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Freshmen: Learn Before You Lead

The characteristics of a student leader have never been precisely defined. Qualifications are as numerous as candidates and the term ability is as nebulous as the quality leadership.

But no matter how loosely we attribute "personality" and "political know-how" to a winning candidate, the actual success of his term in office is largely determined by his previous experience leading students—or any one else.

This is accurate, or at least as accurate as saying the best leading soloist in a college opera is the one with the most singing and acting experience.

As logical as this may appear on paper, it seldom appeals to the student voter. Because of ignorance and indifference, he often votes for the most attractive candidate. And because of a mild form of stupidity some completely unqualified students place themselves for candidacy—for reasons as selfish as ego-building and as ignoble as "hat points".

Now to the question—how to get this all-important experience?

The easiest and perhaps the best way to start learning about student government is on the college councils. Freshmen are now eligible to nominate themselves for positions on the councils, and even though their contributions may be negligible at first, they will be none-the-less learning and adding to their list of real qualifications for later higher offices in student government.

The member who is elected president of his council is automatically given a seat on All-University Cabinet. And unless he is content to play a mediocre role on the highest student governing body and prompt Cabinet critics to blast his incompetency, he must think carefully and make reasonable decisions—backgrounded with leadership experience.

It is just as ridiculous to give a Cabinet seat to a political novice as it is to give a pulpit to a choir member, for the unqualified man cheats his captured congregation while he is spoiling his own reputation.

—Jackie Hudgins

More Than a Nice Gesture...

Americans who are enjoying our currently high standard of living are the hardest people in the world to convince that basic needs are out of reach for some people. In much the same way, college students are indifferent to contributing to scholarship funds, and healthy people don't see the need for having heart associations and cancer drives.

But just let one of these people get hungry, or dropped from college enrollment, or seriously ill. Of course his attitude will change, but unfortunately it changes too late.

Campus Chest does not claim to be the panacea for human ills. Nor does it propose to include all the worthwhile welfare organizations. But it does single out a few of the organizations most closely related to national and student welfare with the hope of winning stu-

dent support to the only University-sponsored welfare solicitations drive.

Because of the centralized planning of Chest workers, all other solicitors for all other welfare groups have been prohibited from formally approaching students for individual contributions.

But in spite of the centralized planning of Chest workers, the drive last year was relatively unsuccessful.

Sometime today, tomorrow, or Thursday each student should be contacted by one of the 200 solicitors for the contribution that he owes the Chest.

To contribute to the Chest is more than a nice gesture, it is an obligation. And to refuse to contribute is more than apathetic, it is miserly.

—J.H.

Safety Valve...

Corrects Error

TO THE EDITOR: The story about women's smoking in Collegian for Sept. 30 is misleading because of incorrect date. Petition referred to was recorded in the Collegian of Jan. 17, 1930, not 1950. Permission to smoke in dormitories, but not in public, was reported March 13, 1931.

Since this was a Centennial story it may seem relatively insignificant, but it certainly makes Penn State women of the 1940's seem woefully old fashioned and underprivileged.

●Letter Cut

—Penn State Collection librarians

'Raw Deal' in Seating

TO THE EDITOR: We think the students are getting a "raw deal" on the football (seating) situation. We realize that it is illegal and unethical to sell student tickets at the outrageous prices for which they have been and are being sold. However, it is partly the fault of the seating plan formulated by the Athletic Association.

If the bans were lifted on the section-hopping, many students would not be tempted to sell or trade tickets. No one wants to go to the game alone, but rather with his or her friends.

People are complaining that Penn State students... are lacking in school spirit. How can we have school spirit when we are not permitted to enjoy the games with our friends?

We also feel that there should be a block of tickets reserved for the students for all away games. Tickets are sold and given away to people who may have no connection with Penn

No Armchair Action

TO THE EDITOR: For years town independent men have been complaining about social events for them... The first social affair is... the annual dance-mixer... Friday in the Hetzel Union ballroom.

Town Independent Men is planning many big things this year. But one can't operate an organization like TIM with the apathetic support that it is receiving from the very men it is trying to help.

TIM received a much-needed transfusion this year with new blood, but it can't work efficiently with one per cent of the available membership.

Why are the town independents so satisfied in sitting back and doing nothing but complaining about existing situations?... Why don't they get out of the armchair and do something about their gripes?

(TIM is) their organization... Why don't they join it and help correct the bad conditions they may be experiencing?

●Letter Cut

—William Norman

State, except for an interest in football, while the students who make up Penn State can't even buy tickets unless they are willing to pay "black market" prices.

The football players are representing the students and their school. The students should be able to see the games.

●Letter Cut

—Florence Spector

Nancy Heyman

EDITOR'S NOTE: Tickets for away football games may be purchased in blocks at present from the ticket office.

