

EDITORIALS

CONFERENCE CONVENES

Improvement of communication between campuses was one of the major topics of discussion yesterday, as a joint conference of three Commonwealth campus organizations got under way.

Approximately 125 students from all 18 campuses, representing the Press Association of Commonwealth Campuses, the Keystone Society, and the Organization of Student Government Associations were present when the first session opened at 2 p.m. in the Hetzel Union Building assembly hall.

Thomas Bundy (7th-pre-law-Fairview) president of OSGA, presided over this general meeting, which began with a welcome extended by Undergraduate Student Government President Robert Katzenstein. Kenneth L. Holderman, director of Commonwealth campuses, then spoke on campus-community relations. He stressed that it is students even more than faculty and administration who create the University's image in the various communities.

Following this, the head of each group outlined the objectives of this weekend's meeting. Workshops aimed at accomplishing these objectives occupied the remainder of the afternoon.

Under the leadership of Dennis Arbutiski (4th-business administration-New Kensington), state president of PACC, members voted to set a date during the organization will have more continuity.

The group also voted affirmatively on several amendments to the PACC constitution pertaining to the election of officers and to filling offices left vacant. In an effort to establish communication between campuses, Pacc resolved to have copies of each campus newspaper mailed to other centers.

During the evening session the various newspapers were analyzed and constructive criticism given to

improve each paper's quality. Election of a vice-president and formulation of a committee to investigate other methods of improvement rounded out the evening session.

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S. G. A.

The Student Government Association has made a fine effort to facilitate and improve student communications by dividing the bulletin board into topical areas and requiring "For sale" and "Personal" items to be entered on 3x5 cards. This policy has been quite successful. I feel that with the addition of one policy by the S.G.A.--that of assigning a member to check all bulletin boards possibly twice a week, and removing all outdated announcements (which have at times been numerous and bothersome to the bulletin board reader)--the S.G.A. could really finish off their well-started task of improving bulletin board communication.

Recently the S.G.A. voted down a proposal to supply students with ping-pong balls when ping-pong paddles are given out. It seems to me that the loss which the S.G.A. would incur with broken balls over the course of a year would not be very great, and that student appreciation of such a courtesy would outweigh any financial loss. Why shouldn't the S.G.A. assume the small financial loss and the responsibility of seeing that balls are supplied and returned when a certain amount of student satisfaction is at stake?

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