

## TOWARD REAL LEADERSHIP

Leadership seminars were instituted on this campus to advise leaders on how to "play the role." They consisted of speeches by leaders on leadership. They tended toward self-congratulation. It feels so fine to bask in that warm glow of self-conscious success.

Recently there is a trend toward the problem approach. That is, seminars are set up to tackle a specific campus problem, on the theory

that leadership is developed by activity in a responsible capacity.

This seems to be a realistic orientation.

It has been suggested by the sages and poets that happiness is a by-product of creative work, not a commodity dispensable in cartons, like soapflakes or kleenex. The same may well be true of leadership.

### Guest Editorial

## UN IN A REAL WORLD

by Dr. Grant Davy, Political Science

The state is still to-day the major unit in world affairs, and the state is a political organization. The most serious issues dividing the states to-day are those which can only be settled by political processes. The United Nations was in 1945 and remains to-day a meeting of states rather than a supranational body. Much of the public confusion about the role of the United Nations would be dissipated if the pronoun "they" were used in place of "it".

This is not to say that the United Nations has not taken on over the past seventeen years some of the characteristics of an entity greater than the sum of the individual states. But on the whole, these characteristics are most noticeable and most useful in those problem areas of world affairs which are least likely to be described as political and security matters.

The United Nations Charter, drawn up by fairly realistic political leaders, emphasizes the fact that the techniques for the settlement of disputes are not confined to the various organs of the United Nations. Many of the traditional methods for the settlement of disputes still remain available to states and they have been used successfully on a number of occasions since 1945. But even where the disputes are of the kind which can best be dealt with by the procedures specified in the Charter, it must be emphasized that these procedures are essentially political in nature.

Astute observers of United Nations activi-

ties have often remarked that the most useful function the organization as such can provide is that of making it possible for the representatives of states involved in disputes to be in daily contact with one another. And by contact they do not mean the public debates in the Assembly or in the Security Council, but rather the behind-the-scenes contacts often described by detractors as secret diplomacy.

Here again it must be added that the public debates do frequently serve useful purposes, but too often they also serve merely to harden what might otherwise be negotiable positions. Furthermore, much of the useful work of the United Nations in the political and security area takes place not in New York, but at the scene of the disputes—in Israel, in the Congo, and so on.

It is doubtful whether the distorted public image of the United Nations as some sort of non-political body contributes to the settlement of international conflicts. Power politics still operate in the real world, and the United Nations is one of the means by which power politics can be restrained from degenerating into the crude use of force. But it is not the only means, nor in every case the best means.

Those national bodies dedicated to the advancement of the principles and purposes of the United Nations would achieve even greater success if they would look upon the United Nations as a means rather than an end.

## A REAL OPPORTUNITY MISSED

Are there only three out of seven thousand who would like a summer in the Orient? Why the dearth of applications for this year's WYU seminar in Pakistan? What frightened everyone away?

There should be no complaint about lack of publicity.

There should be little complaint about the token cost of up to \$300 which successful applicants will pay.

There should be no doubt about the potential benefits.

Then why the lack of enthusiasm?

Granted that scholarship and leadership qualifications are stiff. Granted that the re-

sponsibility of a scholarly summer research project is not exactly a summer picnic. And granted that the prospect of a rather strenuous schedule under somewhat primitive conditions does not conform to the North-American stereotype of an affluent vacation.

Even so, it is discouraging to contemplate the possibility that on this entire campus there are only three students with the qualifications and sufficient enthusiasm to meet this challenge.

It is quite possible that in looking back a few of you will berate yourselves for this opportunity missed.

Then don't let it happen again next year.



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In budgeting \$150 for Signboard, Students' Council made one of its smartest investments of the year. But it takes more than dollars. An even more clever move was nabbing the two lively feminine-type co-directors of signboard, who have collected something like a dozen helpers and proceeded to turn out posters by the hundreds. They have filled orders for at least 30 campus organizations, with as many as 300 posters per order.

All of this is some change from last year when Signboard was defunct and organizations made their own posters, bought them commercially, or did without.

The contrast was evident during Freshmen Introduction Week, and has been continuously so ever since. Witness: check the mobile posters overheard in SUB rotunda. It is obvious that we have found some poster makers with color in their souls and imagination in their fingertips.

Unfortunately, there is an apparently traditional poster-practice on this campus which yanks me right down out of the clouds. I refer to the practice of tacking trees.

I object strenuously to using our trees for notice boards. Telephone poles, alright—but please, not trees. I wince everytime I see a tree thus abused. It is not merely a somewhat mystical reverence for living things; even more, it is a matter of aesthetics. Our grounds are, for the most part, kept neat and attractive. Our trees are meant to beautify, and they do. They are particularly lovely when they are spared the indignity of bearing posters.

All of which helps to demonstrate the need for an outdoor poster information center on this campus—a

signboard expressly designed for display purposes. This is not a new idea—it has been tossed around as long as I've been on campus. The corner across from Tuck has often been suggested as a logical location. It has been suggested, in fact, that the campus could use more than one such bulletin board.

Suggestions of bus stop locations have led into the idea of combination bus stop shelter—information centers. (Regular bus stop customers would no doubt go for radiant heat and free coffee as well.)

If anyone doubts the need for outdoor poster locations just let him wait for Model Parliament or Student's Union campaign weeks.

I understand we have a Student Union committee duly consecrated to the investigation of all suchlike signboard questions. I understand that members of said committee have been too busy to do any signboarding so far, but that we can expect action most any time now.

It will be welcome.

Aunt Phoebe thinks this university could be further improved by an attractively designed and centrally located campus map, for orientation of visitors. And for once I agree with her.

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## VARSITY VOICES

To The Editor:

Time out for a beef. Somebody is using my name to criticize Chris Evans. This is bad—as in not good.

In 1960 I did write a series of irrelevant letters to your paper, signed "Loretta." I did not write that smart letter in your last edition. Furthermore, I protest, right here and now.

Chris Evans is an acquaintance of mine and this letter is embarrassing to say the least.

Let all and sundry know that to use someone else's name in personal criticism is a bit of a dastardly act and it takes a bit of a dastard to do it.

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 Loretta Biamonte  
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Ed. NOTE: Shall we arrange for a duel with Loretta R.?

To The Editor:

As co-ordinator of "Club '63" I would like to offer my apologies to those persons who purchased tickets for this function which was to have been held in Varsity Rink November 24. The lack of response to ticket sales left no alternative but to cancel the dance.

Those persons holding tickets may make arrangements to have their money refunded by contacting

Ken Sorensen  
 GE 3-2329 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.  
 or 439-3333 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
 Expiry date: December 8, 1962.  
 K. L. Sorensen  
 11418-76 Ave.

To The Editor:

Who is worried about pregnancy?

Sally Spade

Ed. NOTE: This is definitely the last letter on sex.