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Must Assembly Lines Supply Our Leaders?

The University is often compared with a factory because of some of its industry-like procedures.

We can understand why a piece-work registration system is necessary. We even see the merits of televised lectures, but we find it impossible to subject ourselves voluntarily to a network of mass-produced leaders.

The essence of leadership cannot be taught in the classroom, and if a student lacks that inherent quality, no amount of lecturing or dis-cussion will make it available for him.

Similarly, if a student is a potential leader. he does not need to be instructed by a leader-ship-training group in order to be suitable for an executive position.

The program approved by All-University Cabinet two weeks ago might ultimately mean that every student who aspires to lead some sort of campus group be required to enroll in an eight-week leadership training program.

As the program is set up now, by 1958 leadership training will be a pre-requisite for candidates for the offices of All-University president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and junior and senior class presidents.

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The Cabinet committee also recommends that the leadership training program later be made compulsory for other campus offices, specifical-ly for the sophomore and freshman class presi-

Few will deny that leaders should possess leadership ability. The way to acquire this ability, however is quite a different question.

Apparently the Cabinet committee feels lead-

ership is a trait best attained or improved on by 90 minute sessions once a week for eight

weeks in the fall.

We do not feel this is the solution.

If a student has leadership ability, he will definitely benefit by such a course and ultimately be a better officer. If, on the other hand, a student does not have an inclination toward leading others the course will be a waste of leading others the course will be a waste of

The course will serve to separate the good from the not-so-good campus leader, but when

it goes so far as to separate graduates of the course from non-graduates of the course, we question its worth.

In the report approved by cabinet two weeks ago, which the elections committee must incorporate in its code, there is a stipulation that no person be considered a candidate for the three All-University offices and the senior and junior class presidencies in 1958 unless he has satisfactorily completed the course.

It is entirely possible that many potential leaders will fail to enroll thereby eliminating themselves from the list of eligibles when candidates are chosen. The mere fact that a stu-dent does not participate in a course that would take 720 minutes of his time should not be grounds for dismissing him from the race for election.

If a group of actors is needed for a play the director does not train a hundred or so for eight weeks and then choose the best among the trained ones to perform. More than likely, the director will audition all those interested, consider their ability and then choose on the

consider their ability and then choose on the basis of performance.

After the part is cast, the individual is responsible for knowing what is required of him and then learn his part. If the actor does poorly in the part, he may be held accountable or the director may be blamed. At any rate, the reason the performance is poor is not because of the method of choosing the particular actor.

In an analogous situation, the actor trying out is the candidate for campus office, the director who must choose is the student body, and the poor performance is an unsuccessful tenure of office.

Good actors and good leaders are hard to find, but an alert student body should be able to

but an alert student body should be able to weigh the good and bad points of any indi-vidual, vote accordingly and elect the best man

for the job.

A score of classroom-trained students may add bulk to the list of candidates but at the same time, it may eliminate one or two with real ability. If this is the value of leadership training, is it worthwhile?

Jackie Hudgins

Gazette...

Today
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 8 p.m., 217 Willard COLLEGIAN ED!TORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., Collegian

office
NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Church:
Bishop Sheen on TV, 8 p.m., Student Center
STUDENT HANDBOOK business and advertising candidates,
7 p.m., 208 Willard

STUDENT HANDBOOK editorial candidates, 7:30 p.m., 208
Willard

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Edrick Adams, Gerson Alexander, Stephen Behman, Richard Burrous, Lorraine Cobosco, Richard Eldredge, Frederick Frankel, Harry Krause, Francis Markland, Alexander Milligan, Robert Pearlstein, Douglass Pease, Harvey Rosenthal, Albert Rossi, Kenneth Sommers, William Wehmer, Benjamin Wein, Henry Woolman.

Interpreting the News:

Big Four Conference in the Offing?

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press New Analysi Reports from Paris indicate strongly that when the Big Four foreign ministers meet in Vienna this weekend they will pass directly from completion of the Austrian treaty to con-sideration of a full-dress conference on European settle-

ments. French sources appeared confident the treaty would be cleaned up in short order, although the British and Americans still were cautious, remembering the last-minute monkey wrenches thrown by Molotov on other occasions.

Soviet authorities, though Soviet authorities, though still bitterly critical of German's affiliation with the North Atlantic Alliance, continued to talk of negotiated settlements, and West Germany's Chancellor Adenauer predicted a period of conferences

There was a suggestion of compromise in the air between the British view that the Euro-

pean conference should be conducted by the chiefs of state and the American stand that all preliminary work should be done at the foreign minister level. One outcome might be a brief meeting of the prime ministers and the President to give the foreign ministers a send-

That would be akin to the procedure often used by the foreign ministers and their deputies.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles indicated, however that the United States will move in all of this with ex-treme caution. He said the Austrian treaty would represent an important change in Russian policy, but made clear he accepted it as a tacitcal change, not strategic. He said that it was Russian procedure to zigzag toward a fixed goal, pausing to regroup her forces when necessary.

