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## Is NSA Worth \$600 to Penn State?

Let's do something with the National Student Association, fondly known as NSA, and its \$600. Since its inception on the Penn State campus, the local chapter of the group known nationally as the United States National Student Association has been the subject of much controversy. The pros and cons have been dragged out again and again, and moves to end and retain the group have been made with a status quo resulting.

Recently, much of the NSA publicity, locally, has been adverse to the continuance of the group on this campus. Student apathy toward the organization has done much to weaken its hold. The small group of students who are actively interested in its work have, on the other hand, been chiefly responsible for it remaining as long as it has and for its retaining its present position.

The latest negative blast came last Wednesday night in a report on the NSA regional convention presented to the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors. It was made by Leonard Richard, the AIM delegate to the convention.

Discussing only the regional, he pointed out that Penn State was the only large school represented in this region. "We were on two levels when we were discussing student government problems," he said.

"It is true that NSA conventions are broadening and interesting, but the value just is not there," Richards concluded.

Thus, we face the problem of the actual worth of NSA and not for the first time. It is hard to condemn an organization with so many good points (on paper) and one which actually has done no harm to Penn State. It must first be proven non-beneficial to the entire student body and a needless expense to it.

NSA, as mentioned above, looks good on

## We Need a Rest!

Students are again starting to feel the full force of the scheduling office's "efficiency" in setting dates for final examinations. Many students are beginning to realize just how impossible it will be to do their best work during finals this semester when class tomorrow afternoon and exams start the next morning.

While this lack of a break is not altogether new, we wonder if those setting up the exam schedule overlooked again the fact that regular course assignments—such as blue books, term papers, and even "last minute" chapters that never got assigned till the last week—are especially heavy at this time in the semester. This fact alone demands some sort of a buffer day between the completion of assignments and the beginning of exams.

Ideally, one would assume that if students need "cramming" time before exams, one day would not be enough. However, it is not just cramming time students need—it is a day on which to begin general review, as advocated by all professors, for at least the first course exam. When this first general review day is denied students, it has a cumulative effect and makes it extremely hard to get a firm hold on the entire exam schedule.

It is of course too late to remedy the situation this semester. However, we ask that the scheduling office consider these problems before spring semester examinations and take steps if possible. We also ask that the scheduling office put this buffer day into the schedule permanently.

—Peggy McClain

paper. Off paper, however, it falls down. Despite the many things that have been taken from NSA plans and used here, there have been at least twice as many that would not apply. The organization has failed to come up with anything tangible on a national scale, to our way of thinking, and, as it attempts to cover the entire country, its ideas are more often than not unworkable at Penn State.

All this we can overlook. What hurts are the facts that appeared on Dec. 16 when All-University Cabinet decided to withdraw its invitation to USNSA to hold its national congress here. Robert Dennis, head of a committee which looked into the matter, asked for the move for two reasons. Because the University was unable to meet several congress requirements and because he did not "feel the student government and the student body were sufficiently enthusiastic about having the convention here."

The importance to us was that this became a valid gauge of student interest in NSA and the results were not encouraging. In the light of this disinterest, we wonder if the \$600 Cabinet spends annually running a program of little apparent interest could not be put to better use in some other local phase of student government.

We can not kill or save NSA at Penn State. Cabinet can. We feel Cabinet should appoint a committee to evaluate the work of NSA since its founding and look into its future and see if NSA has a place on our campus. After all, it is taking \$600 of our student fees annually.

## Safety Valve—

### AIM Pleads Case

TO THE EDITOR: At the risk of sounding like Casey Jones, I should like to reply to the editorial in Saturday's Daily Collegian entitled "Railroad Job?" (Comment on the Association of Independent Men election code.)

First of all, we feel Miss McClain should become better acquainted with the Association of Independent Men. We feel sure she might be able to if she were to attend a meeting or two...

We also invite Miss McClain to do a little investigating, which she has notably neglected to do in this editorial. We are willing to provide her with any information she might need, providing she is willing to seek it out. This, of course, includes investigation of past AIM activities so she will be able to get a full understanding of what she is doing.

We might further suggest Miss McClain investigate the possibilities of logic and some basic political theory. We would suggest Miss McClain then correlate all she has learned and then...

