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## Recommendation on NSA: Wise Move

The recommendation presented to All-University Cabinet last night to withdraw the invitation to the United States National Student Association to hold its national congress here, was a sound move.

It was not made in haste. It followed two months and one day of work by a Cabinet-appointed committee chaired by Robert Dennis, president of the Association of Independent Men. After the preliminary invitation was extended to USNSA, the organization compiled the requirements of the congress and contacted the University to see if it would be possible to fill these needs. The committee investigated areas involved and also appraised the campus attitude toward USNSA.

The decision to request the withdrawal of the invitation showed a realistic evaluation of the situation by the committee; it was undoubtedly a difficult decision to make since many of the members are staunch supporters of the USNSA program. There are several specific reasons involving the fact that the University was unable to meet congress requests and a compromise seemed improbable.

More than this, however, was recognition of the fact that the University student body is not ready to be host to USNSA. As Mr. Dennis said, he "does not feel the student government and

the student body are sufficiently enthusiastic about having the convention here." He said the congress, if invited, must be received properly and not half-heartedly.

It would be unfortunate if the congress were to come here and not be able to hold a successful convention due to lack of interest by the student body. It would do great harm to the University's reputation and would ruin the possibility of ever again playing host to the congress.

We are not lamenting the loss of the congress because we feel a wise decision was made. However, we do feel this has been a valid gauge of student interest in USNSA and the results are not encouraging. Feeling as we do that the organization offers a fine laboratory for student government and provides a channel for an orderly exchange of ideas between schools, we would consider it a loss to stop participation. On the other hand, if the \$600 Cabinet spends running the program here is producing no wider results than are apparent, it might be possible to put that \$600 to better use.

The committee made a wise move in asking that Cabinet postpone until another year the invitation to USNSA to hold its convention here. In doing so, however, it has caused some question as to the effectiveness of NSA at Penn State as judged by the lack of student interest.

## Juvenile Delinquency

When Leo Healy, defense attorney for one of the Brooklyn youth "thrill killers," gave his summary address to the jury Tuesday he made statements exemplifying a basic weakness in present day courts.

Healy was defending Melvin Mittman, 17-year-old boy who has been referred to as the muscle-man of the duo who beat and killed William Menter in New York on Aug. 17. Healy attempted to emphasize to the court that Mittman was guilty of committing or attempting to commit assault only, but was on trial for murder.

To indict this boy for murder and throw him up as an example to other youths would help solve the problem of juvenile delinquency, Healy said, "but we're not here to solve the problem of juvenile delinquency."

Whether Mittman's indictment for murder was justified is not our chief concern here. We are concerned with Healy's statement that "we're not here to solve the problem of juvenile delinquency."

Such an attitude is too predominant in American courts. They tend to operate on a punitive basis, relying on punishment, both confinement and death penalty, because this method is easier on the American economy and safety than psychiatric treatment and therapy for the criminals. To kill an indicted criminal, or lock him up in some forsaken spot with hundreds of other maladjusted creatures, is much simpler than attempting to cure the criminal and alleviate the cause of his waywardness.

Mittman's case is neither the beginning nor the climax to this situation. Psychiatric treatment for Mittman or his 17-year old cohort alone will not solve the nation's problem of juvenile delinquency.

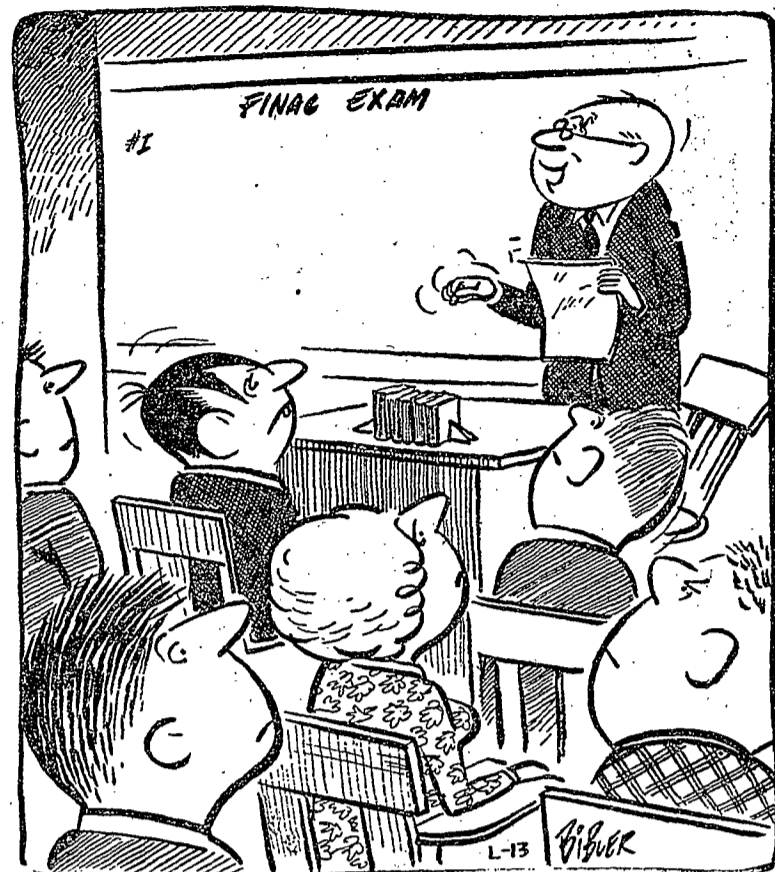
However, every court that refuses to accept part responsibility for young criminals, and passes the buck of eliminating youth crimes to the welfare workers and the patrol boards, sets this nation back a step in finding the real solution to juvenile delinquency.

