

Yanoshik wins top SGA executive post

Hazleton votes down 'COP' constitution

UNIVERSITY PARK (AP) — The new 'baby' of the Commonwealth Campus Student Government Associations had its second birth at a conference held here April 16, when 12 of the 14 SGA's present ratified a constitution to replace the Organization of Student Government Associations (OSGA) with a Council of Presidents (COP).

Forming COP itself was again the main issue of the Saturday COP conference, chaired by Beaver Campus SGA President Nick Yovanovic. It was preceded by three conferences highlighted by constitutional revisions and controversies.

Although 10 of the 11 Commonwealth Campuses present at a conference held at Schuylkill Campus March 6 had already voted to replace OSOA with COP, they did not make up the two-thirds majority considered by them necessary to give them authority to make the move complete.

The 12 campuses who voted here would have constituted exactly two-thirds of the 18 members of OSOA, except that Capitol Campus, who voted for COP, had not been a member of OSOA because of its unique status as an upper-level campus. Capitol has nevertheless often been referred to as a nineteenth Commonwealth Campus.

The purpose of COP, as its new constitution states, is 'to represent the Commonwealth Campuses in matters of University-wide concern which affect the joint interests of Commonwealth Campuses' and 'to facilitate the exchange of ideas between Commonwealth Campus SGAs'.

Based on a proposal from Shenango Valley's SGA President James G. Burkhardt, which faced revisions at both the Schuylkill and University Park conferences, the COP constitution calls for the elimination of the Executive Committee of OSOA.

The Executive Committee is made up of officers elected by the SGAs who are former Commonwealth Campus students now located at University Park. Its function was to coordinate communications and activities between the Commonwealth Campuses and University Park in matters pertaining to student government and to carry out the wishes of and represent the SGAs.

COP will perform the duties of the OSOA Executive Committee itself, which was the basis for some of the controversy over the elimination of OSOA.

OSGA President Pat Keaveny said he feels the elimination of the Executive Committee was a mistake, because the campuses in his opinion need vital information from University Park they may not otherwise get.

Discussion at the conference arose over the status of COP and OSOA. Keaveny, who spoke for the University Senate committee members on the Executive Committee, said that the creation of COP has left University Park officials with such an ambiguous opinion over Commonwealth Campus representation that no one knows whether to look to COP or OSOA.

According to Keaveny, OSOA will not dissolve until all of the Commonwealth Campuses have ratified the COP constitution. This brings up the problem of who to recognize. Keaveny added that COP is in a state of 'limbo' right now. So is OSOA.

Keaveny also accused the Council for its disorganized and drawn-out restructuring procedures. Schuylkill's SGA President Tony Koury answered that 'every new organization is shaky.'

Dean of Student Affairs for Commonwealth Campuses Merle E. Campbell suggested that the SGA presidents send a signed copy of the constitution to President John W. Oswald to gain temporary recognition. Koury later stated that the constitution and a letter are being prepared for mailing.

Another problem was brought up by the Hazleton Campus delegates, who asked about Senate representation. Koury said that by next year the Senate will recognize COP and that COP will choose its own members for Senate representation, even though they are not from University Park Campus where the Senate meets.

This procedure would leave the seven campuses not presently recognizing COP without Senate representation. As of yet, no word has come from these seven campuses that they have reconsidered membership.

Those who ratified the constitution include Allentown, Beaver, Capitol, Delaware, DuBois, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Ogontz, Schuylkill, Worthington, Scranton, Shenango, Valley and York. Altoona and Hazleton both dissented and Behrend, Berks, Fayette, McKeesport and Wilkes-Barre were not present at the last conference.

A major reason for the change from OSOA to COP, according to many of the SGA presidents, was the desire to give Commonwealth Campuses more autonomy and a chance to represent themselves. Says Ogontz SGA President Nick Maiale: "Commonwealth Campus students can better relay sentiments on Commonwealth Campuses than University Park student officials can."

Although the conference was devoted mainly to Cop questions, a report by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Student Affairs was given by a representative, which accused the Commonwealth Campuses of lack of cooperation, according to one SGA president.

