11 Fruitful years of Student Involvement

In January, 1970, student memberships on College of Agriculture committees will have completed eleven outstanding years of success.

It all happened when Dr. Darrel S. Metcalfe, director of resident instruction, recommended inclusion of students on College of Agriculture Committees. The first such committee to be formed was the Student-Faculty Relations committee. It still functions successfully and presently is the college's largest committee.

During the first year of committee existence, 1959, it was composed of five students and three faculty. Presently the committee is made up of 26 undergraduate students from Arizona, other states and foreign lands. Also, there are two graduate students and five faculty on that committee.

Agricultural and Home Economics students have a tendency of being a very dedicated group and probably for this reason demonstrated eleven years ago their readiness to shoulder the responsibility of serving on college committees.

Students on the respective committees discuss a great variety of items which provide an excellent opportunity for two way communications between students and faculty, as well as administration.

Through such medium of idea exchange students suggested formation of an Agricultural Council which is composed of representatives of clubs and organizations in the college.

It not only provides rapport and coordination among many clubs, it permits, also, joint effort in such events as Aggie Day — a picnic-like, day-long event where students and faculty let down their hair to mix it up in sports.

Student suggestions were responsible for centralized registration, student study room, lobby furniture, installation of pay telephones, recommended additional campus lighting so coeds might feel more at ease while crossing campus at night. Many more examples exist, but let's look at the types of committees on which they so ably serve.

Five undergraduate and one graduate students serve with 12 faculty on the Curriculum committee; 4 students and 11 faculty on the Academic Counseling and Teacher Evaluation committee; and 5 students and 12 faculty and staff on the Community College Field Day committee.

It is clear that after eleven years of experience that student participation helps to establish an effective working relationship between students, faculty and administrators. And therefore feel that our success in student-faculty relationships has transformed our College of Agriculture into one of the nation's finest.

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On our Cover...

Nancy Gardner, a junior in agricultural education, works for Dr. R. T. Ramage, a geneticist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a UA Professor in Department of Agronomy. Nancy monitors the electronic seed sorter which is separating seed by color. It also sorts seed by size.

The seed sorter was developed by Wilson Nolan, a graduate who is farming near Salome, Ariz. It is used in the hybrid barley program to separate balanced tertiary trisomics from male sterile diploids.

Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gardner of Bowie.