

Open Letter

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ease with which he conducted the meeting and commanded the respect of not only the delegates, but the administrative deans from the various campuses as well. Dr. J. R. Rackley, Vice-President for Resident Instruction, then spoke on the many facets of his intriguingly interesting, but extraordinarily difficult position at Penn State. After Dr. Rackley's speech the delegates from the various campuses broke up into four groups in order to discuss the "Purpose and Functions of Student Government" in the OSGA's first of two workshops. The workshops were divided so that at least one delegate from each campus was in each group. Our own Dave Craley was selected to be the chairman of one of these discussion groups. The topics discussed are too numerous and diversified for me to mention them all, but I will try to cover them generally.

One of the topics common in all the groups was whether SGA is primarily a governing body or an advisory body. Examples were submitted which supported both views. These examples illustrated how SGA serves both means effectively in many respects. This question seemed to lead to the question of whether or not student government is really needed on our Commonwealth Campuses. Many large universities have recently completely eliminated any student representation as a governmental body from their campuses. Nearly all the delegates agreed on this point in establishing that student government is needed if a university is going to be truly democratic to its students.

The purpose of the second workshop that evening was to consolidate any left-over or loose ends from the previous workshop and to make plans for the next OSGA conference which will be held at University Park August 19-20-21. The theme of the conference is "Student Leadership". A group of students and deans had prepared a tentative schedule for the conference, which was given to each delegate. Each group individually studied the schedule and then made proposals which they felt would help to improve the effectiveness of the summer conference. The group in which I participated was inclined to eliminate many of the proposed lectures listed on the tentative schedule in order to adopt other programs believed to be more effective. It was the desire

of our group to give more time to "Practical Parliamentary Procedure" because of its great importance in regulating a business meeting, and because of the lack of knowledge of correct Parliamentary Procedure by most of the delegates. It was also felt that more ground could be covered by expanding on "Group Dynamics." Here delegates will learn how to regulate, encourage, and lead groups, and learn the principles involved in "Group Dynamics." It was also decided that the topics of the workshops were too general and should be made more specific by a small group of delegates from various campuses, and that these topics should be sent out to the attending delegates well in advance so that they might better prepare for the conference.

Delegates Needed for Summer Conference

Behrend's SGA will be participating in this Summer Conference, and will be needing more delegates to attend it. Any returning Freshman who is interested in SGA and plans on running for election next year is eligible. However, only about six other delegates are needed. Students interested in attending should contact Dean Lane as soon as possible. If you are planning on running for SGA next year, this conference would be of a great asset to you.

Saturday morning a business meeting was held, and progress reports were given on the Keystone Society, the Student Insurance Program, and the SGA Fiscal Forms.

The results of the OSGA Four-Term Survey were then read by Louis Huber, SGA President from Ogontz.

Behrend Receives Trophies

Next on the agenda was the presentation of the Commonwealth League trophies. Dr. R. G. Bernreuter, the Dean of Admissions and Registrar, and Special Assistant to the President for Special Affairs, made the presentations. Many Behrend students are acquainted with Dr. Bernreuter through his world famous "Bernreuter Personality Test". Trophies were presented for bowling, ping-pong, and chess, first for the Regional Champions and then for the State Champions. Behrend Campus, being typically Penn State, walked off with the "lion's share". Dale Black, our SGA Vice-President, received the State Championship trophies in both ping-pong and chess with a grin a mile wide. Dale was then called on again to receive the Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter Trophy, which is a handsome handcarved chess set,

from the famous Doctor's hands. The trophy will remain with us only one year unless we are able to win it again next year.

The results of the various workshops followed. The next business was the election of new officers. Undoubtedly, because of his excellent leadership in the workshop of which he was chairman, Dave Craley was nominated and elected as the Recording Secretary of the OSGA. The other new officers elected were Paul Miller, this year's OSGA Vice-President, to the office of President, Robert Fisher, President of the SGA at Scranton, to the office of Vice-President, and JoAnn Pretti, a pretty SGA Treasurer from Hazeltown campus, to the office of Corresponding Secretary.

Dean Lane on Advisory Board

Robert Fisher, this year's OSGA President from University Park, then made a short and sincere outgoing speech, and turned the floor over to the new President, Paul Miller. The new President then turned the floor over to Dr. M. E. Campbell, Dean of Student Affairs, Commonwealth Campuses. Dr. Campbell announced the appointment of our own Dean of Student Affairs, Dean B. A. Lane, by Dr. Bernreuter to the Advisory Board of the OSGA for a two-year term of office. We at Behrend Campus should be very proud of this appointment of Dean Lane. Dr. Campbell then commended certain students at the OSGA conference for their accomplishments at Penn State. These included Dean Wharton, the All-College President at University Park, Randy Carter, the President of the Senior Class, and Robert Fisher, the outgoing OSGA President. Dr. Campbell then turned the floor back to Henry Miller, and finding no other business, he adjourned.

This is basically what happened at the OSGA conference.

Behrend Campus can be proud of its representation, and the honors which it won. We should, I feel, be especially proud of Dean Lane, and feel especially lucky to have such an administrator on our campus. I hope, by writing this letter to the editor, that some conscientious students will take the time to read it, and through it will become better acquainted with the workings of the SGA, and better understand the work SGA accomplishes for the student body.

Respectfully yours,
Bob Williams
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Behrend Campus SGA

Three Faculty Members Work On Masters

Three Behrend Campus faculty members, James D. Gallagher, Oliver B. Lerch, and Ronald S. Thomas, will soon be going back to graduate school to work on advanced Doctors' degrees. To receive a Doctor's degree, the candidate must generally take thirty to sixty course credits in addition to the Master's degree. Besides this, he must pass strenuous written examinations in two modern foreign languages, usually French and German, take various written and oral comprehensive examinations in his major field, and write a final dissertation—an original piece of research.

Mr. Gallagher, instructor in physical education, will begin his graduate work toward a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Physical Education this summer at University Park. He has his B.S. degree in Physical Education from Cortland (N.Y.) State Teachers College and his M.S. degree in Physical Education from Penn State. He is interested in the administration and directing of athletics.

Mr. Lerch, instructor in history, has received a \$1500 Graduate Assistantship in the graduate Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University to work toward a Doctor of Social Science Degree. This program is specifically designed for those who intend to teach in college.

Since the program is broader than that required for the Ph.D. degree, Mr. Lerch will combine work in several fields working toward a competence in a general area. He is especially interested in the effect on twentieth century American institutions created by external forces, such as World War I, World War II, Communism, etc. Mr. Lerch has his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his M.A. from Penn State.

Mr. Thomas, instructor in English, has received a \$2000 Graduate Assistantship at the University of Maryland where he will be working toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree in American Literature. At the same time he will teach two sections of freshman English. Mr. Thomas has his B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from Penn State. He is especially interested in Twentieth Century American Literature.