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NSA: Communistic or Conservative?

Washington Post and Times Herald—Aug. 26, 1954—Two representatives of the Labor Youth League, a Marxist Study Group, are circulating Marxist propaganda to delegates at the National Student Association Conference.

Time, Aug. 28, 1954—The NSA went ultra-conservative at its convention, adopting a segregation ruling even less liberal than the April Supreme Court ruling.

In the past NSA has been accused of being too liberal; Communist-front students tried to influence it at this year's convention; the two major resolutions of the convention were very conservative.

Is the NSA being gripped by the paralysis that has engulfed such a large segment of our population already? Is the college youth of today afraid to think, afraid to progress?

The NSA is set up as the national sounding board of student opinion, on both campus and national and international affairs. The students who head it on each campus are leaders. Three of the four University students who attended the NSA convention hold seats on All-University Cabinet. Yes, those attending the NSA convention are the cream of the current college crop.

College students, through benefit of their higher education, have always been regarded as idealists—persons who will take the lead and set the goals for the future of our society. The NSA convention was expected to reflect

these ideals, to show what the youth of today want.

What did its resolutions say?

The convention advocated the end of segregation in all institutions of higher learning, immediate abolition in "border" states, and slow, gradual, educational elimination of segregation in the public schools of the Deep South. On academic freedom, the convention expressed serious doubt that any professor with subversive affiliations could teach, but modified this statement by saying that each professor should be judged individually.

The NSA resolutions were practical. Given several decades, the NSA proposal might bring about an end to segregated schools. No one in NSA could possibly be accused of being Communist or even slightly leftist.

In Macbeth, Shakespeare accurately described the NSA resolutions "... full of sound and fury, signifying nothing ..."

Our country, our world, is in a sorry state if the intelligent youth are afraid to speak out loud and clearly and say something definite, meaningful.

Are we afraid of hurting someone's feelings? Are we afraid of Congressional investigations? Are we afraid to think?

Do we know what we really want, or do we want what is most convenient at the time? What has happened to the goals and the ideals that were once so much a part of youth?

—Ann Leh

Customs Enforcement Is Still Sadly Lacking

Freshmen customs had a bit of life added yesterday when members of the sophomore class patrolled the campus in an effort to place a stricter enforcement on the customs program.

However, spirit among freshmen and upperclassmen was still sadly lacking after three days of the program. While the sophomores must be complimented on the fine job they did yesterday, it is only a few members of the class who deserve this compliment.

Approximately 30 members of the class stood throughout the day along Pollock Road between the Mall and stopped freshmen who were hurrying to classes or back to the dormitory. All day large groups of freshmen stood on the steps of Schwab Auditorium and gave their rendition of Penn State's songs and cheers. But it was these same 30 sophomores all day.

The support of upperclassmen is faulty in the enforcement of freshmen customs. Without this support a good customs program is impossible. The purpose of freshmen customs is to promote spirit, sportsmanship, and group

feeling with the freshmen, and this purpose cannot be reached without support.

Since customs was returned to the Penn State campus in 1950, the program has been lacking. Each year enforcement by upperclassmen was poor. This year does not have to follow the example of the past. Inconsistencies in the program have ended. A definite period for the program has been set and the dating regulations have remained the same as last year. In 1952 customs ended after a small demonstration by the freshmen. The year before customs lasted until Homecoming and no dating was allowed.

Freshmen learn by watching the upperclassmen and they are learning the wrong way. If the upperclassmen don't enforce customs this year, the future upperclassmen may do the same thing. Customs at Penn State may as well end if this happens.

A few members of the sophomore class have started to bring freshmen customs back to life. Let's hope the rest of the student body keeps it alive.

—Mary Bolich

Druids: Its Purpose?

Druids, sophomore men's hat society, is the oldest hat society at the University, and its purpose is to honor athletes. Outstanding sophomore athletes are tapped in the spring of their sophomore year, about two weeks before the end of classes.

Now there is nothing wrong with Druids, except the student body is seeing more of a reflection rather than its true image. Druids is not an honorary society for sophomore men; the only active members are juniors. Whenever a discussion is voiced about the need for a hat society for sophomores, most students will fall back on, "Well, they do have Druids." The thought of having a new hat society for sophomore men has been voiced many, many times.

Any freshman can tell you, after looking it up in his Student Handbook, that the purpose of Druids is to co-ordinate athletics. That's what the handbook says. This hat group is the least heard of, on campus, but students are curious as to how this purpose is fulfilled.

At this moment, Druids is undeniably a hat

Gazette...

