

Last Meeting Before SGA Elections

PennPIRG-Drive Failure, Casino Night Success Discussed At President's Council

by Jim Bollinger

The failure of PennPIRG, a student-sponsored lobbying organization, to gain acceptance on Capitol Campus, and the success of Casino Night were among the topics discussed at the last President's Council meeting held March 6.

Russ Hogg, SGA Vice-president and Chairman of President's Council, announced to the group of student-leaders that the SGA's drive to obtain the necessary 50 percent of student-signatures which would constitute acceptance of that organization on this campus was an apparent failure. Hogg pointed-out that, with the March 14 petition deadline fast approaching, the drive was far short of the needed signatures.

Although the petitions must be turned-in to University Park by tomorrow, Hogg asked for continued cooperation from the Council and its various organizations in the Penn PIRG effort.

Dave DeLong, of Head Shop, announced that Casino Night, held Feb. 25, was an enormous success. He said that the event netted \$500, after grossing \$700, and he thanked everyone publicly for their help and contributions.

In related developments, the date of Good People's Productions' (GPP) annual Spring Concert was set for May 17. And country-rock



Russ Hogg

was named the most popular form of music wanted on Capitol Campus in a recent music-poll conducted by Social Committee. The results were: country-rock (25 percent); hard-rock (24 percent); bluegrass (18 percent); jazz (14 percent); soul (11 percent); and folk (9 percent), gathered from 250 questionnaires that were returned.

In other topics covered; it was announced that Mark Fey is chairing a committee for the James Jordan Award, and needs members. Anyone wishing to participate may do so. The committee needs at least one student from each discipline. See Mark Fey if you are interested.

An ad hoc committee is being formed to pick a graduation speaker. Any

seniors interested in selecting a good speaker of general interest can contact Emil Albertini at 944-5843.

Hogg announced that SGA President Mike McAllister is conducting a survey to determine the desirability of a spring dinner-dance this year. The purpose of his investigation is to find out if a dance is wanted by the students or if they would prefer a substitute social activity, or none at all. Anyone wishing to help may contact McAllister in the SGA office.

Linda Zane, of the newly-organized Capitol Campus chapter of the National Organization for Women spoke to the Council on her organization's purpose. She explained that NOW is currently engaged in setting-up a planned parenthood clinic here. She said that both males and females are welcomed into the club's membership. NOW's only prerequisite is that its members believe in sexual equality.

Although Hogg had reserved time on the agenda for an address from the Yearbook, no one from its staff had attended the meeting. As a result, Hogg explained that it was necessary for the yearbook to do well this year because last year's staff left this year's SGA a \$3000 budget deficit. This was cited as the main reason for this year's tight money situation. Hogg admonished everyone there

to push the yearbook and sell as many as possible.

In the Council's final item of discussion, it was revealed that Dave Nicholas, Social Committee Chairman, is studying the feasibility of selling optional student-activities cards next year, as a fund-raising vehicle. The system, as he outlined it, would allow card-holders into social activities either free or at reduced rates, and the number of events would be increased to a targeted two or three a week.

Although the meeting was short and covered many topics, it was not attended by almost as many organizations as were there. These organizations did not send representatives: Yearbook, BSU, DTK, IEEV, ITE, PSPE, and Aviation Club. The following organizations were represented at the meeting: SGA, MHBOG, GPP, NOW, XGI, RSC, C.C. Reader, Social Committee, Photo Club, Head Shop, and Beta Chi.

Hogg urges all organizations to send representatives to the next President's Council meeting. The date and place of the next meeting will be set later. It will, however, be held sometime after the spring SGA elections. At the next meeting, Hogg urges newly-elected Junior Presidents to also attend.

Kunkle Scholarships

Students who will be continuing at Capitol Campus in 1975-76 may wish to apply for a Kunkle Scholarship. This article serves as an alert to those who may wish to apply -- it is imperative that you file a 1975-76 Confidential Statement with the University as soon as possible (if you have not done so already). Confidential Statements are available at the Admissions-Financial Aid Office.