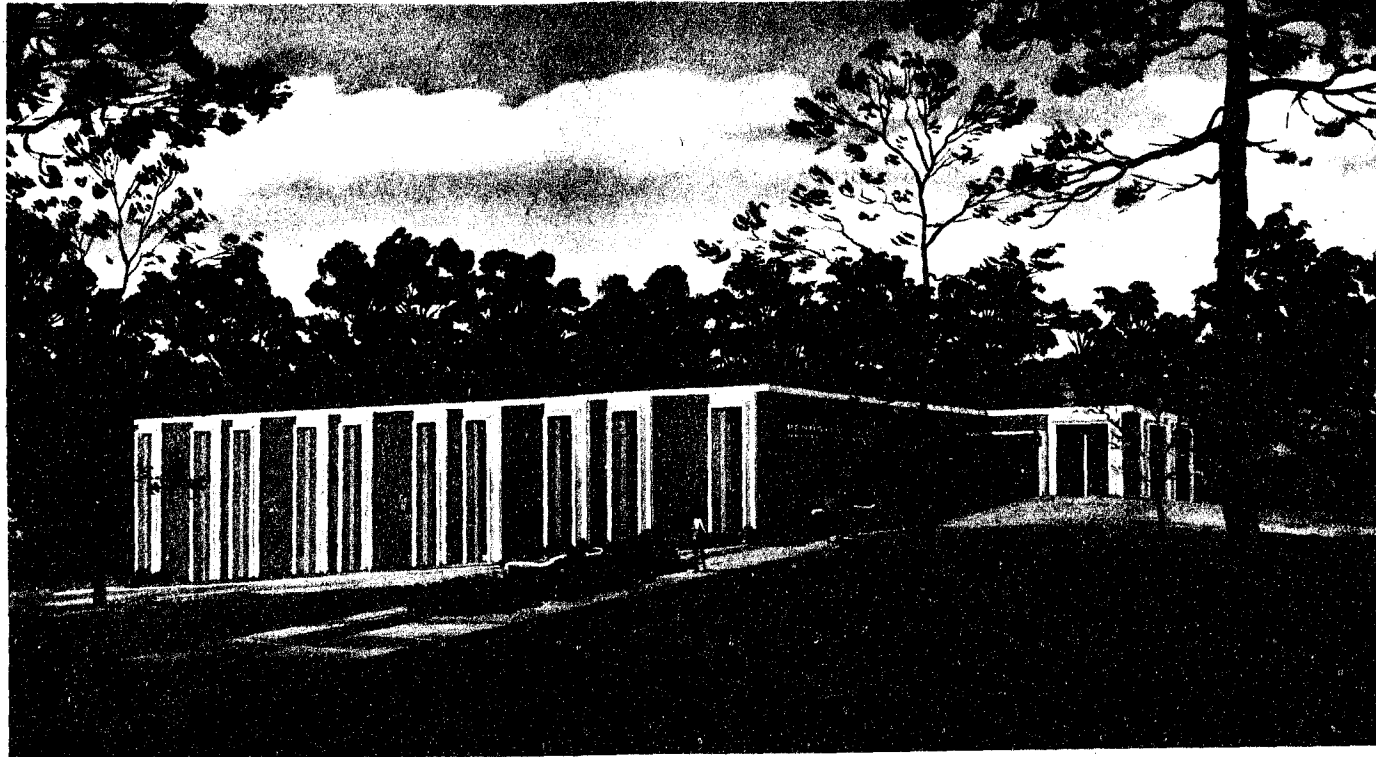
Both Koury and Scranton's SGA President Bob Lukasik had made similar charges against OSOA. "They failed to communicate," Koury said, speaking of the Executive Committee, "and instead they became a legislative body responsible only to themselves."

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To read at fine arts festival

The Belles-Lettres Society of the Highacres Campus will participate in the Greater Hazleton Fine Arts Festival to be held Sunday, May 23, at the Hazleton YM-YWCA on South Church St.

Prof. Andrew Kafka is faculty advisor for the group and Richard Dymond is editor of the magazine.



HARRISBURG - Contract awards totaling \$800,149 for a new library on the Hazleton Campus of the Pennsylvania State University were announced by the General State Authority. The Awards: General construction - Sutter Corp., Nescopeck, \$549,700; heating, ventilating, and air conditioning - Joseph A. Wright Co., Wilkes-Barre, \$105,317; plumbing - Losch Boiler Sales and Service Co., Schuylkill Haven, \$46,820; and electrical - Schwab Electric and Electronic Inc., Wilkes-Barre, \$98,312

Oswald to visit here Tuesday



PENN STATE'S PRESIDENT, Dr. John W. Oswald will make a fact-finding tour of the Hazleton Campus tomorrow.

Debra Zehner chosen 1971 May Queen

The preparations for the annual May Ball are now on the home stretch. With the event slated for May 15, the various committees are putting their plans into effect.

