

Conference Prepares Campus Leaders



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Last weekend, 50 students from Capitol Campus attended a three-day workshop in leadership training at Stone Valley, a university-owned mountain retreat in Huntingdon County, 12 miles from State College.

The program, which was jointly sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and the Student Government Association, centered on developing the skills of individuals as they work in groups, budget management and leadership techniques.

Members attending included members of the SGA, officers, senators and committee members, resident assistants, and people who serve as student to student counselors in residence halls, and members of the President's Council.

The conference proved to be a highly effective affair, even if the only concrete accomplishment was the development of a feeling of togetherness between campus leaders and the staff of the Student Affairs Office. The program was at least that productive. Student organization budgets were hammered out, plans for social activities were initiated, the resident assistants were given technical instruction, and other organizations worked out a scenario with which to begin the new year on the right foot.

Not all was work at the conference. There was time for much needed recreation. In order to present the essence of the program, a synopsis of events shall follow.

Most of those in attendance arrived on Friday, September 8, at Stone Valley for a small lunch. Tents were assigned, then business meetings began after a few opening remarks by Jerry South, Asst. Dean of Student Affairs, and John Grimm, Dean of Student Affairs. Free time was spent playing shuffleboard (Max Brady is only an average player) or walking around and

enjoying the beautiful rustic surroundings. A bar-be-que'd chicken dinner followed the afternoon session.

During the evening session, the principal event was an SGA Senate meeting. Treasurer Tom Dixon reported that the total allocation for the SGA budget totaled \$13,000, a figure exactly the same as last year. This is unfortunate as there is an increase in the number of campus organizations, an increase in prices due to inflation, and an increase in student enrollment. (The total undergraduate enrollment for the fall term will be at least 1,600.) As it happens, organizations asked for allocations which totaled \$32,000, consequently, many cuts had to be made. The budget

as submitted by the Finance Committee awaits ratification by the Senate when it convenes on September 25. Other committees reported that they were continuing to iron out any problems or "rubbing off the rust" accumulated over the "wet, wet" summer. One committee reported that constitutional revisions were being prepared for ratification by the student body during the general election, to be held during the third week of the term.

SGA President Mike Dini elaborated on campus happenings of the summer — especially the June Flood. Capitol Campus Village was established as a refugee center for flood victims. Before the village was set up, largely through the efforts of former SGA Senator Lenny Thompson, Meade Heights and the residence halls were occupied by flood victims — some of them residing in the Heights until the latter part of August.

Capitol and the Harrisburg Area Community College participated in a bathtub race (a what?) in downtown Harrisburg during mid-August and raised some \$250 for the American

Cancer Society. In a sadder vein, it was reported that the floor of the Base Gym, site of Capitol's renowned intramural basketball, was ruined in the flood, placing the program in jeopardy. \$6,000 has been appropriated for renovation of the gym, however it is not known if repairs can be made in time for the start of the season in January.

At the conclusion of the SGA meeting, a leadership development seminar was conducted by counselors from University Park. Then came the classic. The weary group decided to have a good time. Some people went into State College to enjoy the campus night-life. The stragglers at the camp conducted a "sensitivity" enjoyment session, a situation which became intensified with the return of the State College group. The session lasted until the break of dawn (everybody worked hard at having a good time), resulting in the largest conglomeration of pie-eyed people ever gathered.

Breakfast came early and hard for most of the campers. But a light schedule of meetings helped get most people through the day without much difficulty. Another leadership seminar was conducted by the UP people followed by a general discussion of Orientation Week activities. After lunch many people had no meetings to attend, so they utilized the free time to go sailing, canoeing, swimming (you're really something Sam) or play more shuffleboard (a sport which may replace pinball — but I don't think so — you're still only average Max).

After a steak dinner, the evening was highlighted by a group rap session where upcoming campus activities were discussed, as well as current problems. When the meeting, which was conducted by firelight on a chilly mountain night, broke up, the group decided to limit the group "sensitivity to a minimum, or to at least keep the noise level below 180 decibels (they were unsuccessful).

The "Snipe Hunt" followed, and Rita Gironi and Mary Jean Taminini (no, it's not an Italian blue-plate special) were "bagged" (quite a lovely batch of game). The remainder of the night was uneventful except for the cold weather.

An early breakfast (as signaled by that ever-loving bell) greeted the campers on Sunday. Joint meetings were held, followed by volleyball, shuffleboard (Max was improving) and other activities. All was in readiness for the afternoon visit by Dr. Robert E. McDermott, provost of Capitol Campus.

The provost talked about a number of problems which face the campus and the programs he has outlined for the coming year. Most of what was discussed during the session will be elaborated in the June, 1972 Commencement issue of THE CAPITOLIST, which will be distributed during registration later this week.

The conference concluded with a group picture and the good-byes. There was a general feeling that much had been accomplished and plans for a similar conference to be held in the spring were discussed. Having started the new year right, everyone looked forward to the coming year.

Undergraduate Evening Program Offered

An undergraduate evening program in the Division of Administration and Business will be initiated in September at Capitol Campus.

Dr. Robert E. McDermott, Provost, reports that this extension of the standard bachelor of business degree program will enable individuals to achieve a degree on a part-time basis. Previously, only graduate level courses were offered in the evening.

"A survey recently conducted among Harrisburg Area Community College students and inquiries received from numerous other two-year institutions strongly indicated the need for this part-time undergraduate degree program," Dr. McDermott explained.

Dr. Daniel M. Poore, head of the Division of Administration and Business, announced that the program will be open to any individual who has the equivalent of at least two years of college credit. Such credit could have been attained at a two-year community college or some other four-year institution.

Persons also may qualify for this new evening program by satisfactorily scoring on the College Level Entrance Program Examinations (CLEP). These examinations enable individuals to enter college at an advanced level with credit for material learned without attendance at

formal college classes.

CLEP examinations are offered monthly at the Capitol Campus Test Center and are available to anyone wishing to take them.

Assistant Professor Ralph W. Frey, undergraduate program administrator in the Division of Administration and Business, reported that areas of concentration of study to be offered include accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing and health administration.

Courses will be scheduled two evenings per week from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Course offerings for the fall term of 1972 include:

Introductory Financial Accounting, Introductory Managerial Accounting, Behavioral Applications I, Management Decision Making, Microeconomic Analysis, Basis Mathematics for Management.

Graduate from the part-time evening program will require a minimum of nine courses of one unit each, or the equivalent of 36 semester hours, and a

maximum of 18 courses, depending on the applicant's previous background. Tuition costs per course will be \$124 for 1972-73.

A maximum of 100 applications are available from the Admissions Office, Room E106, Main Building.

Saturday, September 23
from 6-9 p.m.

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