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The NSA: An Attempt at Education

The Penn State chapter of the National Students' Association this week announced plans for an educational and informative campaign designed to inform campus organizations of services which NSA can offer.

This campaign is being started in an effort to combat student apathy concerning NSA, its work, and its objectives.

The reason for this apathy may be a lack of interest, or it may be a lack of confidence or misunderstanding with the NSA program. This lack of interest has been evident even in All-College Cabinet. When apathy reaches this height, it is time to instill some confidence in the NSA or eliminate it entirely.

Penn State is a member of NSA for this school year. Cabinet voted to retain membership after considerable discussion concerning the usefulness of the organization.

Membership in NSA can result in many benefits for Penn State. Through the NSA, student governments have a voice with the faculties and administrations of NSA member schools.

By far the most important benefit from NSA lies in the ideas which can be exchanged on campus, state, and local levels, by means of

NSA's periodic conferences. It was out of such NSA conferences that Penn State got the idea for its Campus Chest organization.

The NSA has conducted extensive studies into campus election systems, judiciary organizations, leadership training programs, budgetary problems, and faculty evaluation programs, to mention only a few projects.

If NSA is allowed to function on this campus, organizations will have a back-log of information to fall back on to solve their problems. NSA can be called on to help solve campus problems at any time. If the problem cannot be solved by the local organization it can be taken to a state or national level where suggestions may be received from NSA's entire membership.

There are many benefits which can be derived from NSA. Penn State has been only a half-hearted participant in its program. Whole-hearted participation is necessary if the organization is to serve the University. Educating the student body is in the first step toward such participation. This is the purpose of the NSA campaign.

—Jack Reid

Safety Valve—Reaction to Saturday Classes

TO THE EDITOR: "Four score and seven years ago Lincoln freed the slaves, but he seemed to have forgotten about the students at Penn State . . ."

. . . Let us pause over the thought of the statement instead of the technicalities of places and dates. This statement definitely refers to students—college students; furthermore it implies that these students at Penn State are slaves. Surely we know that this condition could not survive . . . Then why should these students . . . be termed slaves?

Perhaps if we could obtain several viewpoints . . . we might learn the root of this . . . statement. We . . . choose . . . R.R. . . a freshman enrolled in the engineering curriculum. He likes the University, the students, and the instructors. . . (He) states that the University has revealed a plan intended to relieve the enormous strain of the five-day week schedule by adding one more day. This is what R.R. refers to as a Saturday class . . . this plan only tends to burden him with extra responsibilities . . .

. . . W.X.Y. states that a Saturday class is definitely a handicap to him as he lives off campus and drives 150 miles each weekend to his home . . .

T.U.V. puts forth a very fine argument . . . He had been able to work a full day on Saturday, but now it is very unlikely because his employer does not allow split days . . .

One of the most widely accepted arguments . . . is brought out by A.B.B. He says that late hours Friday night would be impossible. A.B.B. was asked why he could not change his party night from Friday to Saturday. He (said) he attended church services every Sunday morning . . .

. . . Miss H.M.M. insists that her popularity

with the male students depends upon her weekly beauty rest . . . on Saturday mornings . . .

Professor Snuffy, . . . stated that since he was forced to teach on Saturdays, he might derive some enjoyment by presenting a 15-minute quiz on that day . . .

. . . we wonder why the University ratified such a plan. We wonder if the University was just in approving the plan, and if it viewed the students' attitude toward this new idea. Since Lincoln has forgotten about Penn State students, we hope that someone will not forget about them, and that this person will be fair to the majority of the students as well as to the University.

—Joseph Zaborny

On Vandalism

The recent announcement that some West Dorm lavatories will be closed until repairs are completed might cause some speculation as to the type of individual that is not only permitted at the University, but also the type of person who at some time or other must have been granted priority to get into the West Dorms.

A large number of men try to get into the West Dorms every year and fail. It must be difficult for these men to understand why they were left out and vandals were admitted.

The policy followed by the University indicates freshmen are given preference in numbers. There is no evidence to indicate that freshmen are responsible for the damage. However, the University might consider some other method of selecting students to fill decidedly superior quarters.

—Dick Rau

Gazette . . .

Today
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., Ag Eng.
NEWS AND VIEWS STAFF, AND CANDIDATES, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Economics.
NITTANY GROTTO MEETING, 7:30 p.m., 121 MI.
WRA OFFICIALS, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Hall.
WRA SWIMMING, Beginners—6:45, Advanced —7:30, Pool.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Students who have had Chem. 20 or equivalent for limestone analysis. Must have car.
Students who will be in State College and wish to work over the holidays should report to Student Employment office.

INFIRMARY
Richard Arieda, Dale P. Clemens, James Demcheck, Barney Finberg, Paul Heim, Marian Labuskes, James Laird, Philip Matin, Judith Rynn, Milton Scherpf, Ferne Stone, Ileane Wolfgang.

Fee Plan Works

The University's newly instituted fee plan goes into its second semester this spring, and appearances are the plan is almost a complete success.