The criteria for consideration for these scholarships are: (1) Professional promise as demonstrated by academic achievement. (2) Evidence of leadership in your home community and/or the University campus. (3) Financial Need.

The Kunkle Scholarship Fund was established in 1974 in memory of Bayard D. and Ethel M. Kunkle. Mr. Kunkle was born in Steelton, Pa. and spent his boyhood in Paxtang. He graduated from Penn State in 1907. His career as an industrialist was capped by service as a group vice-president and member of the Board of Directors of the General Motors Corporation.

Kunkle Scholarship Applications will be available sometime during the Spring Term. When applications are available, signs will be posted throughout the campus with the necessary information.

New transcript rules are announced

A student or graduate requesting his transcript from the Records Office at the University may obtain it in person if he can provide proper identification. He also may have it mailed if he has his request notarized. Telephone calls for transcripts will not be accepted.

These changes, now in effect, result from the new Federal Law, titled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, better known as the Buckley Amendment, says Elwood M. Wagner, records officer.

Information needed to provide a transcript, he explains, are Social Security number, complete legal name as contained on the academic record, prior names, if any, that may have appeared on the record, dates of attendance, and classification of coursework, such as undergraduate, graduate, continuing education, adjunct, correspondence, non-degree graduate, unit, real estate or insurance course work, etc.

The name and address where the transcript is to be mailed also are needed, as well as the return address of the person making the request. Official transcripts cost \$1 each and check or money order must accompany the request.

Broad Spectrum Of Students Involved In Physics Research

For many a college student, the scientist wrapped in a white robe is the high priest of modern society. He delves into the mysteries of life while hidden in the sanctuary of his laboratory. But for Dr. Joseph Pedulla, physicist at Penn State-Capitol Campus, one way of keeping in touch with students and also of portraying physicists as people, was to involve a broad spectrum of students in physics research.

Over a period of five years, several hundred undergraduate students from all phases of education did basic research at Penn State University. Dr. Pedulla has written about the undergraduate involvement in research in a recent issue of "The American Journal of Physics".

To begin, the physics faculty members were

conducting active research programs. Students who were in programs, such as business, education and liberal arts, were invited to do scientific research under the direction of a graduate assistant.

According to Dr. Pedulla, "the amount of time which was actually spent in the laboratory per credit varied somewhat from one student to the next. They regulated the hours to fit their own expectations". Usually the student spent one afternoon a week for three hours.

Student-researchers worked with properties of crystal structures, recorded data, built and repaired machines, conducted an inventory of the physics department equipment and assisted professors in original research.

According to Lucy Breslin, an undergraduate student from Norristown, Pa., "One of the major advantages of such a course is that it gives the student a chance to rub elbows with scientists. They begin to relate science to the person instead of the void".

Dr. Pedulla and his fellow professors stated that "the major reward to the faculty member was the opportunity to interact with students and to share his expertise and excitement". They felt the "largest benefit to the students was the possibility of seeing what physicists are really like and what physics is, all about".

For many students the physics research was a healthy change from dry hours of lectures. The comments ranged from "just fantastic", to "you learn to think on your own", to "best lab course offered by the University".

Possibly the most perceptive remark came from one observer who sensed the problem of the white robed scientist hidden in the sanctuary of his laboratory, when he said that students "discovered that scientists are not super brains conducting astonishing experiments, but are real people who have failures as well as successes and who clean bottles and empty trash".

DTK Scholarships Available

Delta Tau Kappa, International Social Science Honor Society, announces the availability of two \$150.00 undergraduate and graduate scholarship awards. To qualify, one must be a social science major, who has successfully completed at least 3 terms as an undergraduate and 1 term as a graduate student. The awarding of the scholarship will be based on scholastic achievement and financial need. Scholarship applications may be obtained in Room W-103. Deadline for the return of the applications is March 24, 1975.

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