State College planning centennial bash in '95

By PAUL RESCH Collegian Staff Writer

The kickoff of State College's stage for the year-long celebration.

The celebration will start in Septem- nial year is important. ber 1995 and continue until the grand finale on Aug. 29, 1996 — the borough's versity and the students," he said. 100th birthday.

State College Borough Council in 1990 to nizations. Parades, musical scores and a plan for the upcoming events. Mayor community picnic are some events under Arnold Addison, the commission chair- consideration. Commission members are man. and the other members are pre- asking that all events during the celeparing numerous activities for the bration incorporate the centennial in planned gala.

"We expect to involve the programs and talents of individuals and groups way are to have a centennial theme," within the community itself," Addison said commission member Anita Genger. said.

commission has plans to leave behind ing with other neighborhood associations nial.

Plans for the construction of a wooden opportune time to bring residents stage, similar to a deck, in Central together. Parklet on Fraser Street are already underway. The stage could be used for the borough's 1995 Festival of Cultures - the celebration's proposed kickoff site are a ball or musical presentation. and the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts

"This is where I plan to begin the centennial year in September 1995," Addison said.

A plaza constructed in the parklet will feature either a statue or fountain connected in some way to the centennial.

Addison said he hopes the University 100th birthday party is almost two years will use the renovated parklet to begin away, but the State College Centennial its 1995 Homecoming Parade. Addison Commission is already busy setting the said he believes the University's incorporation at the beginning of the centen-

"Right away we're involving the Uni-

The celebration will include events The commission was appointed by the sponsored by various community orgasome way.

"Things that are to be going on any-Genger, president of the Holmes-Fos-In addition to throwing a party, the ter Neighborhood Association, is worksomething commemorating the centen- to organize the community picnic. Genger said the centennial will be an

> The committee has yet to decide on plans for the final week of the celebration. Addison said some suggestions

> Addison estimated the cost of the centennial at between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Donations and fund raisers such as selling things bearing the centennial logo - will pay for the events.

Student groups strive to avoid overlapping duties

ARHS, OTIS, USG meet to streamline joint goals

By COREY GESFORD Collegian Staff Writer

Three student government organizations want to pool their efforts to provide a better service for getting student concerns addressed.

On Wednesday, representatives from the Undergraduate Student Government, the Association of Residence Hall Students and the Organization for Town Independent Students gathered for the first of a series of meetings to discuss how they can address student concerns without duplicating their efforts.

The organizations realized during the semester that many of their projects overlapped, said USG Senate President Mike King. "We learned we had more things in common than we didn't have,' King said.

Parking, health services and funding for higher education are examples of projects shared by the groups, he said.

Because most leaders from the three organizations have similar opinions about what a student government should be, this problem needs to be addressed, said USG President Chris Saunders.

"We all agree that student government can be greatly improved," Saunders said. The organizations will meet at the beginning of Spring Semester to discuss how to establish joint committees and work together on projects, Saunders said.

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With so many organizations working on the same projects, the administration can pit student organizations against each other, Saunders said, adding that the administration has no central contact point.

"ESAC's (Executive Student Action Council) a contact point sometimes. Sometimes it's the ESAC chair, or myself, or the student trustee," Saunders said.

ARHS President Scott Payne echoed Saunders' sentiments and said when student groups are not unified, they can get caught in bureaucratic loopholes. There is also a tendency for students not to be taken seriously, he added.

"Not being able to be unified has let the administration take advantage of us,' Payne said.

But USG Academic Assembly President Erich May said collaboration efforts will work only if they eliminate USG Senate apathy.

"Senate appeals to students who are attracted to governing and ruling, rather than serving," May said.

And University President Joab Thomas said student organizations have ways to communicate and the key to addressing concerns is going through the Office of Student Affairs.

Craig Millar, associate vice president of student services, said student organizations can communicate through ESAC, but added it would be beneficial for these groups to work together.

Student concerns could be more efficiently addressed if the organizations worked together, said OTIS President Lynette Mason. Although three different approaches may not be wrong, they can hurt getting issues addressed, Mason said.

OTIS, ARHS and USG's collaboration is not the first step in a major student government restructuring plan, King said.

Last spring, several student leaders proposed restructuring student government and forming a student association. The association would have eliminated USG and placed ARHS and OTIS in a house of delegates.



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