The May Queen and her court were announced last week as follows: Queen, Debra Zehner; Queen's Attendant, Susan Kishbart; Maid of Honor, Mary Polasek; Keeper of the Hear, Lynn Farmer; Keeper of the Key, Judy Trisko; and members of the court, Arnie Cumsy and Karen Burcak. Linda Gray will be the scroll reader, and Diane Oberst will be the crown bearer. Members from the Delta Delta Tau and Veterans Fraternities will be chosen as escorts for the Queen and her attendants. The King and Queen from last year have been invited back to crown the new Queen.

Debra Zehner is in charge of the decorations committee, with plans for a volcano, grass shack, and other tropical decorations, in keeping with the theme "Aloha." Fancy sandwiches, punch, and various snacks will be prepared by the food committee, headed by Karen Burcak and Arnie Cumsy. Mary Lou Lazar is in charge of entertainment.

T.N.T., a well-known rock group, will provide the musical entertainment, along with their own light show. Dress for this occasion is semi-formal; it is not necessary for the men to wear tuxedos, but merely a dress suit.

Tickets for the May Ball may be obtained from Teresa Patton, Deb Zehner, Karen Burcak, Greg Matyas, and Mary Polasek. Price for sorority and fraternity members is \$ 5.00 per couple, and for all other students \$ 7.00 per couple. Tickets will be available until the afternoon of May 14. Get yours now!!

Drug-abuse study made

University Park, Pa. — Objective evaluation of the effectiveness of school and college drug programs has been recommended by a Pennsylvania State University professor.

Dr. John D. Swisher, comparing four different approaches to drug abuse prevention, found that while all of them increased the knowledge level of students, most agreements were

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Students and faculty are urged to participate in the program scheduled for May 11th concerning President John W. Oswald's visit to this campus. Because Dr. Oswald is relatively new to his office, he is conducting a series of visits to all the Commonwealth Campuses in order to acquaint himself with their policies and to try and understand the attitudes of our students toward the university. He will arrive at the Hazleton Municipal Airport at approximately 1:00 where he will be met by the Director of the campus, Mr. Frank Kostos. Along with President Oswald will be a faculty member and a student from University Park who will roam the campus and speak to the students and faculty at random. A tentative schedule has been set up as follows:

- 1:30PM - Tour of the Campus
2:15PM - Meet faculty - Room 101 - New Building

- 3:15PM - Meet with students - Room 1 - Lecture Room, New Building
4:45PM - Meet with Advisory Board - Room 101 - New Building

7:00PM - Pres. Oswald is scheduled to speak at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. At the meeting of 3:15, President Oswald will discuss all facets of education and activity on this campus and any complaints will be heard at this time. This is a grave effort on the part of our president to co-ordinate the campuses and participation by both student and faculty will be valuable.

Anyone interested in hearing Dr. Oswald speak at the Chamber of Commerce Dinner should contact Mr. Salsbury in the Northeastern National Bank Building for further information. Tickets are \$ 4.00 and may be purchased from the Dean. The dinner is being held at Gus Genetti's.

Elections for president, vice-president, and ten representatives of the Highacres Student Government Association were held May 6 and 7 in the Student Union Building.

Capturing the presidential and vice-presidential positions were Paul Yanoshick (3rd, Bus., Harwood Mines) and Alan Ritz, (3rd, Bus., West Hazleton), respectively. Prior to the election, the pair stated their goals as: "1) motivation of students interest in social functions - by providing the students with better functions, 2) selling used books back to the bookstore for a reasonable price - in this way the student will save many hassles and actually save money, 3) creation of more student part-time jobs on campus, 4) we will work toward lowering the price of the car permits - we feel that at the present rate of \$7.50 the student is being exploited by the university."

The following candidates were elected to the empty representative seats: Lynn Farmer (199 votes), Robyn Heckman (194), Barbara Sheerin (160), Dan Ogden (160), Karen Burcak (156), Steve Wilson (145), Gary Labanoski (140), Charlie Andrews (138), Craig Knouse (138), and William Gentileseo (136).

Besides voting for the candidates, the voters were asked their opinions on the following issues: "Would you favor the cost of the Parking Permit (\$7.50) being incorporated into tuition fees? This would be absorbed by all students regardless of their usage of an automobile, and one must also consider that University Policy has been one of not incorporating small fees into tuition." Seventy-three students replied in the affirmative, and 161 voted "no"; the other opinion question was: "Would you be in favor of having both existing parking facilities on a first come-first serve basis for freshmen and sophomores in Fall 1971?" There were 55 yes votes and 184 negative answers to this proposal.

