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Bob Curry Guides Student Leaders

By Victoria Cuscino

The Power Comes To York

By C.W. Heiser

York, Pa. -- I'm standing among hundreds of people at the southwest corner of Market and Pershing. I've been prowling the edge of this crowd for 30 minutes now -- we're all waiting for George Bush to arrive.

From the left, moving south on Pershing, the York High School Band and Drill Team march in, single file, and pivot smartly into the crowd.

York County Republican Party Chairman John Thompson is leading the rally through rounds of "We want George!"

From the right, about 15 guys in union shirts drift in and then clump up together.

They are carrying Dukakis signs and this really bothers an older woman near me.

"Hey! Put the signs down! We can't see through your damned signs!"

There is a sea of Bush-Quayle signs, but only the few lonely Dukakis signs are distracting.

The band is playing.

At this distance, and through the many people, the music sounds like it's coming from a stereo with blown speakers -- only the snares are distinct.

The police have started clearing out the intersection at the south end of

Pershing.

They are running a "police line" ribbon at waist height, across Market and then above the curb down Pershing, and they've managed to tape across a little three-year-old girl in a stroller half in and half out -- her front wheels and little legs are sticking out into the cleared area.

The bright yellow tape fascinates her and she can just reach up to touch it.

Another young cop is walking the length of the ribbon and he stops and looks down at the little one in the stroller.

He has the glassy look they sometimes get when they're working major crowd control.

"I'd appreciate it if you wouldn't lean on that."

The baby stops and looks up at the cop.

As he walks away, she goes back to playing with the ribbon.

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Underneath this, the union guys are chanting, "Duke. . .Duke. . .Duke," but they are being overwhelmed by the sound of the Bushies.

The chanting stops and a gospel singer is singing America, The Beautiful -- every verse.

Thompson is back to announce that the Bush motorcade is moving through York.

A press helicopter whooshes low overhead and the press buses turn into Pershing, coming north to the cleared area.

The mood of the crowd changes. Before it had been like a football rally.

Now, nervous anticipation heightens.

York is close enough to D.C. for a visit, but now the power is coming to York.

Even those few carrying Dukakis and anti-Bush signs are straining for sight-lines.

Senator Arlen Specter has introduced George Bush, and as the vice president begins to speak, somebody jacks the power up -- none of the other speakers or even the singer got this much echo off of the buildings.

Different pockets of the crowd react at different times.

When Bush talks about the high school kids, the band mothers go wild -- when he talks about abortion, the groups with pro-life placards start stomping.

Everyone has heard this speech before; all the phrases have been sound-bites on T.V., but this is the first time for most to vocalize their approval.

As Bush speaks, to my left, a middle-aged woman is kneeling by an old woman in pink seated on a portable aluminum chair.

The old woman is clutching her chest as a middle-aged man hurries up with a cop.

The crowd shifts and I lose sight of the tableau.

George Bush has wound up his speech and country singer Lee Greenwood is on stage as I ease back and head for my car to beat the traffic.

Reaching the car, I can still hear Greenwood singing, "I'm proud to be an American. God bless the U.S.A.," as red, white, and blue balloons erupt over the tops of the buildings.

An ambulance screams down Pershing toward the rally. I hope the woman in pink is okay.

On Saturday, January 21, representatives of clubs, organizations, students and faculty attended the Student Leadership Conference in the Capital Union Building.

The Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored the conference to teach leadership skills that can be utilized this semester and in the future. The conference consisted of workshops that lasted from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

During the introduction, Janet Widoff, student activities coordinator, expressed a wish that each person learn something he or she could use in the future.

"I hope we are able to take away at least one thing...to use in the clubs, in college, or after college in a job," Widoff said.

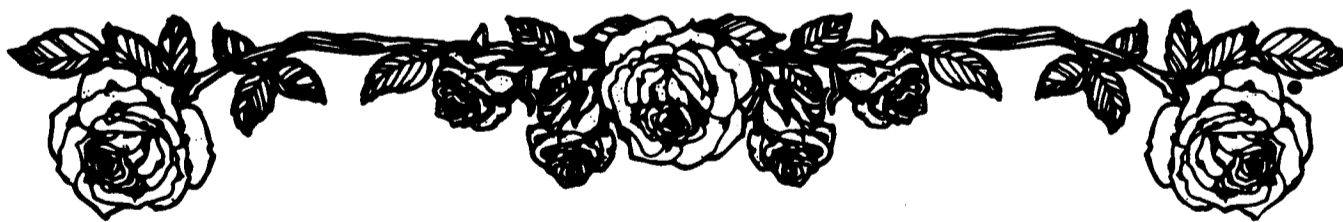
During the morning hours, the students and faculty could choose to attend two of four workshops. Each workshop lasted an hour and had one faculty or administration member and one student to teach the different skills. The workshops were: Assertiveness, Meeting Management, Presentational Skills for Student Leaders, and Listening Skills.

The highlight of the Leadership Conference was Bob Curry's Leadership Styles Profile Inventory. At the beginning of the day, everyone filled out a questionnaire that Curry used as the basis of his evaluations. Curry used the results of the questionnaires to group the students and faculty according to leadership personality traits. These groups worked together during a workshop. Then Curry told each group about their personalities and how "strengths can get you into trouble." The profile inventory showed how to work with people who may not have similar personalities, and how to deal with one's own traits when the traits are working against a person instead of for a person.

"It's a lot of fun," said Peggy Leight, a junior public policy major. "Bob Curry is a dynamic, highly energetic and interesting man."

During a half hour break, John Nagengast, student government president, introduced the members of SGA that attended the conference. The members spoke about one thing they worked on during the past semester to show some of the things SGA does on campus. The club representatives also introduced themselves and told about their upcoming events.

The clubs and organizations with representation at the Leadership Conference were: Resident Student Council (RSC), Capital Times, Young Democrats, Vietnamese Club, Cheerleaders, SGA, Tarnhelm, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers and Contractors (PSPEC), International Affairs Association (IAA), Capital Christian Fellowship (CCF), WPSH radio station, Delta Tau Kappa (DTK), Data Processing and Management Association (DPMA), Lion Ambassadors, Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG), Chi Gamma Iota (X GI's), Capitalite, Black Student Union (BSU), Photo Club, and the Resident Assistants (RA's).



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The Residence Living Program Office and the Resident Assistants of Penn State Harrisburg are offering a series of educational and human relations programs on campus.

February 16:

Associate Provost Dr. South will meet with students in the first floor T.V. Lounge in Church Hall.

February 21:

Penny McDonald will present a program on Date Rape at 12:15 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge.

February 22:

Terry Clark will present a program on Lifestyles, 9 p.m. in the first floor T.V. lounge in Church Hall.

March 8:

Joe Kupec will present Dealing with Culture Shock for resident and international students at 12:05 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge.

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