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## Cabinet Will Study Question of NSA

One of the items on the agenda for All-College Cabinet tonight is the visit of Richard Murphy, national president of the National Student Association, better known as NSA. Mr. Murphy was originally scheduled to visit Penn State last month, but was prevented from doing so because of illness.

Penn State is a member of NSA and has long been one of the strongest schools in it, trying always to keep it on the right track. We have gotten some things out of our membership in the organization, but have also been dissatisfied many times by the workings of the group. Thus, whenever the question of retaining membership in NSA comes up, there is usually some heated discussion on the question.

One of the chief charges NSA has had to face in recent years is the smear of communism. Some students are convinced that NSA is loaded with "Reds," others uphold the loyalty of the organization. Just what the truth is is hard to determine, but Mr. Murphy's appearance provides an excellent opportunity for both sides to express their views, and perhaps for some decisions to be made.

Students for America, one of the chief critics of NSA, has made three charges against the group concerning communism. They are: 1. NSA advocates letting Communists teach; 2. NSA condemns school authorities who eliminate Communist sympathizers from positions of trust; and 3. NSA wants to allow subversive groups to function on campuses and use campus facilities.

To all appearances these charges are grossly exaggerated, but the facts are now available to Penn State students. These questions will be among those asked the NSA national president at tonight's cabinet session. For those who have always been intending to attend a cabinet meeting, this seems to be an ideal time to do so. Mr. Murphy's appearance alone should be a big attraction, but there are several important items of business also listed for the agenda—the consolidation proposal among them.

All told, Penn State pays out about \$1000 a year for its membership in NSA. More than half of this goes toward sending representatives to the various NSA meetings and conventions. Is Penn State getting its money's worth out of this money? Is it worthwhile for Penn State to stay in NSA? The answers to these questions may become clearer after tonight's session with Mr. Murphy.

## WD Council Plan Needs Consideration

One of the facets of student government is the providing of true representation of the students in student government. Monday night the West Dorm Council unanimously approved the first reading of a constitutional amendment which would provide for the election of the council president at the first meeting after the election of the president of the Association of Independent Men.

The proposal, which was presented by the continuity committee of the council, would establish what independent living groups need—a link between the council administrations from year to year. This link would undoubtedly provide more efficient organization of the council in the fall semester. And judging from past performances in the West Dorm area, efficiency in council organization is to be desired.

Robert Hance, council president, was elected Oct. 20 after a deadlock occurred for the presidency Oct. 14. Until officers were elected, the council was forced to choose temporary representatives to send to the AIM Board of Governors' meeting. All other councils had already elected officers.

However, every year there is a resident turnover in the West Dorms. A large number of freshmen are moved into these dorms—students who have not voted for a council that elected a president the year before. Some students are

also moved into the area who lived either in town or Nittany or Pollock Circle the previous year. For these students there is no opportunity to have any say in who is elected as their president, although the council itself does the actual voting.

Before the West Dorm Council takes final action on the amendment, the council should consider other means for rapid organization of the area rather than saddle the new residents with a president who might, to some, be unacceptable.

—Dick Rau

## Greek Week Plans Need More Balance

Greek Week has been a topic of discussion since September. Many and great plans were made to make the week one of fun, work, and cooperation with the community.

On Saturday over 2000 man hours of work were done by members of the sororities and fraternities. Most of the work was done for the benefit of the community, and plans were put into operation with a big bang. The IFC-Panhel Sing was well attended, and special recordings were played over the radio for the benefit of those who couldn't or didn't attend.

A banquet for outstanding pledges of the sororities and fraternities will be held tonight at the Allencrest Tea Room to honor one pledge from each organization for outstanding work and service.

Somewhere along the line, things began to go astray. The Benefit Show to help the Page twins had a stimulating attendance of 75. Students and townspeople put many hours of work into the program, which was promised support by the sororities and fraternities. The Players' new show, "Right You Are (If You Think So)," worked to open especially for this weekend and has received even less support.

Professors have decided, naturally, that students come to college to get an education, not acquire a social life. But bluebooks, quizzes, and reports have piled up as fast as Greek Week plans.

The help and work theme of Greek Week seems to have been replaced by thoughts of houseparties, dancing, and flowers. The dance and houseparties are admittedly the sort of things that students look forward to and remember long after graduation. There is nothing wrong with this. All work and no play makes anyone dull and unhappy, but the Greeks proposed to prove that fraternities and sororities are more than social organizations. They have a purpose and pledge of service behind them. For a well-rounded program, more balance should be obtained between the social and cooperative aspects that the proponents of Greek Week had in mind when they started planning.

—Al Munn

## Senior Class

What may be the last senior class meeting of the Class of 1953 will be held at 7 tonight in 121 Sparks. The most important item on the agenda will be final suggestions for the senior class gift. With an estimated \$8000 at stake, it would seem that just about every senior would be interested in attending the meeting. Such has not been the case in the past, however, and is likely not to be the case tonight.

Several suggestions have already been proposed for the gift. Among them, and probably best known at the present time, is the statue of "The Lineman." Others are a record lending library, chimes or an organ for the proposed meditation chapel, furnishings for a room in the Student Union Building, and a scholarship fund.