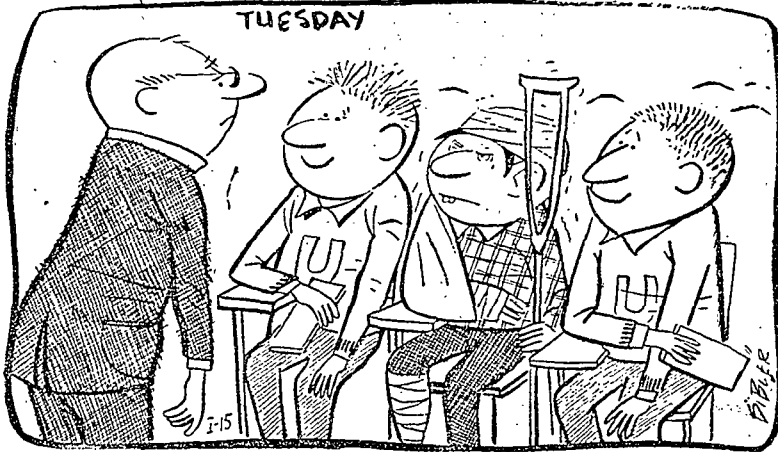
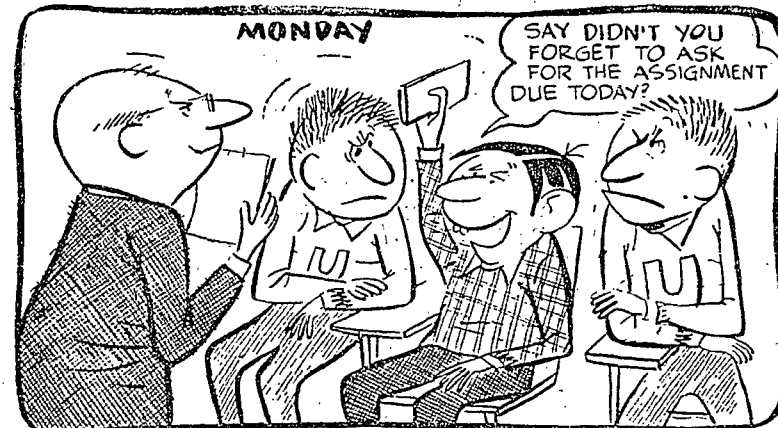
—Robert Dennis, president, Association of Independent Men

## Gazette ...

Today  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main  
COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie  
COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL STAFF, JUNIOR AND SOPHOMORE BOARDS, 7:30 p.m., 1 Carnegie  
COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 102 Willard  
JUDICIAL, 7:30 p.m., White Hall  
PENN STATE OUTING CLUB, SKI TRIP MEETING, 7:30 p.m., basement, south wing of Rec Hall  
PENN STATE OUTING CLUB, SKATING DEPARTMENT, 7:30 p.m., 109 Ag  
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
Sue Abell, Paul Burdick, Richard Doyle, Geraldine D'Alto, Baylee Friedman, Janet McClarren, Margaret McClain, John McGill, Joan Means, Albert Rossi, William Smith.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



### Gymnastic

## Impressions

By DIEHL MCKALIP

### Gymnastics —

Bravo for the Swedes!

Yes, bravo for the Swedes and for Gene Wettstone, Penn State gymnastics coach, for his efforts in bringing them here. To our way of thinking it was one of the best things that ever hit Penn State. It pleased all, the cultured, the athletic, and those who just like to be part of a big crowd.

Never have we seen Recreation Hall so jammed to the rafters. It is really something when you can sell standing room in small State College. Evidently the College of Physical Education and Athletics had brought in the engineers for they seemed to have allotted every available inch of space. All the more reason to look forward to that day, and they say it is not far away, when Penn State will have a field house capable of taking double the Rec Hall crowd.

Some say it was not as good as last year. It was different but just as good. Missing was that feeling of competition there last year when the Swedes nosed out the Nittany Lions by two points. Added, however, were the fine women gymnasts and the large birthday cake; incidentally it was real cake on a wooden frame.

Probably the most impressive thing to us was seeing former Penn Stater Jan Cronstedt now performing for "the other team." By the way, he was impressed with the performances of the Lions who participated and picks them to retain their national title again this year.

### Swedes in Ice —

Sunday night the Swedes visited the new ice skating rink on east campus. They pronounced it fine even by the standards of Sweden, a land which has plenty of natural ice and snow and is a

mecca for winter sports enthusiasts.

While the Swedes were at the rink, several slipped onto skates and slipped onto the ice. We did not see them, but, from all reports, they are as accomplished and graceful on the ice as they were on the gymnasium floor the night previous.

### Swedish Newspaper —

The Daily Collegian itself got into the act with more than the usual coverage when we ran a near duplicate of our Swede story Saturday morning in Swedish. No, it was not an economy size typographical error.

Ron Gatehouse, our gymnastic (Continued on page five)

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:30 \_\_\_\_\_ Scott Unabridged  
8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ Behind the Lectern  
8:30 \_\_\_\_\_ Music of the People  
9:00 \_\_\_\_\_ Informally Yours  
9:15 \_\_\_\_\_ News  
9:30 \_\_\_\_\_ This World of Music  
10:30 \_\_\_\_\_ Thought for the Day

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