

Some Must Follow

Much is said in our system of education about developing good leaders. I would not want to decrease the importance or the stress that is put on it, but I would like to comment on something which deserves equal attention, if not more. It is that of developing good followers.

Since only a few can be leaders, most of us will fall into the category of a follower. To get a better understanding of the situation, the word should be defined. Webster says that a leader is one who directs or guides the action, thought, and opinion of a group. A good leader is not one who does all the planning and working, but one who can see that the group plans and ideas are developed within the group.

The followers are the ones who contribute the thoughts and plans for a desired action. The organization belongs to them. They elect the leader to coordinate their affairs.

In comparison to a football team, the left end has a specific job to do on a certain play as do the other men on the field. Each has something to contribute. In order to avoid confusion the leader must call the play. When it is put in action, the quarterback doesn't sit down and expect the captain and the rest of the team to make a touchdown if he is carrying the ball. Each member is necessary and must cooperate if the score is to be made. Many have the misconception that the quarterback has a position of more importance than the left guard because he carries the ball. Does he? Suppose the guard failed to tackle an opposing man in the path of the quarterback. The one who carries the ball may receive the glory, but is his feat any greater than that of the left guard? No. The guard had a job to do, and he did it well.

There is an art to be commended in being a good, dependable follower. In fact, the life and the success of an organization rests more on the members than it does on the leader. Much too frequently the left end tries to sit down on the job and let the left guard do his work. This weakens the line because the left guard cannot successfully get his man and his team mates' man at the same time. Even if he could, he would not be able to maintain the energy needed for this feat throughout the entire game. He would tire from disgust and disappointment as soon as he would from the actual work. Perhaps he would slacken. This would make it more difficult for the half back to get through with the ball, thus causing him to weaken. Gradually the whole team's strength would be gone. What might have been a team with top honors shamefully hid itself at the bottom of the list.

This happens every day to many organizations. The action is left to the president or a few members. This is not only unfair to the leader, but also to the other members. When one person fails to have time for his particular job, another one can find an excuse also. This leaves the president and a few loyal members to struggle through with the project. Tired from a heavy load and disgusted by the fellow members unconcern, even the loyal group can lose enthusiasm which is necessary for a successful club. The group becomes less interested in activities, because it is too much work for a few members to do while the others seem to enjoy the benefits. A very dedicated leader can soon lose interest and enthusiasm if he must continually push unwilling members.

Life in the United States today consists of many clubs and associations. If one is to benefit from the service of these vital organizations, he must learn to be a good follower. He must begin training himself today by accepting his part in clubs so he can accept and handle expertly the heavier responsibility of tomorrow.

Purpose Of The Clarion

The purposes of the CLARION are to sound as clearly as that medieval instrument for which it was named, the thoughts, ideas, and opinions of the students, faculty, and administration, to encourage student participation in journalism, and to offer experience in creative writing and the various phases of publishing a newspaper.

The CLARION is published twice monthly; therefore, it may sometimes contain what may be classified as old news. Since each publication covers over two weeks, it is as necessary to publish occurrences of the beginning of the period covered as well as those of the last few days.

The CLARION will endeavor to publish any news submitted; however, all contributions are subject to censorship by the staff. Any suggestions to improve the paper will be welcomed. You may present your ideas to any member of the paper staff or our faculty advisor.

Veterans Have Active Program Planned For Year

The Veterans' Club held its first dinner meeting of the year in the Dogwood Room at Gaither's Restaurant on Wednesday night, October 23. During this meeting the veterans selected committees for various duties and discussed plans for the coming year.

They selected a committee for gathering packages and toys for the Christmas program, which they are sponsoring for under-privileged children. The chairman of the committee, Edgar Israel, said he believed that the merchants of Brevard would stand behind this program one hundred per cent.

The club also discussed the plans for the fire fighting team, which works on a volunteer basis. The club members have volunteered to help the forest rangers fight any fires that might occur during the school year.

They also discussed their plans for the Halloween Carnival, the Homecoming display, and the far-away May Day Dance.

"I would like to urge every veteran enrolled in Brevard College to participate in the program this year," quoted the club president, Ronald Daniel. "We have an active and interesting program in line for the year and I feel sure that everyone who participates in the organization will benefit in some way from it."

The officers of the club are as follows: President, Ronald Daniel; Vice President, Tom Anderson; Secretary - Treasurer, Neil Howell; and Social Chairman, Paul Lewis.

Freshman Class

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council at Milford High School, Milford, Pennsylvania. He likes basketball and cars. His main interest is Sales Management.

The newly-elected secretary-treasurer is Jerrie Mason from Yadkinville, North Carolina. Jerrie, a former student of Yadkinville High School, held the office of treasurer for her senior class. As an active worker in her church she was secretary-treasurer of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Jerrie likes sports and painting. She is interested in Primary Education or Religion.

Serving as Freshman Student Council Representative is Jerry Shepherd, a graduate of Gray High School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he was vice-president of his Senior class and a student government representative. He is interested in electronics, mechanics, and cars; he plans to major in electrical engineering.

THE FINE ARTS

By
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One can only remember vaguely the numberless chairs, the faceless crowd, but he will not forget the young giant with the whirlwind in his fingers and the fire of masters in his music. The program reads — Andre Tschaikowsky, Pianist. To the Brevard College students privileged to hear, in Asheville, Tschaikowsky's tremendous interpretation and understanding of such composers as Beethoven, Chopin, Bach, and Liszt, he is more than a pianist — he is a great musician. Throughout his life Andre was taunted by a hunger more terrible than the poverty of his war-stricken home in Poland, a hunger for which there seemed to be no means of fulfillment — a yearning to play the piano which circumstance had not provided. Spurred by an ambition too demanding to be ignored, Andre today has realized his dream and stilled the incessant yearning with the fantasia qualities of his music performing before audiences throughout the world — always with standing room only.

In our own music department here at the college a number of recitals are being planned by the voice students. The first was held informally on November 5. Featured in this program were Hayes Bishop, Alicemarie Beckham, Jayne Dantzer, Agnes Hamilton, Donna Johnson, Thad Garrett, and David Trucksess. The formal recital will be at 8 o'clock, November 8. Another informal recital on the 19 will climax the program.

In Mr. DuBois' art classes a lot of interesting progress is being made. The first year painting class is working with casein. One member of this class, Miss Jane Yoder, of Fallston, is exhibiting part of her work in a home town exhibit sponsored by the Woman's Club. In the arts and crafts department the students are working with clay, making beautiful pottery, and with enamel, making designs in capper.

Student Salute To Hungary

Tens of thousands of students on American campuses paid tribute on November 2, to the students who fought in the Hungarian Revolution one year ago. Half-time football ceremonies featured short, dramatic observances honoring the heroic Freedom Fighters.

Student bodies and faculties throughout the country responded enthusiastically to a Student's Salute to Hungary on the revolt's first anniversary.

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