Student apathy has long been a problem at Penn State. With an important issue in the making, the class of '53 should at least make every effort to make its exit in a flash of glory.

## Gazette...

- April 16, 1953
- PLANT INDUSTRIES, 7 p.m., 108 Plant Industries.
- ALPHA KAPPA PSI, Rushing Smoker, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi.
- DE MOLAY CLUB, 7 p.m., 107 Willard.
- LION PARTY STEERING COMMITTEE, 6:30 p.m., 102 Willard.
- NITTANY GROTTTO, 7:30 p.m., 316 Frear.
- POLITICAL SCIENCE DISCUSSION, 7:30 p.m., Simmons Hall lounge.
- POULTRY CLUB, 7 p.m., 108 Plant Industries.
- THETA SIGMA PHI, 6:30 p.m., Grange Playroom. Important skit practice.

**COLLEGE HOSPITAL**  
Bernard Abrams, Clyde Ashbaugh, John Ball, Ralph Brooks, Electra Catsonis, J. Allen Comfort, James Ellis, Nadya Freidl, Gerald Fried, Bessie Georgaris, Shirley Hartay, Floyd Jones, Jacqueline Lang, Marsha Levin, Wayne Mantz, Maureen Mason, Karl Miller, Robert J. Miller, Risa Pottash, Jerome Rosenberg, Charles Samborsky, Carl Schrock, Alex Simkovich, James E. Smith, Virginia Terhune, Barbara Wakefield, Vernon Wong, Paul Wilson and Walter Wurster.

- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**
- Men wanted for general outdoor work, garden and lawn care, etc.
- Asbury Arlington Hotel, New Jersey, will interview men and women, April 24.
- Men with half-days wanted for the remainder of the semester.
- Camp Conrad Weiser, Pa., will interview men April 16 and 17.
- Camp Starlight, Pa., will interview men and women April 17.
- Camp Nokomis, New York, will interview men and women April 23.

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



## Interpreting the News

# Peace Overtures' Effect on NATO

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.  
Associated Press News Analyst

Next week's meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Council in Paris will go a long way toward revealing just how much effect the Russian-peace offensive is having on Allied attitudes.

There has been a good bit of talk about rising neutralism and a feeling of lassitude toward onerous defense burdens.

Now the time for putting up the defense money has arrived again. It comes when France is bargaining with the United States for less help in Europe and more in Indochina, and when everybody, including the U.S., is trying to trim expenses.

Some of this represents a difference in emphasis between the long-term defense program and the immediate future which many estimate is not quite so pressing as it seemed for a while.

In the last two years SHAPE, the supreme Allied command, has been handed some 22 fewer divisions than the 72 originally promised, and development of air power has lagged by an even wider percentage.

Almost equally serious in the tendency to reduce, rather than increase, the various conscription periods. This results in fewer men under arms at any given time and reduces available reserves, which have always been considered the main reliance of European preparedness.

That there is no official backing away from the necessity of a long-range program, however, is indicated by reports that the ministers will consider a three-year financial plan to eliminate the hand-to-mouth feeding which SHAPE has received so far.

Whether this plan will be acceptable to the United States, where Congress likes to keep things on an annual basis, is doubtful. But as an indication of attitudes it is important. Just what the United States will propose has not yet been revealed, although there has been much official talk about reducing allotments to Europe in favor of greater attention to Asia, a long-standing Republican desire.

The U.S. carries about 40 percent of NATO's expenses. The role which Germany will play in financing if the currently-debated European defense treaties come off can hardly be a factor at next week's meeting. That she will need more help in the beginning than she can give is a foregone conclusion. The costs of rearming her will complicate the situation still further if and when it is decided upon.

## 21 Are Accepted By Coaly Society

Twenty-one students were initiated into Coaly Society, agriculture activities honorary, at a banquet last night in the Allencrest Tea Room.

The new members are Conrad Kresge, William Crawford, John Mountain, Robert Dahle, John Hershey, Ned Clark, John Zug, John Kline, Temple Reynolds, Harry Roth, John Sarikianos, John Epler, Morris Schroeder, Nancy Bigley, Roger Risser, Howard Angstadt, George D. Snyder, Gerald Birth, Richard Bauer, James Hall, and Ernest Stahl.

## Guild to Interview Cronstedt, Samson

Two National Collegiate Athletic Association champions, Jan Cronstedt, gymnastics, and Hud Samson, wrestling, will be interviewed by Albert Dame on Radio Guild's "Spotlight on State," at 9:30 tonight over WMAJ.

William Musser will read for the fifth in the series of "Call Card" programs, sponsored by Radio Guild, at 9:45 tonight over WMAJ. Musser will read selections from the poetry of Ogden Nash.

## Republican Club Elects Sinclair President

Benjamin Sinclair, fourth semester pre-law major, was elected president of the Centre County Young Republicans Club Friday night.

Terrance McNamee, second semester journalism major, was named third vice president, and Suzanne Berleue, fifth semester arts and letters major, who is corresponding secretary of the College GOP Club, was chosen treasurer.

## Med Entrance Exams Scheduled for May 9

Medical college admission tests will be administered at the College May 9. Information and application blanks may be obtained at 106 or 207 Buckhout.

Applications for these examinations must arrive at Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J., no later than April 25.