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### You Are NSA

Believe it or not, you are a member of the National Student Association. You are therefore affiliated with nearly 1,500,000 students in more than 300 universities and colleges throughout the nation.

NSA, as a coordinating organization, serves the vital function of representing all students and working for their welfare.

Its national program may be roughly divided into three divisions, student life, educational problems and international affairs.

Among the fields of action pertaining to student life are student government, student rights, social welfare and recreation, cultural welfare, health and relationship to community.

Educational problems involving economic welfare, educational practices, human relations, aids to education, curriculum and academic standards and academic freedom are attacked by NSA.

On the international front, NSA is interested in material assistance abroad, exchange of ideas and persons, and is the only American student body represented on the National Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Social, and Cultural Organization).

Now these projects are all very fine and glorious-sounding. They look swell in print. But the question of how they can be translated into action is a pertinent one.

Obviously, the national and regional organizations can act only as clearing houses for ideas, and coordinators of policy. In general they are not in a position to carry out programs of benefit to students.

That brings the ultimate responsibility for direct action right down to each individual campus—including Penn State. That means that each student, as a member of NSA, has a responsibility to participate in its activities.

The imposing array of NSA projects has a wide enough diversity to satisfy the interests of almost any student; its accomplishments will benefit all.

At Penn State, All-College Cabinet, as the governing unit of the student body, elects delegates to regional assemblies and the National Congress, appoints the College NSA committee chairman, and supports its activities financially.

Any student willing to work for student welfare and international understanding is more than welcome on the committee which meets in 8 Sparks at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Jane Fouracre is the chairman.

You are NSA. Are you an asset or a liability?

### A Short, Short Story

It might have 75, 80 or even 90 odd pages, if death had not scrawled, "the end" on page six.

They placed the mangled little body of Emilio Landeros on a hospital stretcher in Philadelphia . . . struck as he darted from a bus.

Who was he? The little boy who was always late to school? Did he have dark eyes like Ma-ma's . . . the kind of lashes that sweep cobwebs from hearts? Is a puppy-dog whining at his bedroom door?

There is a strang, detached world, that operates within this adult world . . . a sort of balcony reserved for children . . . where angels sit on bed posts, sandmen laugh at night time, and a jolly old white-haired gent rewards his friends with candy canes, trains and nice warm mittens . . . for snow-ball throwing.

Emilio lived there . . . his feet not yet touching the frigid floor of reality . . . still believing that only joy comes of good . . . in his hand, a crumpled note . . . on lined school paper. "Dear Santa, I have been good, I want . . ." to live?

The holiday death toll climbs one notch . . . another reckless driver . . . another statistic.

A child has died at Christmas time . . . ironically, a child has died when all the world commemorates the birth of a Child.

—Jo Fox.

### Collegian Gazette

- Tuesday, December 14
- INTERCOLLEGIATE Conference on Government, 124 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- AIEE and IRE subsection E, AIEE, Student Branch, 219 EE, 7:30 p.m.
- HILLET Round Table Coffee Hour, 133 W. Beaver Ave., 4:10 p.m.
- GERMAN Christmas Sing, Schwab, 7 p.m.
- MEN'S Bridge, PUB, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN Advertising Staff, CH, 6:45 p.m.
- LIBERAL Arts Student Council, 405 Old Main, 6:30 p.m.
- TRIBUNAL, 201 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN Sophomore Editorial Board, 9 CH, 7 p.m.

- College Placement
- Joy Manufacturing Co., December 13 and 14, eighth semester in EE and ME. Should have inclination for design and development in heavy machinery.
- Army Security Agency, December 13 and 14, eighth semester students in EE.
- Hagan Corp., December 15 and 16, eighth semester men in EE, ME, Sanitary Eng, Ceramics, Chem Eng, and Chem.
- Piaseck Helicopter Corp., December 17, eighth semester men in AE and ME.
- Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Co., December 16, eighth semester ME, EE, Mining Eng, Architectural Eng, CE.

### Something for baby



### By Their Locks

By their locks shall ye know them. By their long hair you may tell that they are supporting the boycott of the local barber-shops.

And by their crossing the picket line you may know on which side of the Jim Crow fence they stand.

As you'll discover, as you read farther, we don't like discrimination. We get mad when we see it. And we get even madder when we see people opposing efforts to end it.

So you don't approve of a boycott.

Is that a good enough reason to cross a picket line? Is that a good enough reason to block the efforts of colored students to attain the full freedoms and rights of American citizens that you enjoy?

Or perhaps you're one of the people that would just as soon not see discrimination ended.

To you, then, there is little to be said. You cheered Negro students on the athletic field. How about at least refraining from opposing them in the field of eliminating discrimination?

And for you who must get your hair cut, no matter what kind of issues are involved, it's just as easy to wait a few days until you get home. NAACP chose a very convenient time to start picketing. A few days wait will enable you to get your hair cut and at the same time refrain from breaking the boycott.