Adenauer ascribed this necessity to the new force aligned against the Communists by the Paris accords which admitted West Germany into North Atlantic Treaty Organization and provide for her rearmament.

That the diplomats were entering a period of movement was emphasized by Russian Foreign Minister Molotov's willingness to leave a Warsaw conference with his satellite foreign ministers in order to meet the British and French foreign ministers, Harold Macmillan and Antoine Pinay, and Dulles in Vienna. The Russians and the satel-

lites are working out a mili-tary consolidation to reinforce Molotov's political moves during the next few months. They are setting up a mutual system of their own like that of the West. It doesn't mean much, since all the strength of East-ern Europe fell into Russia's monolithic control system long

It is obvious that both sides are approaching the matter of a conference with a great deal of cynicism.

Delta Sigma Pi Elects Next Year's Officers

speech department will speak before the Centre County subsections of the Institute of Radio Engineers and American Institute of
Electrical Engineers at 6:30 p.m.
tomorrow in the Hetzel Union
Ru'lding. His tople will be "Behind the Iron Curtain."

| The purpose of the meeting is to
ident; Anthony Pecone, second
vice president; Paul Rettger, secretary; Thomas O'Haren, treasurer; William Rosenmiller, historline; William Rosenmiller, historer; William Rosenmiller, historline; William Ros

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Bar 2 because it's way out of line-and don't give me that bad eye' routine again this year."

-A Column of Clips...

Capitol's Newsmen Roast the VIPs

Compiled by MIKE FEINSILBER

As Penn State's chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, men's national journalism fraternity, went last week, so went the newspaper correspondents in the nation's capitol.

Both groups went to town roasting the wheels of their own particular beats: Penn State in one case, Washington, D.C., in the other. Democrats and Republicans, all felt the fry.

An imposter labelled "Harry S. Truman," for instance, was quoted as declaring the Republicans "think they can win with Ike

state.

So sorry to be late
But we'll produce before the
tax cut, brother; Remember when you get it,

brother, The Democrats were on the ball

or magazine consisting of naror magazine consisting or har-rative material in pictorial form" containing the words "crime," "sex," "horror," or "ter-ror" in its title or whose con-tents is "devoted to ... pictures or acounts of methods of crimes, illicit sex, horror, terror, physical torture, brutality, or physical violence."

The hattle was waged on another front last week. Seventh graders in a Long Island grade school started a campaign to swing their fellows to more literate reading matter.

In an "H dictionary" they listed these qualities of the comic

book:
"Horror, Horrible, Hair-Rais-

ing. Harrowing. Horren dous. and Hood." Then they asked. "But are they funny?"

The campaign, inspired by a book, "The Blackboard Jungle," and a teacher; caught on in six other localities. But one candy store owner near the school

quoted as declaring the Republicans "think they can win with like and a tax cut. We'll win," he promised, "with nobody and a bigger tax cut."

And "Speaker Sam Rayburn" plosion—last Thursday. The dogs sang, to the tune of "The Darktown Strutters Ball":

We'll be down to get you with a tax cut, brtoher;

We'll dish it out, I'm here to state.

Although they can win with they can win with like shelters from another type of horror—the horror of an atomic explosion—last Thursday. The dogs had been in reinforced rooms in buildings about a mile from the scene of the thirteenth atomic blast in the 1955 spring series in the Nevada desert flats.

Although the buildings—two

Although the buildings—two frame houses and a two-story brick house—were wrecked, the dogs in the sheltered rooms emerged unharmed. They were, in fact, wagging their tails.

CHOP AND CLIP—

We may get George Humphrey's goat,
But we'll win that White House vote,

We may get George Humphrey's Barbers will lobby as they clip, if the president of the Barbers and Beauty Culturists Union of America has his way.

wote,
With that free-for-nothing dough
for one and all."

THE UNFUNNIES—

While newspapermen made their fun, steps were taken in two directions to deal with the now serious problem of the uncomical comic books.

New York's Governor Averell Harrimsh signed a bill making it a misdemeanor for anyone to publish or distribute "any book, or magazine consisting of nar-

In the non-stopping "will lke run for a second term" debate, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) joined the side of the minority. His guess: No.

McCullogh Gets \$500 Scholarship

Kenneth McCullogh, sixth semester student business administration major, was the recipient of the \$500 Pilot Freight Carriers.

Inc., scholarship.

He was presented the award at the annual dinner of Delta Nu Alpha, professional transportation fraternity.

Luther Hodges, director of public relations for the Pilot Freight Carriers, Inc., of Winston-Salem, N.C., made the presentation.

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8:00 Behind the Lecturn
8:30 Music of the People
9:00 Informally Yours
9:15 News
9:30 This World of Music
10:30 Thoughts for the Bay

Oliver Will Address **Engineers Tomorrow**

Election Set Tonight By Pollock Council

Dr. Robert Cliver, head of the Pollock Council will meet at Delta Sigma Pi, national comspecch department will speak be-7:30 tonight in Nittany Dorm 20. merce and finance honorary so-