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Cabinet Should Pass NSA Report Tonight

All-University Cabinet tonight has the power to place the University in a position of governmental equality with the nation's most influential institutions, or keep the status quo of provincial (and relatively mediocre) student government.

Cabinet can, by passing the pending National Student Association recommendation, give the University and its student leaders a name that can stand side by side with the most influential student names in the country.

Perhaps the greatest gains to be obtained from NSA are intangible. The organization has been acclaimed nationally as the student voice of America. It has been formally endorsed by the President of the United States, by Harry S. Truman, and by Harold E. Stassen.

Its Congress sets policy on some of the major problems and issues confronting universities. Penn State should have an active part in this policy making. It would be most unfortunate if the University's congressional chair were vacant at a meeting to set precedents and standards for academic freedom and educational betterment.

The group, too, offers the students here a broader concept of university government and policies. Penn State, in its student government, is extremely provincial; students know, or do little more than their student officers know.

And while campus leaders are admittedly among the most farsighted and efficient students on this campus, they nevertheless need to enlarge and expand their abilities (and thus, student benefits).

It's somewhat a case at the University of not seeing the forest for the trees. Concepts, over a period of years, can become so dormant and narrow that an entire educational policy can grow stagnant. And student leaders, subject to the limited amount of wisdom and straight thinking that a single institution can offer, are often reduced to a more and more narrow aspect of university life.

Through NSA, the University would definitely be exposed to some of the nation's most brilliant youths. One glance at the Congressional report and recommendations, drawn this summer, show the broad and wise minds of its authors.

Last spring, a great many nominees and candidates for student government offices admitted they knew little or nothing about problems and issues pertinent to the University. Yet, the NSA Congress not only discussed but made resolutions on such issues as racial discrimination in educational codes, the McCarran and Communist Control Acts, student rights, tax relief, and academic freedom. Surely this difference in student awareness indicates that our student government needs, rather desperately, the influence of and exposure to broader concepts and ideas.

Perhaps the greatest argument against NSA has been that the University sinks \$600 a year into it and receives nothing concrete in return. This is not a shortcoming of the organization so much as the lack of promotion and interest given NSA formerly by its campus organizers.

Should the University accept membership in NSA, it could draw enormous tangible benefits for the student body.

Primarily NSA would furnish the University with a master file of organizational procedures and implementations. Students needing specific and practical advice on organizational problems could draw freely from these central files.

For instance, when the Book Exchange was reorganized last spring, its chairmen were unfamiliar with such a filing system. They were forced to set up the BX without benefit of any precedents. Yet two of the BX officers have said they felt access to NSA files might have been invaluable to them in organizational procedure.

When Tribunal was revised last spring, NSA files were examined before actual reorganization began. Several factions of the revised court have been accredited to ideas taken from these files.

As the NSA coordinator has pointed out, the results of membership in NSA will depend chiefly on University attitude toward participation. Membership in such an organization bears with it the responsibility of active two-way participation: giving and taking. Penn State has much to offer NSA; it has even more to gain from it.

—Peggy McClain

'Who's Who' Decision Needs More Time

Tonight All-University Cabinet will attempt to solve the riddle centered around "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

This riddle has taken on new aspects since it was discussed at last week's cabinet meeting. Then the entire problem seemed to be setting up a satisfactory committee to choose the Penn State students to be listed in the book.

Robert Homan, chairman of a committee on revising the selection group, seemed to have the answer when he combined students and members of the administration to form a committee that would have insight into all phases of campus life and still be impartial. This appeared to remedy all criticism of the old methods of naming the University members of "Who's Who" while filling the requirements expected of the new way.

A bombshell was exploded in the report, however, when Dean of Men Frank J. Simes, declined an invitation to become a member of the selections committee. He based his stand on the fact that he did not feel the 32 entries allowed Penn State were enough to honor all the deserving students and he questioned the entire prestige claim of the publication.

This has forced on cabinet a bigger problem than before and one that must be faced tonight. The body, before it can discuss a selection committee, must first decide if "Who's Who" should remain at Penn State.

It is hard to take a definite stand and with the action on tonight's agenda it is a bit late

for student opinion to be satisfactorily polled. We find ourselves locked in a death struggle between desire to flatter our ego and realization that maybe this "Who's Who" is not all it is purported to be.

There is little doubt that on this campus, being selected for "Who's Who" is very desirable; the fact that one is listed on the same pages with the cream of 600 other colleges and universities is not to be sneezed at. In addition, there would be the satisfaction of being thought outstanding by those fellow students and administrators on the selections committee.