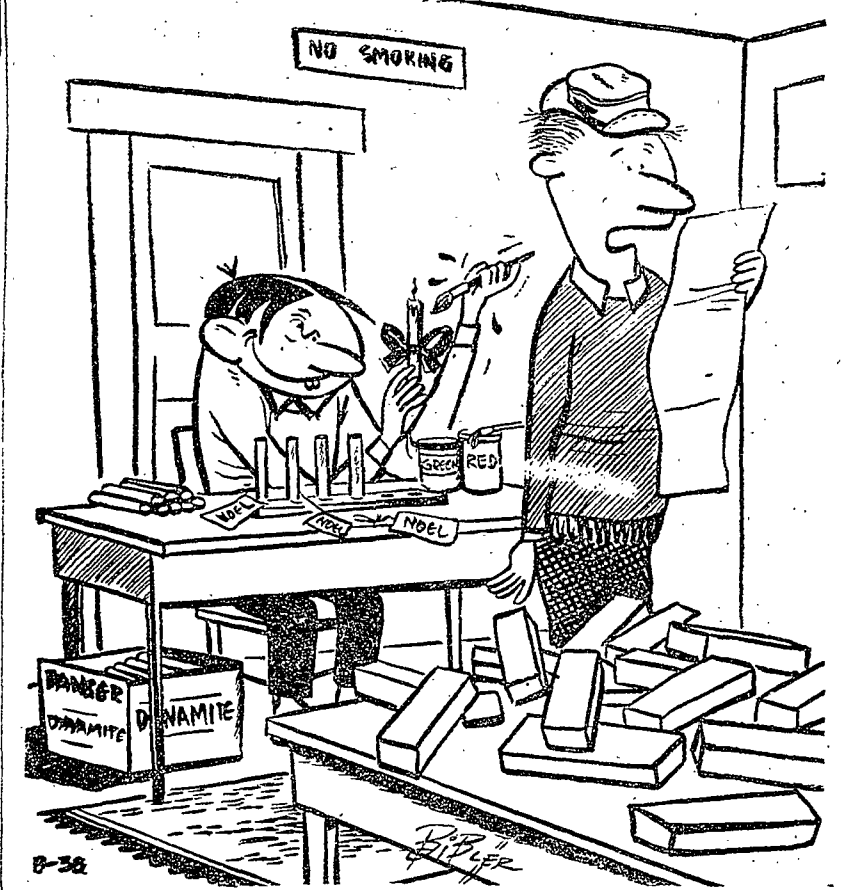
Through the new procedure, students may pay fees by mail before registration. This shortens the fee lines and enables the University to have ready cash for operation. It eliminates the need for the University to borrow funds during the first few weeks of school.

An important by-product of the system last semester was a temporary directory issued the same week that registration was held.

The only complaint about the system might be that some do not have enough money to pay fees immediately. Deferred fees have been designed for those students.

The man who finds most pleasure for himself is often the man who least hunts for it.
—Chesterton

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Gosh, what a Christmas list—you must be sending 'Noel Candles' to the whole faculty!"

Grad Resident Counselors Correlate Independent Life

The graduate resident counselor program, organized through the Dean of Men's office, aims to correlate the activities of independent men in all phases of campus life.

At present, 34 graduate students and three undergraduate students are working on this program under the direction of James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men in charge of independent men of campus. There are 19 graduate counselors in the West Dorm area and 18 in Nittany-Pollock.

Each spring, notices are placed on the bulletin boards in the academic offices on campus and sent to other colleges announcing the program and giving instructions for application.

Each possible applicant must have three letters of recommendation, transcripts, a "situation" test, and an interview with Dean of Men Frank J. Simes and Dean Dean.

Applicants are selected on the basis of maturity, interest, need, experience, adaptability, sincerity to duty, and application to the proper groups on campus.

During Orientation Week, the counselors attend classes. Visiting academic leaders and campus administrative officers speak to them on the needs, adjustment, and the program for the year.

The counselors meet with Dean Dean once a week throughout the school year for further training and discussion periods. They make weekly written reports on their activities, suggestions, and problems.

The Dean of Men's office hopes to set up a program that can be of service to the individual as well as the group, to aid students in adjusting to campus life and to report to the Dean's office cases that may need further administrative or counseling aid.

Several objects are blocking the present plan. The counselors now have too many students and too wide-spread an area, and facilities and budget are limited.

Ag Secretary to Speak

Miles Horst, State Secretary of Agriculture and a trustee of the University, will address agriculture freshmen at 11 a.m. Saturday in 121 Sparks.

Grad Student Questionnaires To Be Studied

Graduate student housing questionnaires and proposed fee increase questionnaires should be returned to the offices of the deans of the nine colleges or to the office of Harold K. Schilling, dean of the Graduate school, by Saturday noon, Moylan Mills, editor of the Graduate Newsletter, has announced.

The questionnaires were distributed to graduate students yesterday, along with the newsletter. Additional copies of the newsletter and questionnaires are available in the dean's offices.

Results of the housing questionnaire, prepared by the Graduate school committee on student affairs, will be used by the administration in planning future housing developments, Mills said.

Graduate School Council will tabulate the results of the proposed fee increase poll and recommend what action should be taken. The proposals included in the poll are a fee increase of \$10 per semester to entitle graduate students to Athletic Association books; a fee increase of \$1 to entitle them to the Daily Collegian; retention of the status quo.

Tonight on WDFM

7:15 Sign on
7:30 Salvation Army Program
8:00 Record Preview
8:15 Open Meeting
8:30 Hamburger Stand
9:00 Semi-pops
9:15 News
9:30 Ballet Theatre
10:15 The Christmas Story
10:30 Sign off

Season's Greetings
Take this greeting to mean we wish you all a very happy holiday season.
SMART SHOP

TANGLEWOOD ACRES
(Shangri-La of Centre County)
4½ Miles from Bellefonte on road to Jacksonville
Dinners Served Nightly
STEAKS SPAGHETTI LOBSTER SHRIMP
Also — PIZZA SALADS SANDWICHES
Private Parties May Be Arranged by Reservations
Call Bellefonte 5-9924
Dancing Permitted No Minors Allowed
Selected Beverages

NEWMAN CLUB
DISCUSSION
"Abuses in the Church"
Tonight - 7:30
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