

# Conference helps greeks meet potential

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Pre-Greek Week activities were launched yesterday with a leadership conference designed for greeks who have not yet realized their potential, said Michelle Hanley, Panhellenic Council president.

The conference was the first of its kind held by greeks at the University, she said, adding that it will hopefully become an annual event.

Rick Funk, assistant director of student organizations and program development, said he hoped the conference, which offered workshops dealing with topics in self-confidence, communication skills and humor/creativity, drew some of the

potential leaders in the greek system.

"One of the positive aspects of fraternity and sorority membership is the opportunity to develop the leadership potential with our members," he said.

Barbie Tootle, special assistant to the president at Ohio State University and the keynote speaker yesterday in Schwab Auditorium, stressed that students have to be a little selfish when involved in organizations to be sure they receive something in proportion to what they contribute.

The conference was not targeted to officers in the greek community, but to younger members chosen by their president as having potential to grow as leaders and members of the University community, Hanley said.

Kelly Lynch, Greek Week chairwoman, said the week will be different this year because it will include activities the week before it officially starts, April 20 to 24.

There will be a movie night in the HUB tonight for all greeks, ice skating on Tuesday, and a swim night at the McCoy Natatorium on Wednesday, she said.

The theme for Greek Week this year is "Greek Life is More Than Just a Party," Lynch said, and added that spirit and unity among greeks will be stressed throughout the week. Attending the leadership conference yesterday provided an opportunity for greeks to earn "spirit points" for their groups, she added.

# New CCSG leader plans for rebuilding year

By VICTORIA PETTIES  
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Council of Commonwealth Student Governments officials elected Gary Price, former University Student Executive Council liaison to CCSG, as coordinator Saturday, and CCSG members say they look toward a year of rebuilding the organization.

Price, a former Shenango Valley Campus student, won by a two-thirds majority against three other finalists. He is the former president of the Student Government Association there and was a representative at the campus.

Plans for the upcoming year in-

clude strengthening communications between the Commonwealth campuses by organizing regional meetings, Price said.

CCSG is designed as an advocacy group to address the needs of students attending the University's 17 Commonwealth campuses. Each Commonwealth campus has three student representatives.

Regional meetings, which would include several area campuses, will provide a forum to solve problems more quickly and effectively than bringing the problem before CCSG, Price said.

Also, regional meetings would promote group unity among campuses

and improve CCSG's internal structure, including reducing apathy among its members, Price said.

According to CCSG officials, problems facing the organization include low attendance at meetings and poorly informed representatives.

Though CCSG candidates contended that restructuring CCSG could ease most of the organization's problems, Price said, "CCSG's problems and solutions lie within all of us."

"Cutting down the constitution and examining every section is not the answer," Price said. Rather, conducting more productive meetings and initiating new programs to increase interest within the organization are the answers.

Prior to the elections, J. Thomas Eakin, University assistant vice president of student programs, presented a report detailing CCSG's weaknesses — including difficulty in communicating with the campuses and meeting their needs — and several recommendations.

The recommendations included redefining the role of the coordinator, increasing meeting agenda distribution among the campuses, and promoting group unity.

Following his election, Price said he will examine the report's recommendation closely and act upon the most promising recommendations to improve CCSG.

# Talking alcohol and sex to help doctorate project

Freshmen will be able to talk about experiences with alcohol and sex this week as part of a study by two University doctoral candidates.

The sessions will be held from 5 to 8 tonight in Findlay Rec Room and tomorrow and Wednesday in Pollock Rec Room.

Students will be asked to complete questionnaires anonymously, and all participants will be given coupons for a free cup of University Creamery ice cream. At each session, six students chosen randomly will be awarded \$25. The questionnaire takes about an hour at most to complete, said

Catherine Howard, co-director of the study.

The study deals with sexual and alcohol-related activity among freshmen, and will provide information to help create better health and educational services at the University.

The information obtained from the study will be presented to the Division of Counseling and Health Services, Howard said.

The study is being sponsored by the Division of Counseling and Health Services, Residence Hall Programs and the Office of Health Education and Promotion.

—by Rick Woodward

# Woman Maces assailant

A State College woman reported that she used a can of Mace to ward off an assailant early Saturday, the State College Bureau of Police Services said.

The woman told police she was walking in the rear of a parking lot at 906 S. Allen St. at 2:06 a.m. when a man began pursuing her.

He grabbed her and threw her to the ground, she told police, and threatened her when she screamed. She then sprayed him in the face with a can of Mace that she was carrying, and the man fled toward South Pugh Street, she told police.

The woman described the alleged assailant as about 6 feet tall, in his 30s, and wearing a black knit cap and black leather jacket, police said. Police said they have no suspects at this time.

—by Mike Lenio

## Clarification

Friday's Collegian reported that a female student told University Police Services she had been indecently assaulted Tuesday. The woman said the alleged assault occurred March 13, and she told police on Tuesday.



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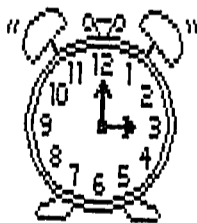
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