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## Leadership Training: Looks OK

Tonight the Leadership Training series will make its 1956 debut. This year the program is showing a 'new' format. It is now—wisely directed toward freshmen.

Someone around here is always trying to make "student government more effective." Everyone agrees wholeheartedly that it certainly needs to be made more effective and they go to great lengths to do this. Anyone who sat through the Encampment report on this subject at Cabinet some weeks ago will attest to this.

However, it seems as if someone finally has come up with a pretty good way to get at accomplishing this magic deed.

This year's Leadership Training program has been met with astounding enthusiasm by the freshman and new students. Enrollment has hit the goal within a very short time.

It looks as if these people who enrolled are really interested in getting a good grounding in basic principles and facts about Penn State student government.

This group may be deceiving and perhaps they have just signed the rolls to have something to do. Or maybe they will go to the first

few meetings and decide the student government act isn't what they are looking for in the way of extra-curricular activities.

We hope that this is not the case. This could be the best Leadership Training course of the short history of the program. The people behind it have worked hard at setting up the best possible program and they have chosen Dr. Albert Christ-Janer, director of the school of the Arts to be the first speaker. They couldn't have selected a better person to open a discussion of student government than this man.

Judging by the opening meeting the program should be of real value to freshmen and any other who are enrolled.

In the past anyone was allowed to enroll in the course as it seemed to lack direction. At times some of the instructors didn't know as much about the subject at hand as did the persons who were supposed to be instructed.

This year gives every indication of being quite different, however. By directing the program mainly at freshmen perhaps in a few years the student government at Penn State will be just a little more effective.

—The Editor

## A Peek at Our New Leader

Since Dr. Eric A. Walker has become president of the University, there have been reams of copy written about him, including many life and background stories.

But there has been much speculation about the new president concerning his views on student interests. Many also wonder how the University will fare under his leadership.

We had an opportunity to meet the new president for the first time Monday, and the only thing we can say to skeptical students is "At ease."

It's hard to put a finger on one characteristic and say "That's why I like him," but Dr. Walker won a spot in our hearts the minute we stepped into the office.

The first thing that hits you is a warm sincere grin. His manner would make the most shy of students feel at ease, and one gets the impression that success never went to his head.

In addition, the president has the following attributes:

1. A genuine warmth and sincerity in everything he says.
2. A deep interest in students, their problems, likes, and dislikes.

3. A logical mind, and a firm conviction in his beliefs.

4. Many ideas which will benefit the University and students in the long run.

Then too, Dr. Walker showed a sincere desire to talk frankly with students. He took students' views into consideration and weighed them heavily when making decisions.

An example of Walker's warmth and friendship presented itself Monday night when the new president paid a visit to the University Hospital to see Jay Livziey, who was critically injured in Saturday's football game with Holy Cross.

He told the player, "Jay, since Saturday's game everyone I've met has asked me about your health and I just had to find out for myself."

To us, the president made a wonderful first impression. Of course, first impressions can be misleading, but we have a funny premonition that students and faculty alike need not worry about the University's fate under the new president.

To use the colloquial expression, "He's a regular guy."

—Larry Jacobson

## Missing Something?

Some weeks ago the Reader's Digest instituted a campus-wide contest which was open to all college students and faculty.

This paper carried several advertisements notifying Penn State students of this simple contest and its rewards.

Thus far there has been little response to this contest. This leads us to think that students are possibly overlooking a very fine way to make some money for themselves and for the University.

The first prize is \$5000 for the winner and an additional \$5000 for the scholarship fund of the winner.

This strikes us as not being the run of the mill contest. The additional prize consisting of the gift to the scholarship seems to be a genuinely fine contribution.

The only thing the entrant need do is to pick what stories he feels will be most widely read in Reader's Digest during the month of October. Entry blanks are available at bookstores. The deadline is midnight Oct. 25.

This is a worthwhile contest and we are sorry that more students here are not entering a contest which might do themselves and the University a lot of good.

—The Editor

## Extra! Extra!

Extra! Extra! Read all about it . . . but you can't.

Let's not hide one of the mainstays of education from the students.

Reading newspapers is an integral part of a student's education. It should be encouraged particularly at an institution of higher learning. The University should make all possible efforts to see that newspapers are easily available to the student.

This is not being done.

Approximately 1000 newspapers are sold by the Student News Agency in Waring Hall each week. None are offered in the Hetzel Union Building. Two or three copies of some papers are available at the Hetzel Union desk for students to read, but none are offered for sale.

Students who live on campus, mainly those in the women's dorm area and the Nittany-Pollock area, may find it inconvenient to buy downtown papers. As a result they show a crucial lack of knowledge of what goes on outside State College. This unnecessary narrowing of education is ridiculous.

The University could drastically improve the situation simply by allowing newspapers to be sold in the HUB. Two reasons were given for refusing to allow the sale of newspapers in the HUB. The first is that discarded papers clutter up the lounges, and the second is that strewn papers present a fire hazard.