Two hundred forty-eight ballots were cast, as almost 40% of the approximately 650 eligible full time students voted, as compared to the 29% turnout at the winter SGA elections.

Outgoing SGA President Chris Pogozelski commented on the election results:

"I am very pleased with the outcome of the election. On behalf of the Student Government Association and the Elections Commission, I congratulate the winners and wish them a successful year in 1972. I would also consider the new election procedures an extreme success."

'Historic event' slated for June 19

Saturday, June 19 will be a historic date at the Hazleton Campus. It marks the first time that a graduation for associate degree candidates will be held. During the 37-year history of Highacres the candidates had to travel to the University Park Campus to receive their diplomas.

James Connannon, assistant professor of English, and M. Leonard Shaevel, assistant professor of Physics are the Faculty Marshalls. It is their responsibility along with the committee, consisting of Frank Kostos, William Schneider, Joseph McCallus, and Paul Cerula, to plan the graduation program.

Tenatively, the program will begin at 10:30 with a procession of graduates and faculty members from the Student Union Building to the Lecture Room of the New Classroom Building. The main address will be given by Dr. Michael Matsko, chairman of the Advisory Board.

Mr. Kostos will be wearing a medallion, which represents his authority by the University to confer the degrees in Business, Chemical Engineering Technology, Drafting and Design Technology and Electrical and Electronics Technology.

It has been decided by the committee and the University that no flash pictures will be allowed to be taken during the ceremony.

The committee has been working since February trying to make this historic event one which the Hazleton Campus will never forget.

Renaissance festival begins this week at Main Campus

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Pennsylvania Governor, Milton J. Shapp, will serve as honorary chairman of the first annual Renaissance Festival, May 14 - 23, at The Pennsylvania State University.

"The festival represents a unique and important venture in raising funds and focusing attention on the many needs of disadvantaged students across the Commonwealth," Governor Shapp said today in accepting the honorary chairmanship.

"The whole concept of a Renaissance to signify a rebirth of efforts to help needy students from environments of educationally and socially disadvantaged is something I heartily endorse and call to the attention of my fellow Pennsylvanians. And the very fact that students, faculty and administrators have joined forces in this effort shows that something can be done."

The Festival brings together the whole gamut of already established programs at Penn State—Colloquy, the Black Arts Festival, Spring Week, the Grand Prix Go-Cart Race, Five O'Clock Theatre, poetry, dance and music.

But if the theme is varied, the goal is one—a better mankind through a visual and action-oriented display of culture and entertainment.

Speakers, programs, concerts, workshops, exhibitions, and discussion will

be the thrust of Renaissance Week in an effort, as Renaissance directors put it, to try and awaken society to its "responsibility for bringing all members of the community into the mainstream of life."

Governor Shapp will take part in some of the opening ceremonies, appearing at Penn State the afternoon of May 14. He will lead a long list of distinguished speakers that will include Julian Bond, Georgia State legislator and the first Black ever nominated by a major party for the vice presidency; Pierre Salinger, former U.S. Senator and press secretary for two American presidents; comedian and social commentator Dick Gregory; Betty Friedan, Women's Liberation leader and author of "The Feminine Mystique"; Dr. Max Rafferty, superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of California; and Dr. Howard Zinn, professor of government at Boston University.

Key to the Renaissance Festival will be "Project Motivation," a program bringing 70 disadvantaged high school students to Penn State for the entire week to participate in workshops and experience personally the cultural achievements of the Festival.

Also featured will be an exhibition of art work from 200 disadvantaged students across Pennsylvania.



CO-ED RESIDENCE HALL presently under construction at Highacres will house 206 students.

Dorm meeting held

"So what's the story?" asked Mr. Shaevel.

This was one of the many questions brought up concerning the rules for the new dorms at a meeting held on May 6. Nine members of the faculty and student body got together to TRY to come up with some regulations for the Residence Halls.

Subjects discussed were closing hours for women, sign-ins, quiet hours, guests and the climate of the evening, visiting hours. For almost two and a half hours ideas and opinions were thrown around. Most agreements were

unanimous except for visitation which was opposed by two members of the group.

At the outcome, one main point was established, and that is, that we will not be able to please every in-coming resident. Some may find it similar to a poison, while others are appalled at the liberalism. But we have to remember that this will be filled mostly by freshmen away from home for the first time. But when the committee finally up all the regulations we can still remember that old cliché, "Rules are made to be broken."