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Idea Exchange Best NSA Project

There has been much discussion both here at Penn State and at other colleges across the nation over the value of the National Student Association. The question usually posed by student government leaders has been "What is NSA doing for my college?"

Looking at the international efforts of NSA and at its political efforts on the national scene, a good many student leaders have produced a negative answer to the question. Some schools have dropped out of NSA for these reasons, others have become lukewarm toward the organization.

The lukewarm attitude toward NSA is evidenced in the thinking of a good many Penn State student leaders. For this reason, Penn State's NSA budget for the coming school year has been cut.

Penn State's student government leaders, including the NSA people, want NSA to do more for students and for student government. Such NSA-sponsored programs as the student government clinic being held on campus this weekend are what they have in mind. It is for this reason too that All-College Cabinet recently approved a recommendation making the All-College vice president NSA campus chairman.

It has long been the contention of many that NSA can best serve its member colleges by serving as a medium by which ideas on student government and its problems can be exchanged. That is the purpose of the student government clinic: problems of student government will be discussed by more than 100 representatives of 25 Pennsylvania colleges cooperating in workshop groups.

Discussion groups will cover orientation week programs, publicizing and promoting student government, honor systems, faculty rating systems, the National Student Association, and student government. It is a certainty that most of the delegates will return to their campuses with some pretty good ideas on how to apply what other students are doing to their own problems.

This exchange of ideas is the strongest appeal NSA can make to its present members and to prospective members. It is to this facet of its activities that NSA should devote its attention if it is to serve the best interests of American college students and their student governments.

Missouri Chickens Home to Roost

The truth of a great many threatening proverbs on chickens that come home to roost and bread cast upon the waters, is being demonstrated in historic fashion along the flood-ravaged Missouri River valley.

In 1933, Congress brought into existence the Tennessee Valley Authority. TVA set up an unprecedented interlocking network of power and control dams which tamed one of the most savage river areas in the country. Its major achievements were:

1. Flood control.
2. Generation of inexpensive power, extending electrification to thousands of farms.
3. Establishment of a yardstick for power rates, forcing private power companies, which had been reaping extortionate profits, down to a reasonable level.

The next scheduled project was a Missouri Valley Authority, an even larger undertaking aimed at controlling that enormous stream. Here, however, the program hit a snag.

The private power companies along the Missouri developed an almost pathological fear of a federal flood control project there, one which would establish a yardstick for Midwestern power rates. Power companies and holding groups on other streams also feared a successful MVA, which would form, with TVA, an unanswerable argument for similar projects throughout the nation.

And so an immense campaign was undertaken, a campaign which has not abated to date. On the surface, a vast advertising program was

begun. Titling themselves, "The business-managed, tax-paying electric light and power companies" in order to cast an unkind light on TVA, this frightened group contracted for floods of magazine space, bought radio programs, and used all the other media of mass communication in an effort to turn the people against federal power generation. The shibboleth "socialism" is most frequently resorted to in this greatest of propaganda programs.

It was, in all, a pretty successful campaign. If you doubt it, take a look at full page ads in the country's biggest magazines this week, warning of the danger of leaving your children a socialistic U.S.A. Then look at the newspapers, a bit more up to date than the magazines, which go to press weeks in advance. Read of the greatest flood in the history of the Missouri valley. Get the latest score on how many hundred square blocks of Sioux City and South Sioux City have been inundated to date. Read of the homeless, the dead, and the unprecedented toll in money and property.

But the true effectiveness of the power companies' campaign can only be found in the on-the-spot, the human interest stories. It can be found in the story of desperate soldiers and civilians stacking sand-bags along the banks, piling them high and fast, but never quite as high or fast as the river rises. Sandbags are a poor substitute for the concrete and steel dam system of TVA, but then sandbags cannot generate inexpensive power and thus bring on the threat of socialism.

The bread cast on the water of the Missouri by the business managed, tax paying electric light and power companies is returning on the three-story high crest of the rampaging river, and their chickens are coming home to roost damped upon the ridgepoles of barns floating away on a flood which should not have happened.

—Ron Bonn

Dining Hall Delay Was Inexcusable

Yesterday noon another chapter was written to the management that goes into dining hall supervision in the West Dorms.

Many students who live in Hamilton Hall and eat in the Hamilton Hall dining room were turned back at the door because they had not reported to eat before 12:30 p.m. Dining hall officials said only participants in the Intercollegiate Band Festival were to be served after 12:30 p.m.

These officials said they had made an announcement over the public address system to the main lounge in Hamilton Hall. They did make the announcement, BUT how many students did they think they could reach? They certainly didn't get to all of them—quite a few were missed.

Many students who have classes until noon do not go to eat until just before the 12:30 p.m. deadline in order to avoid the long lines that prevail every day at noon. Did dining hall officials expect to reach those students who were in their rooms? The PA system is heard only in the main lounge and the dining halls, not in the students' rooms.

The officials offered the students, who stood in line more than 15 minutes, a chance to eat after the band members had all gone through the line. This, however, was not much help to those who had classes at 1:10 p.m. It was about 12:45 p.m. when the students were turned back and there were still many band members who had not been served.

We understand the band festival had been planned for some time, so why couldn't announcements have been made in time to let dormitory residents know about the change? That would have been far better than making the announcement at noon on the same day the change went into effect!