Today
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FACULTY RECEPTION FOR NEW STUDENTS, 7 p.m., West Dorm lounge
DELTA SIGMA PL 8:30 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi
FRESHMAN SOCCER, 7 p.m., new wing of Recreation Hall
YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB, 7 p.m., 202 Willard

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Jack Calderone, Albert Harman, Suzanne Hunter, Walter Hziler, Sheldon May, Margaret Ross, Lauren Songer, Howard Tinsman, Samuel Valentine, and John Waugaman.

group for junior athletes. A clarification of this situation might clearly show the need of a hat society for sophomore men, and the inadequacy of merely naming ten men as "outstanding," which was the step that this year's juniors took to rectify the fact that no hat society exists for sophomore men, athletically inclined, or otherwise. A clarification of some sort is necessary—and the sooner the better.

—Joe Beau-Seigneur

Waring to Head Drive

Fred Waring, orchestra and choral leader, and a member of the University Board of Trustees, has been named to head the 1955 Cancer Crusade of the Pennsylvania Division of the American Cancer Society.

Waring's appointment was announced yesterday by Dudley P. Walker, president of the Pennsylvania Division, ACS.

Ag Ec Club Picnic

The Ag Ec Club, the agricultural economics society, will hold a picnic at 7 tonight in Hort Woods, Alvi Voigt, chairman, announced.

The social event will be held in the pavilion in case of rain. Activities will consist of games, entertainment, and refreshments. Agriculture economics majors have been asked to attend.

Iota Lambda Sigma

Eight students have been initiated into Iota Lambda Sigma, men's industrial education honorary fraternity.

The new initiates are Warren Hausman, Edwin Swabola, Wayne Kanouse, Chi-an Wang, Shih-Min Chu, John Bartges, David Hsiang Chang, Cheng-sien Shuh and Chi-Pen Huang.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I think th' trouble with most of our freshmen is that th' high schools just aren't teaching them to read."

It's About Time

By BAYLEE FRIEDMAN

"Where the veil of old Mount Nitany meets the eastern sky, Proudly stands our Alma Mater on her hilltop high..." Soft—and loud, the voices of 130 students, professors, administrators, and townspeople filled the auditorium of Mont Alto Center during the recent student encampment. These were voices which, for three days, had been raised in debate over cut policy and blended in song over a campfire. And they were voices which would, for the ensuing months, be heard contributing ideas born through the encampment experience.

Spirit—school spirit—was the keynote at the forestry retreat. All attending felt lucky to be there. More important, however, they felt responsibility in being there. At first they discussed as representatives of their various organizations. But as the workshops progressed and the discussions got hotter, encampment delegates began to speak from the perspective of student government as a whole. Finally, they spoke, from the viewpoint of Penn State—period.

It was a growing experience. And the feeling of responsibility, an infant during the introductory meeting, developed into a real obsession for some. Tanned coeds stopped talking about "that fabulous summer at the shore" to talk about Community Forum improvements.

Administrators forgot momentarily the work piled sky-high on Old Main desks to suggest means toward greater student representation in government. And what surprised them all was that it wasn't work but fun, not tedious but enjoyable. Plus very enlightening.

Of course, there were memories. Jesse Arnelle's rabbit and the search for an eyedropper to feed it; another search—for a means toward more effective government. The green all around and the rain on the green and the curses on the rain. "Arkansas Traveler" by the chairman of the Senate committee on student affairs, SMURD (that's "drums spelled backwards") by an English prof, and "Ball on the Jack" by several tripping coeds. And speeches—all over the place.

Faculty and students literally "played ball" together. Ideas passed across the breakfast table from representatives of the dean's offices and representatives of independent women. "What is

NSA?" "Who picked the umpire anyway?" They were three days of learning, learning, learning—and humming folk songs to the strains of countless ukeleles.

And all too soon it ended. But ideas had been born and friendships started. That Penn State feeling had been instilled, all right, and could be heard softly, in harmony—and loudly in pride:

"May thy sons be loyal and loyal To thy Memory."

Ex-Governor Is Honored By Memorial

General James A. Beaver, former governor of the Commonwealth and twice president of the Board of Trustees of the University, was honored in June with a memorial dedicated to him.

The memorial, a bronze tablet with a relief portrait of General Beaver, mounted on a natural rock, has been placed at the entrance to Beaver Field which was dedicated to him 45 years ago.

The project was sponsored by the Class of 1909 for its 45th reunion.

General Beaver was elected governor of Pennsylvania in 1887 and he served on the Board of Trustees of the University from 1874 to 1882 and again from 1898 until his death in 1914. He was also acting president of the University from 1906 to 1908.

The dedication was attended by General Beaver's son, Thomas; President Milton S. Eisenhower; and James Milholland, president of the trustees.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
7:30 Adventure in Research
7:45 As You Believe
8:00 Concert Cameos
8:30 Just Out
9:00 UN story, "Lifeline"
9:15 News
9:30 Symphonic Notebook
10:30 Sign Off

UBA IS STILL OPEN TODAY