Gazette...

- Today
 BELLES LETTRES, 7:30 p.m., N. E. Atherton Lounge
 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main
 DAILY COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 103 Willard
 FRESHMAN COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 212 Hetzel Union
 FROSH MEN AND WOMEN, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 IOTA SIGMA PI, 7:30 p.m., 214 Whitmore
 LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 4 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
 NEWMAN CLUB PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., 104 Willard
 NEWMAN CLUB SOCIAL COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., 413 Old Main
 PENN STATE CAMERA CLUB, 7 p.m., HUB Assembly Room

- SIGMA ALPHA ETA MIXER, 7 p.m., McElwain Main Lounge
 SIGMA GAMMA EPSILON, 7:30 p.m., Theta Delta Chi
 Tomorrow
 AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, 7 p.m., 1 Main Engineering
 LAVIE SPORTS STAFF, 7:30 p.m., 412 Old Main
 MARKETING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi
 MODERN ISRAEL PROGRAM, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
 PHI MU ALPHA, 9 p.m., 117 Carnegie
 "S" CLUB, 8:30 p.m., Delta Tau Delta University Hospital
 Paul Aucker, Stephen Behman, James Benford, George Bryan, George Chenuit, Richard DeLucas, James Donahue, John Hughes, Albert Jordan, Robert Kneec, Wayne Laughlin, Thomas Lord, Ronald Tachi, Samuel Valentine, Paul Zwoda.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"He's in private conference with Miss Lush—Care to wait?"

Interpreting the News

France to Miss Most of UN

By J. M. ROBERTS
 Associated Press News Analyst

Word from France that she will await UN General Assembly action on African problems before deciding what to do about her general relationship with the organization slightly clarifies her original position.

It means she will not take part in most of this year's assembly work.

Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay said when his delegation walked out of the Assembly that its return, as well as France's over-all membership in the organization, had become matters under consideration. Now he indicates that consideration will not be complete until after the Assembly acts on the anti-colonial resolutions which were put on the agenda under French protest and caused the walkout.

Unless there is a shift of sentiment among the delegations, that means France will be out of the Assembly not only for most of the session, but for all of the major discussions now booked, which include the current atoms-for-peace debate, expected to take another week, and disarmament.

There was a movement after France's walkout to save some face for her by moving up the colonial debate to follow that on atoms. Some delegates thought a routine disposition of the African question might be achieved so France could come back.

The movement didn't get very far. The same Asian-African nations which are the prime movers against France have achieved a certain portion of their objective on that point, and are anxious to get the disarmament discussion going. They are expected to get their way.

So France is absent from the world forum at a time when the shakiness of her governmental system has been newly advertised by the African trouble. The debate over her inherent strength or lack of strength as a great nation has been resumed, with Frenchmen themselves actively participating. Her own president is saying that a better balance must be established between the executive branch and the presently overriding powers of the National Assembly.

But the crux of the matter lies not in a strong French government, nor in the time needed for strengthening North Africa politically, and France economically, for separation. The crux lies in the spirit of the approach.

Belles Lettres to Meet

Belles Lettre, Liberal Arts club, will meet at 7:30 tonight in north-east Atherton lounge.

UN Tour Declined By Cabinet

All-University Cabinet Thursday night decided in a split decision not to send a representative on the annual United Nations tour in New York City.

The delegation will leave the University Saturday, Oct. 22, and will return the following Tuesday. Several Cabinet members estimated the trip would cost \$36.

The tour will include an illustrated talk on the function of the UN, a guided tour through the building, briefings on technical assistance and international peace, luncheon in the delegates dining room, and a visit to a General Assembly session.

Speaking against the motion for Cabinet to sponsor a delegate, Norman Miller, chairman of the board of publications, said Cabinet need not spend the amount of the trip when students from the University will be attending anyhow.

The delegate could report his happenings on the tour, but the trip mostly would be a great personal experience which the delegates could not possibly relate to Cabinet, Miller said.

All-University President Earl Seely reported that Ray Farrabee, vice president of the National Student Association, will be at the University on the weekend of Oct. 23. Seely called a special Cabinet session for Sunday night of that weekend to have Farrabee discuss the NSA with Cabinet.

A proposal for a constitutional amendment to seat Cabinet representatives in order of their organization hierarchy was passed for the third and final time by Cabinet.

Tonight on WDFM

- 91.1 MEGACYCLES
 7:15 Sign On
 7:20 News
 7:30 Phil Wein Show
 7:45 Student Employment
 8:15 Phil Mu Alpha
 8:30 Top Drawer
 9:00 Music of Music
 9:30 This World
 10:30 Sign Off