—Peggy McClain

An honest man's the noblest work of God.  
—Pope  
Genius must be born, and never can be taught.  
—Dryden

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Don't worry about these chapters we skipped — I believe I've covered them adequately in the final."

## Marcie Beaucoup

By MARCIE MacDONALD

Anybody for Europe next summer? Every year it's something different; last year every third college student spent the summer as a camp counselor. This year every third one is planning to sail the big Atlantic pond.

Sounds delightfully gay and charming, but we know of a trio of coeds who are finding that making plans for the grand continental tour is a big headache.

They wrote scores of letters to steamship companies recently, feeling quite sure that they would have no trouble getting reservations so far in advance.

Huge joke. Answers came from haughty secretaries, tersely suggesting that they submit their applications now for passage in February of 1957. A charming executive from the French Line thanked them for their funny letter.

Well, finally the Amalgamated Rhubarb Export Lines, Limited, came through with cots for three in the engine room, and the coeds turned to planning their itinerary.

All heck broke Marcie MacDonald loose at this point. One of them wanted to spend the whole summer in the Louvre. The second wanted to get the autographs of the best known names in Parliament. The third wanted to help alleviate expenses by subbing in the Follies Bergere.

The only thing they agreed on was cutting down expenses, but they didn't agree on how. After careful perusal of the rates on the SS United States they figured that if one of them went first class taking the other two as servants, they might cut a little off the bill. But this didn't work out because everybody wanted to be the grande dame and nobody wanted to be a maid.



They tried to figure out a way to get a cut of the Campus Chest contributions, but that, too, failed. They're still struggling along, though. Anybody who's interested can drop a small contribution in the basket on the society desk at the Collegian office.

## Council to Hold Book Collection

Agriculture Student Council Tuesday night made plans for the collection of books for Silliman University in the Philippines immediately after the start of next semester.

Older agricultural books are especially needed in order to coordinate the available machinery with the information that the books supply.

George Williams, council president, announced that Ag Achievement Night will not be held this year. Agriculture leaders will be recognized in the April issue of the Penn State Farmer, Forester and Scientist, he said.

Williams appointed Douglas Moorhead, fifth semester horticulture major, chairman of the open house committee.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Adventures in Research
7:45	As You Believe
8:00	Concert Cameos
8:30	Just Out
9:00	Guest Star
9:15	News
9:30	Special Christmas Production "The Other Wise Man"
10:30	Sign Off

## On Dance Conflict

The recently reported conflict between two scheduled dance dates—one to be sponsored by the Association of Independent Men and one by Hat Societies Council—looks rather unnecessary. Two solutions are quite obvious to what AIM seems to consider a dilemma.

1. Hold both dances as scheduled. The AIM dance, a "farewell" party for the TUB, will naturally be patronized by presently-enrolled students who know what the TUB is. The Hat Societies Dance, an orientation mixer for new students, will be patronized by new students and an assortment of men students interested in looking over the new crop.

2. Or combine the two dances and hold a farewell-orientation dance in the TUB.

—P. M.

## Safety Valve—Christmas Trees

TO THE EDITOR: What are you going to do with those old Christmas trees? We of Pollock 4 have decided to give our tree and decorations to a welfare agency in this vicinity. It is indeed more practical to dispose of trees in this manner than to congest the rubbish pile with trees that can make a brighter Christmas for those served by the numerous welfare organizations. Let's give the trees away instead of throwing the trees away.

—Harry Martini  
—President,  
Pollock 4

## Gazette...

Today  
AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING CLUB, 7 p.m., 105 Agricultural Engineering  
CIRCLE K, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 10 p.m., Alpha Chi Sigma  
FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., north corridor, Recreation Hall  
NEWMAN CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Old Main  
NITTANY GROTTTO, 7:30 p.m., 229 Mineral Industries UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Barbara Ajello, Raphael Belford, Paul Brown, Nancy Burley, Harris Coleman, Linda Ely, Carl Fitzgerald, James Foyle, Gillian Hamer, Joseph Held, Melford Hersey, Margaret Hoover, James Lawson, Ronald Lis, Polly Moore, Josiah Morrill, Charles Muse, Harvey Reisman, Marilyn Zabusky.

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