive copies of this petition at the Council of Presidents Meeting.

In addition to the petition, AWS is providing postcards for students at University Park to write to their Senators to support liberal abortion legislation. The Association would like the campus SGAs to do the same.



Dr. Edward Lueders-Professor and chairman of the Department of English at the University of Utah will be the writer-in-residence at Behrend November 6-10. His articles, and poems have appeared in a number of magazines and journals.

Weekly Events for SUB are Scheduled

The Behrend Student Union Board is scheduling two events of interest for the upcoming week. A science-fiction thriller "The Andromeda Strain" and a special program entitled "Prison Close-Up" will be featured on the SUB's agenda.

J. Michael Crichton's best-selling novel is the basis for this entertaining science-fiction film. "The Andromeda Strain" stars Arthur Hill, David Wayne and James Olson as a team of scientists whose job it is to isolate deadly organisms for outer-space in a race-against-the-clock experiment.

Directed by Robert Wise, the sciencefiction melodrama with its maze of specialized equipment makes for a compelling film with a timely theme. Prices for "The Andromeda Strain" are 35 cents with and a dollar without an activity card. The movie will have two showings on Sunday, November 5 at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, November 7 at 8 p.m., a most unusual program is slated for the RUB Lecture Hall. "Prison Close-Up", a program initiated by three ex-convicts will provide a different type of experience for everyone.

William A. Smith, Fred Egli,

and DeDe Ford are three men who know the experience of confinement in a prison. Since their release, they've tried to give other people a better understanding of the prison situation. Unlike other programs of this nature, "Prison Close-Up" is not strictly a dry discussion or a question and answer set-up.

In the program presented, the ex-convicts try to involve the audience by asking them to take part in simulated scenes such as parole board meetings, courtroom scenes and the like to gain an insight into the convict's feelings.

On Friday night the regular Coffee House will be sponsored with local talent scheduled for the evening. Prices for admission are once again 10 cents with an activity card and 25 cents without.

The SUB's Autumn Weekend Road Rallye winners were Bob Cochran (driver) and Margie Schultz (navigator.) They covered 57.4 miles in 84 minutes and had only two incorrect answers out of a hundred to take the trophy. Second place was captured by Ray Haibach (driver) and Pam Haibach (navigator) with third place going to Bob Jeffrey (driver) and Jim Armstrong (navigator).

SUB's Autumn Weekend was considered a success, the events offered ran the gamut from entertaining to cultural.

The showing of MASH, as predicted was a hilarious experience even for those who had seen it before. The Square Dance offered a chance for students to brush up on their grade school dance steps, and was a lively affair. And last, but certainly not least, the production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" offered students the opportunity to witness a very creditable performance of the classic play.

Credit must be given to members of the SUB who worked hard and well to make the weekend the success it was. Especially to: Bruce Zimmerman, SUB Director, Jay DeFrank, SUB President, and Paul Sieford, SUB Publicity Chairman.

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