Everyone agrees that the sooner the boycott can be ended the better for all concerned—if abolition of discrimination is attained. And the more complete the boycott is, the quicker it can realize its aims.

Which side of the Jim Crow fence will you stand on?

—Elliot Shapiro.

for the Senior Editorial Board

### Corner Rumors

By Jo Fox

The normal person says of this unseasonably warm weather, "wonderful . . . great!"

But members of the strange clan known as "schuss-boomers" or "snow-bunnies" glare back at the sun, don their ceremonial garb . . . parkas and poles. Then, waving long slat objects in a manner that would make Congo medicine men jealous, they chant . . . "Come, Snow, Snow, Snow."

In typical bunny-fashion, the sect has multiplied from 10,000 U.S. skiers in 1935 to 5,000,000 this year. If you're a statistic yourself, nobody need explain the increase for you. Skiing its believing.

### Not Barred This Time

In the season when the spirit of giving is predominant in the minds of all, a theft seems particularly callous. Danny Pearson, Delta Upsilon, sauntered back to the dressing room in Rec Hall after IF boxing matches last week to find himself without pants, wallet, and car keys . . . and no barrel in sight.

### Big Heart

No one can question the magnanimity of Penn State's collective heart. The week is crowded with parties for underprivileged kids. Special audits go to IFC for the plan to have each fraternity fix a Christmas basket for a needy family.

### Crusader's Headache

The question bothering the Boycotters is what to do with guys like this. A junior pre-med student observed a sign decrying discrimination and saying "Let's get rid of Jim Crow." Confronting its bearer, he inquired, "Who is this guy Jim Crow and what has he done?"

State College was really shocked out of its usual lethargic Saturday afternoon . . . when about 300 crusaders for non-discrimination marched up and down the streets, cheering, "Jim Crow, Must go!" Hank Glass demonstrated the use of the "Sta-Neet" in front of a local barber shop.

### The Safety Valve

Letters to the editor must be signed for inclusion in the Safety Valve, although names will be withheld on request. Telephone numbers and addresses must be included to facilitate verification of authenticity of signatures. Letters exceeding 200 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations.

### An Explanation

TO THE EDITOR: An open letter to the Students and Faculty of Penn State: Those who supported CORE in the past deserve an explanation.

To attack public discrimination, the Council on Racial Equality tried several methods. Instead of taking patronage away (boycott), CORE offered patronage in advance. First with signatures, then with dollars, we tried to prove that non-discriminatory barber shops in this town would really pay. An offer of up to \$1800 cash advance to shops that would serve Negroes as well as whites alike did not, however, interest any of the existing shops.

We then began negotiating for a new, non-discriminatory shop—not as a solution, but as a start. We have answered forty-seven inquiries from barbers, interviewed over a dozen prospects in State College, received offer of a fair location. None of these applicants had any personal prejudice. We encountered problems, but CORE voted in November to continue negotiations for this shop till January.

It is too late now for arguments about the best approach. NAACP has no faith in the possibilities of a new shop; the majority in CORE has no faith in the possibilities of a boycott. However, our actions have not been directed against NAACP. CORE wants to overcome intolerance. If somebody else has a better way than ours to achieve this result, we applaud its success.

—Executive Committee,

State College Council on Racial Equality.

### Nature of People

TO THE EDITOR: The current boycott of the barber-shops has produced many interesting results in the reactions of the townspeople. Bringing a deeply-rooted problem such as this into sharp focus tends to bring out the real nature of people. Those individuals who hurled epithets and nasty language at shivering pickets can really feel proud of themselves. They have aptly demonstrated what they think of the highest ideas of mankind. They stand in sharp contrast to those who helped with encouragement. The gracious woman who distributed candy bars among the pickets, when the wind was getting mighty cold, was surely more of a compliment to America than all the wisecracks rolled into one.

It was with a sense of shame and disappointment that I read that the College had washed its hands of the affair, leaving it to the private interests in town. I seem to remember another time in history when an influential figure washed his hands of a rather difficult problem. He has not been too well remembered.

—Name withheld.

### AVC Looks to Core

TO THE EDITOR: The American Veterans Committee, Centre County Chapter No. 1, is wholeheartedly in support of the fight against racial discrimination which is the basis for the present boycott of the barbershops. We wish it clearly understood, however, that the non-discriminatory shop, as proposed by CORE, is still a necessary step toward the final goal of racial equality in State College. We look to CORE to implement its program soon enough to help in the present fight.

—Executive Committee,

Corbin S. Kidder, Martin Light, Lawrence Rothstein, Leo Troy, Benjamin Dell.

### Commends Collegian

TO THE EDITOR: The State College Council on Racial Equality commends the Daily Collegian for its publication of the series of articles, "In the Land of Jim Crow" by Ray Sprigle. Such articles are a necessary and effective part of combating racial prejudice through education.

—Ellen Stanley,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### At the Movies

CATHAUM—The Night Has a Thousand Eyes.  
STATE—Isn't It Romantic.  
NITTANY—Jenny La Mour.

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