On the other side of the ledger, however, is the convincing argument that all members in the book are not chosen on the same basis, and therefore the prestige value drops somewhat. Because of these varied methods of selection, and because of the great differences in the sizes of the schools included, we question the wisdom of attempting to single out 32 from Penn State who deserve such an ambiguous-appearing merit.

Frankly, we do not feel we have researched into the subject far enough to say yes or no to the question of participation in "Who's Who," but we do feel there is a definite need for caution. We urge All-University Cabinet and Mr. Homan to put off action on this matter if the deadline set by the publication allows, until they, the Daily Collegian, and the student body have had more time to examine the advisability of even keeping "Who's Who" on campus.

—Diehl McKalip

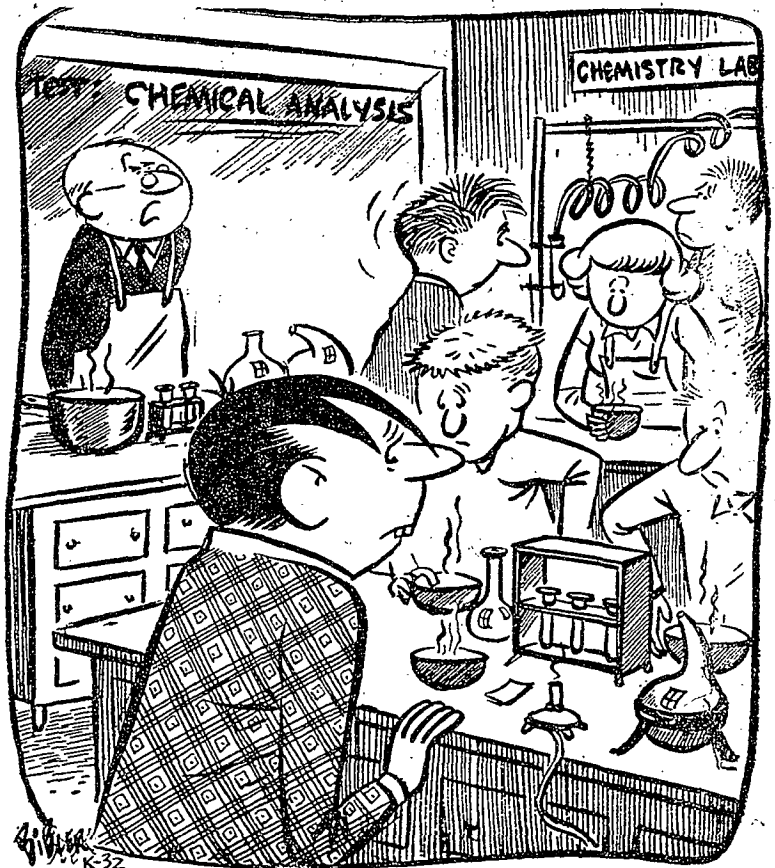
Gazette...

Today

- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 105 Ag Eng
- BIBLE DISCUSSION, 9 p.m., 275 Thompson Hall
- COLLEGIAN SOPHOMORE BOARD, 7:30 p.m., 111 Carnegie
- PENN STATE OUTING CLUB, WINTER SPORTS DIVISION, 7:30 p.m., 109 Agriculture
- PI BETA PHI BAZAAR, 7 p.m., Beta Theta Pi
- INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, 7 p.m., Lambda Chi Alpha
- NEWMAN CLUB LECTURE DISCUSSION, 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main
- WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main
- DELTA SIGMA PI RUSHING SMOKER, 7:30 p.m., Beta Sigma Rho
- AIR ROTC, 7 p.m., Armory
- FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., North Corridor, Recreation Hall
- ALPHA KAPPA PSI RUSHING SMOKER, 7:30 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi
- FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
- OFFICIALS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., White Hall
- SWIMMING CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall Pool

- UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT SERVICE
- GENERAL ELECTRIC: B.S. in EE, IE, ME, Phys., & Aero E. Oct. 14.
- HASKINS & SELLS (Phila.): B.S. in Acctg. Oct. 14 & 15.
- DU PONT: B.S. in Ch. E., Chem., Phys., & ME, Oct. 14 & 15.
- SOCONY-VACUUM: B.S. in Ch. E., ME & Analytical Chem.; M.S. & PhD in Analytical Chem. Oct. 15.
- McDONNELL AIRCRAFT CORP.: B.S. in Aero. E., CE, EE, ME, Math., Phys., IE & Arch. E.; M.S. & PhD in Aero. E., EE, CE, ME & Math. Oct. 18 & 19.
- STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA: B.S. in Ch. E.; M.S. & PhD in Chem. Oct. 19.
- DU PONT: PhD in Ch. E., Chem., Phys., ME, Ceramics & Metallurgy Oct. 19, 20, & 21.
- MALLINCKRODT CHEM. WORKS: B.S., M.S. & PhD in Chem., Metal., Ch. E., ME, EE & Comm. Chem. Oct. 19 & 20.
- OHIO DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS: B.S. in CE Oct. 20.
- NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION (Los Angeles): B.S., M.S. & PhD in Aero. E., CE, Arch. E., EE, & ME Oct. 20.
- NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION (Columbus): B.S. & PhD in Aero. E., ME, CE, EE & Arch. E.; M.S. in Math., Aero. E., ME, CE, EE, Arch. E. Oct. 21.
- NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION (LOS ANGELES): B.S., M.S., & PhD in Aero. E., CE, Arch. E., EE, ME on Oct. 20.
- HAWAIIAN SUGAR PLANTERS ASSOCIATION: B.S. in Ch.E.; M.S. & PhD in Org. Chem. on Oct. 25 & 26.
- WEST VIRGINIA PULP & PAPER: B.S. in Chem., EE, IE, ME & Sanitary Engr. on Oct. 25.
- U.S. NAVAL ORDINANCE LABORATORIES: B.S. in EE, ME, IE, Ch.E. & Metallurgy on Oct. 25.
- BOEING AIRPLANE COMPANY: B.S. in Aero. E., CE, EE & ME; M.S. & PhD in Phys. & Math. on Oct. 26.
- NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS: B.S. & M.S. in Metallurgy, Aero. E., ME & Ch. E.; PhD in Ch. E. & Phys. on Oct. 26.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"The only clue I'll give you is that it came from the student cafeteria."

International Grads—

Scher Discusses European Unity

By DOTTIE BENNETT

The human aspect is the most important in the European struggle for unity, Serge Scher, graduate French instructor, told the Graduate International Fireside Monday.

Scher spoke on the topic, "Why Does Europe Have So Much Trouble Finding Unity?" He said while Europe is usually thought of in terms of countries and governments, in order to find the basis of trouble one must remember there are men living there.

Scher divided his subject into two topics: the German-French program and the English-French program. He stressed the psychological aspects of the former, pointing out that the complex anti-German feeling which still exists in France is one of the main reasons many of the French are opposed to German rearmament. The French remember with bitterness, he said, the three times their country has been overrun by German armies, and the fear that it could happen again is still prevalent.

Of the economic aspects, Scher said that France is a weak nation living beyond its means. The French, he said, are afraid of unfair competition from Germany, since the Germans can produce cheaper goods and, in some instances, better quality. He added that Premier Pierre Mendes-France is trying to increase and modernize production, but it is a difficult task that will take a long time.

Referring to the British-French program, Scher said the French felt they were being pushed into the European Defense Community when others did not want to go, and that such a power would have wounded British pride. He added that the British also were opposed to the program because they felt it would injure them economically. He said while the French still have a very friendly feeling toward Britain, they are bitter because of this attitude.

The feeling in Europe is not against the idea of unity, Scher said, but time is needed to achieve it. Good will, he said, is one thing which could level any difficulties.

In general discussion following Scher's talk, Wolfgang Kugel, general graduate student from Germany, said that biologically speaking, the whole is the sum of the parts, and this applies to a nation as well as to a human being. He said that so long as one country is not united within itself, Europe cannot be united.

Kugel added that lack of common language is often the main source of misunderstanding. He said within many European countries, different languages are spoken, and as a result people do not always understand their own countrymen.

Nuclear Group Names Prof To Committee

William M. Breazeale, professor of nuclear engineering, has been named to the 29-member organizing committee of the American Nuclear Society.

The society, first professional organization of scientists and engineers working in the atomic energy field, was formally established Monday.

The new group, which has not elected officers yet, will apply for a charter in New York probably late this year, Breazeale said last night.

Two other faculty members have been polled for membership and have made favorable replies, he said. They are Eric A. Walker, dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, and Warren W. Miller, associate professor of chemistry.

The society has made tentative plans to hold its first technical conference at the University June 27 to 29.

The organizing committee met Monday in Washington, D.C., to hear the results of a poll of more than 200 nuclear scientists. About 90 per cent of the replies were favorable.

One of the group's main purposes will be to foster the integration and advancement of nuclear science and technology through an interchange of information and ideas in all branches of research.

The society expects to hold cooperative conferences with foreign scientific and technical groups.

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 Serenade in Blue
- 9:15 News
- 9:30 Symphonic Notebook
- 10:00 Sign Off