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You Too Can Be a Student Leader

True student leaders are not born. They are developed through a long process of instruction and experience.

The Leadership Training Program, offspring of the Cabinet Projects Committee, is offering students this instruction and experience this year. And the program has within its power the creation of outstanding campus leaders.

Organized leadership training was introduced on campus last year. The theory behind the organization of last year's program recognized a vital need on the Penn State campus. Realizing that too many students assumed leadership positions without proper training or indoctrination, cabinet set up a program which it hoped would enlighten prospective leaders on organizational functions, procedure, and significances.

At its beginning, the program seemed a huge success. Registration was relatively high and a good 65 students attended the first meeting. However, by the end of the course, attendance was averaging about 25 to 30 students.

The decline in interest in the course was very probably due to the somewhat cut and dried procedure adopted after the first few meetings. The course became more or less a review of the informative booklets sold to members and surface-scratching talks by either a student leader or member of the administration.

None of this was really anyone's fault. Many of the talks were last minute engagements made because the original speaker could not attend; many of the reviews were made because no speaker at all showed up.

But possibly the real problem lay in the fact that the program leaders were not certain of the exact aim of the program . . . teaching students the basic procedural aspects of running an organization (which usually resulted in a vague smattering of ways to write business letters, shelves on which Roberts Rules can be found, and the structure of the Central Promotions Agency) or helping them develop a

basic insight into the fundamental and pertinent elements and problems of campus leadership.

The latter objective was unsuccessful, and for the most part hardly sought. It is a goal that this year's committee should make special effort to incorporate into the program.

Students do not want to listen for one or two hours to the structure of All-University Cabinet. This they can read in the Student Handbook. What potential leaders want to know is what problems face cabinet, how solutions are found, how it implements control of campus organizations, and what form cabinet discussions take.

Nor do students want to hear a resume of Parliamentary Procedure, quoted from Roberts' Rules. They want a chance to use it themselves, analyze it with the help of specific examples of compliance with and violations of such procedure. Students want to feel, when the course is finished, that they can not only recite definitions of a point of order or a personal privilege, but also that they are prepared to sense immediately the significance of this procedure.

The Student Encampment committee on student government has, perhaps unconsciously, boosted the pertinence of this year's training program by recommending that cabinet appointees be required to complete such a course. This in itself is a plea for a more solid instructive foundation for student leadership.

It now remains for present student leaders to acknowledge and utilize the products of this training program, by drawing from its members for leadership positions and by taking it upon themselves to attend and profit from the program meetings.

The training program will not attract attendance unless it has something to offer its members. This year it has the potential to offer a great deal. But even this will fall unheeded unless the program in its entirety is strongly supported by the student body and student government.

—Peggy McClain

Holiday: Permanent!

Students have once again proved themselves masters of an unpleasant situation. They have returned from a weekend in Philadelphia unaccompanied by any complaints to the University regarding conduct.

This is not the first time the student body has corrected its actions under criticism. Similar self-restraint was exercised when students broke themselves of the habit of tearing down the Beaver Field goal posts after all games—win, lose, or draw; and again when, after the much publicized raid on women's dorms in the Spring of 1952, students did not repeat the act in 1953.

Commendable conduct at Philadelphia was the students' answer to a bargain they made with the University. The students through All-University Cabinet made improved conduct one of the conditions in requesting a half-holiday from Saturday morning classes before the Penn-Penn State game.

More than just fulfilling a bargain was accomplished Saturday by the students in Philadelphia. Students also gave themselves a point from where to begin a campaign for the return of a permanent football half-holiday. This point can be re-enforced by similar conduct in Pittsburgh on the weekend of Nov. 20 and 21.

It seems cabinet should now begin to act on a means of re-establishing a holiday system satisfactory to both students and the faculty and administration. An idea expressed by both groups has been the setting up of a semester schedule calling for one extra day of classes. This day would be taken off at the discretion of cabinet, either all at once or as two half days.

Gazette . . .

Today
 AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING CLUB, 7 p.m., 105 Ag Engineering
 AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS, 7:30 p.m., 119 Osmond
 BIBLE STUDY, 9 p.m., 275 Thompson Hall
 CWENS, 6:30 p.m., WSGA Room, White Hall
 DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy
 LANTERN CIRCULATION STAFF CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 201 Willard
 NEWMAN CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main
 NITTANY GROTTO MEETING, 7:30 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
 OFFICIALS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Hall
 PENN STATE FARMER STAFF, 8 p.m., 103 Ag
 POULTRY CLUB, 7 p.m., 108 Plant Industries
 RADIO GUILD, 7:30 p.m., 312 Sparks

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
 Sidney Beahan, Stephen Behman, Ilona Bergman, Charles Blockson, Eugene Chomicky, Bruce Coble, Keith Joseph, Douglas Kelley, Otto Kneidinger, Milton Koffs, Ronald Kolenkiewicz, Robert Metzger, Lester Millman, Clark Mitchell, Joanne Roberts, Rolfe Ross, Donna Smith, Calvin Tobias, Austin Wells, Nanette Witkin.