—Andy McNeillie

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COLLEGE PLACEMENT

- B. F. Goodrich will interview June graduates in E.E. for their Oaks, Penn. Plant.
- Brush Development Co. will interview June graduates in E.E. and Phys. Monday, April 28.
- Budd Co. will interview June graduates in M.E. Monday, April 28.
- Burrhoughs Adding Machine Co. will interview June graduates in Com. for Acct. and Sales Monday, April 28.
- Carborundum Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Metal, E.E., I.E., M.E., Cer. and Acct. Wednesday, April 30.
- Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co. will interview June graduates in Metal, I.E., M.E. and Ch.E. Monday, April 28.
- General Electric will interview June graduates (women only) in Math., Phys., Chem. and Sci. Tuesday, April 29.
- Harbison-Walker Refractories Co. will interview June graduates in I.E., M.E. and Cer. Tuesday, April 29.
- Kroger Co. will interview June graduates in Com., Hort., Ag.Ed., Ag.Ec., A.H., P.H., and H.A. Tuesday, April 29.
- Mexican Petroleum Corp. will interview June graduates in Chem. and Ch.E. Tuesday, April 29.
- Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., M.E., A&L, Com., Phys., Ed. for Tech. and Non-Tech Sales and Chem. and Ch.E. Wednesday, April 30.
- National Lead Co. will interview June graduates in Chem., Phys., Ch.E., M.E., Metal, and E.E. Monday, April 28.
- Penna. Transformer Co. will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Tuesday, April 29.
- Scott Paper Co. will interview June graduates in Com. for Sales Tuesday, April 29.
- Texas Co. will interview June graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Ch.E., C.E. and M.E. Monday, April 28.
- Timken Roller Bearing Co. will interview June graduates in M.E. Tuesday, April 29.
- Wheeling Steel Co. will interview June graduates in C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., Metal, Ch.E. and Fuel Tech. Monday, April 28.
- Daystrom Instrument will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E. and I.E. Wednesday, April 30.
- Fairchild Aircraft Corp. will interview June graduates in Aero.E., C.E., M.E. and E.E. Monday, April 28.
- H. H. Robertson Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., PNG., Chem., Com., Chem. and Phys. Wednesday, April 30.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- Camp Cherokee, Beach Lake, Pa., will interview men and women Tuesday, April 22. Variety of jobs open.
- Camp Conrad Weiser, Reading, Pa., will interview men Thursday, April 24. Variety of jobs open.
- Camp Menotomy, Kents Hill, Maine, will interview men Wednesday, April 23. Variety of jobs open.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"You know, our sorority is so crowded this year I meet someone new every day."

Interpreting the News

Truman Won't Talk About Seizing Press

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President Truman obviously doesn't want to make a point over his hypothetical answer to a hypothetical question regarding his hypothetical power to seize the American press and radio as he has the steel industry.

The preamble to the Constitution says it is designed to promote the general welfare. The President is sworn to uphold the Constitution, and so claims the power to act when a steel shutdown is threatened during a period of world tension.

He was asked if he thought he could seize the press and radio. Under similar circumstances, he said, the President has to act for the best interest of the country.

His hearers, a special gathering of reporters and editors, took it to mean he thought he had the power to seize the press. The White House has formally declined to amplify. There is no analogy between press and steel. So the argument is academic except for one thing.

Past presidents have used quotations of past leaders as precedents for their acts, and future presidents will undoubtedly continue the practice. No president has



ever tried to tamper with free speech and free press, though they have at times tried by various means, usually concealment, to prevent publication of what they didn't want published. The bare idea that tampering is possible is not a healthy legacy for Truman to leave lying around.

Newspapermen usually consider themselves thoroughly protected by the constitutional provision for press freedom. But a glance at the clause which contains it, the first clause of the Bill of Rights, reveals a tiny and legalistic loophole. It says Congress shall make no law infringing freedom of the press. It doesn't say specifically that the President can't act. The implications, though, are of course far clearer than those of the general welfare clause.

During the war the military services and the Office of War Informations sometimes attempted to use the American press for dissemination of false reports, harmless to Americans and designed to mislead the enemy.

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Saturday, April 19

STATE PARTY mixer, Chi Phi, 9 p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE CLUB, White Hall, 10 a.m.

WSGA Senate, House, and convention committee members, Grange playroom, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 20

BRIDGE LESSONS, TUB, 6:30 p.m.

STATE PARTY steering committee, Chi Phi, 2 p.m.

Monday, April 21

ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNIT 4-3, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.

INTER-COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 313 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

LEONIDES COUNCIL, speakers, first floor lounge McElwain, 6:30 p.m.

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL, 108 Willard Hall, 8:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.

PENN STATE ENGINEER, 418

Old-Main, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Frank Capotosto, Norman Duffy, Margaret Garber, Carol Grosky, Cecilia Johns, Carl Lunde, Ruth McSparran, Neil Powell.

ORIENTATION COUNSELORS

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: With a Song in My Heart 2:13, 4:03, 5:59, 7:47, 9:45

STATE: The Lion and the Horse 2:11, 4:06, 5:55, 7:59, 9:39

NITTANY: The Return of Jesse James 6:25, 8:19, 10:15

Young Friends to Hold Disc Session Tomorrow

The regular meeting of Young Friends will not be held tomorrow night because of a monthly business meeting.

Young Friends will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the home of Dorothy Ackerman, 303 W. Fairmount street. A record session will be held and refreshments will be served.