Are these reasons adequate? If the reasons are so valid why don't they apply to Waring Hall? We do not consider these reasons to outweigh the advantages of large newspaper sales.

The University does not have to take responsibility for making students read newspapers, nor does it have to take responsibility for making students learn about world affairs. But it should take responsibility for making broader knowledge available to the students, particularly when this could be accomplished so easily.

We suggest the University allow the Student News Agency to sell newspapers in the HUB.

—Sue Conklin

"I Said, 'Say Hello To The Gentleman'—"



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Interpreting the News

## Independents Hold Key to Elections

By J. M. ROBERTS

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In a political campaign which is stirring a little excitement, some political prognosticators are beginning to wonder if the perennial imponderables, the independents and the new voters, may not be more imponderable than ever.

For one thing, a great new force of voters became independent, at least for the moment, in 1952, being pulled away

from the Democratic party by Eisenhower. How many of them will settle back into the Democratic groove this year, or later?

Is there a tendency, as some have professed to perceive in recent years, for new and younger voters to ignore traditional family voting lines more frequently than their fathers did?

Are these younger voters more jealous of their political prerogatives, more inclined to make up their minds and go to the polls, thus creating a new force to replace their elders as the latter become apathetic?

Fifteen and 20 years ago there was a strong trend of younger voters to the Democratic party. For one thing, the depression administrations of Franklin Roosevelt had placed great emphasis on aid to youth, in the made-work projects, the CCC camps and in the cultural pursuits. Young teachers were assigned to educational research projects, and then went on to teach. The idea that the Democratic party was the party for liberal youth snowballed.

Then, with long tenure, conservative forces began to be more and more prominent in the Democratic party. Younger and more liberal leaders began to attract attention in the Republican party.

Whether this, coupled with the Eisenhower popularity, has had any lasting effect on voting habits is a question which not even next month's voting will answer fully. If no fundamental change has taken place, some evidence may be shown in better Democratic totals, but if there has been a change, voting for new reasons will be so mixed up with the Eisenhower popularity vote that no dependable conclusions can be drawn.

There is no telling whether this year there is a broad cross-section of apathy, or whether there is less interest among certain classes of eligible voters. The apathy about which everyone is talking actually, at this point, is a feeling rather than a fact, since registration figures as compared with population increases are by no means complete.

If low registration is produced by pro-Eisenhower forces who

feel he can coast in, he is in trouble. The danger of this may be responsible for his constantly increasing campaign activity.

If it is produced by fatalism among Democrats, then no general trends in American voting habits will be discernible for four more years.

It does seem, however, that political slogans and tricky, synthetic issues are losing some of their old-time appeal. And it does seem natural that, as the left-right distances between the two parties become less distinguishable, there should be more voters crossing back and forth on the basis of the candidates and issues of specific years.

## HomeEc College Announces Plans For Graduate Day

The College of Home Economics will hold a Graduate Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Maple Room of the Home Economics Building.

The purpose of the program which is being held for the first time, is to acquaint juniors and seniors from Pennsylvania colleges with the courses offered in graduate work and the advantages acquired from taking them.

The program will include a panel discussion on "Shall We Consider Graduate Work." Dr. Ruth Ayres, head of the department of clothing and textiles, will be the moderator.

Representatives from Drexel Institute of Technology and Temple University will be present to answer questions about graduate work.

The program will also emphasize that graduate courses may be taken any time after graduation from college.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

6:55	-----	Sign On
7:00	-----	Telephone Requests
7:50	-----	News
8:00	-----	Jazz Club
8:30	-----	Music of the People
9:00	-----	Invitation to Relax
9:30	-----	Spotlight on State
9:45	-----	News
10:00	-----	Virtuoso
11:00	-----	Sign On

## Gazette

- Today
- LIEBIG CHEMICAL SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., Alpha Zeta Fraternity.
  - MAKE-UP WORKSHOP, 7:00 p.m., Schwab basement.
  - MODERN DANCE CLUB, 7:00 p.m., Rhythm Room, White Hall.
  - MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, 3:10 a.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Meditation Chapel.
  - NEU BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTERS, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main.
  - PENN STATE CHESS CLUB, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., 7 Sparks.
  - PENN STATE SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY, 7:00 p.m., 108 Willard.
  - PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA, 9:00 p.m., 117 Carnegie.
  - PHI UPSILON OMICRON, 7:15 p.m., Home Economics Living Center.
  - STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM, 6:30 p.m., 119 Osmond.
  - UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CABINET, 6:30 p.m., 209 Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.
- Tomorrow
- KAPPA PHI KAPPA INITIATION, 5:00 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union Building.
- University Hospital
- Veronica Antrim, Charles Ecken, Bernice Fastow, Cole-

man Goldsborough, Eldred Hitchcock, Edward Homze, Todd Keepfer, Diane Krause, Harlene Lit, Jay Livziey, Joseph Moore, Sidney Nelson, Nicholas Rock, Clyde Scott, Michael Sitzman.