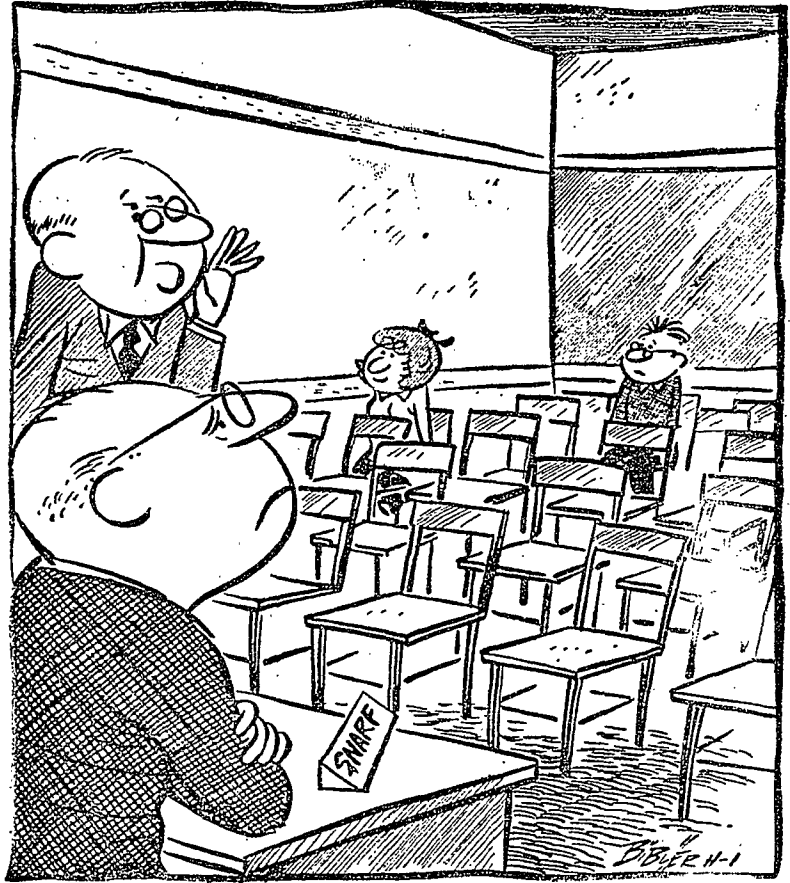
If it was not used, the extra day would be cancelled at the end of the semester.

It is academically possible to set aside a day to be used as a holiday without having to cancel classes or confuse an established calendar.

Students have shown the ability to appreciate such a much-needed break. Cabinet should, therefore, see to setting up this holiday permanently for each semester.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"It's obvious this course just doesn't have anything to offer anymore—so we'll just have to make it a REQUIRED."

Interpreting the News

Democrats 'Sweep' Exaggerated

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

The Democratic "sweep" which appeared to be in the making even through the first few hours of vote-counting has turned out to be something less than that.

Despite the importance of committee chairmen changes in Congress, the turnover is much less than the average for off-year elections.

Insofar as Eisenhower was unable to stop what has become traditional for off-years, there may be some loss of prestige. As applied to the Eisenhower program, there is a great deal of ground for argument which the Republicans will make use of.

But since the Republican candidates in nearly all cases tried to make it appear their defeat would be a slap at Eisenhower, he and they are going to have to lie in the bed they have made on that score.

Actually, there is more than one point where the returns give Eisenhower's program considerable advantage.

For instance, neither the Democrats nor the Republicans who tried to block Secretary of Agriculture Benson's flexible farm price support program will feel so brash as they did before.

A lot of surveys had shown that a good number of farmers were willing to pay something for reclamation of a part of their traditional independence. Whatever

it was, the biggest farm states, excluding dairying areas, continued to go along with the Republicans.

The administration failed to get through its foreign trade program at the last session. Too many Republicans refused to go along. The Democrats will be glad to help give it new life when Eisenhower presents it again, as he has promised.

From many standpoints this election was highly inconclusive as a national barometer for 1956. The general issues which the national leaders sought to establish for the most part fell flat. It was evident that local issues and local personalities were the deciding factors in too many races.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
 7:25 Sign On
 7:30 Adventures in Research
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 8:30 Just Out
 9:00 Serenade in Blue
 9:15 News
 9:30 Symphonic Notebook
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The Little Things Mean a Lot!

Yes, the little things do mean a lot . . . and your Junior Prom outfit just won't be complete without the correct accessories. Choose a dainty pearl necklace with matching earrings to give that extra sparkle. And add a pair of delicately embroidered white gloves . . . a necessity for any date. Last, but not least, you'll want a pair of the sheerest nylon stockings to flatter those lovely legs. Stop in today and choose those little extras that make your outfit so appealing.

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