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## Campus Party: Healthy Sign for Penn State

Penn State has a third party. The fact was made known last night by Jack McMeekin, former vice-clique chairman of the State Party. He will call it the Campus Party. He is organizing it to promote student participation in student government, train capable leaders, and advance representative student government.

We are glad to see this third party appear; win, lose, or draw. It means students still are not afraid to start something new, and that they are capable of doing it in a convincing way.

How so? This is not the first third party that has been formed; in fact there have already been two others during the current semester, and talk of other "third parties" has never ceased. The other two attempts seemed as nebulous as the talk, however, and have died at birth because the preparation did not match the enthusiasm.

This does not seem to be the case with the Campus Party. Judging from a talk with Mr. McMeekin, the group of founders has already drawn up a charter and by-laws to be presented to the Senate for chartering, has selected an advisor, and is even making plans for the spring elections. Such preparations, if true, indicate to us that this third party may not fail and may quickly become able competition for the two now existing. In fact, it may not even be the "third party" for long.

We also like the mere principle of this new party attempting to start today. We feared the necessity of going through the red tap of Senate chartering and the like would discourage students from organizing new political parties. There would exist the feeling that "it was too much bother" and so Lion and State would be the only parties in spite of all.

A permanency instilled in a group because it

would formally chartered would be bad. Students would soon feel these were "approved" parties because they had been chartered by a University group. This is a permanency which would be false and which could enable the party leaders to have much their own way in interpreting their constitutions and in making decisions not covered by them.

Thus, to us the third party becomes a good omen, it indicates students do not accept Lion and State as the only parties since they are on the verge of formal chartering. Also its planning points out students still can do things properly.

## Hosterman, Inc.

Penn State's national soccer championship honors, which came on the eve of the University's Centennial celebration, marked another milestone in what has become an avenue of national sports fame at the University.

It follows, but undoubtedly will not conclude, a long list of national championship honors earned by Penn State athletic teams.

It seems impossible that a more deserving recipient could be found for the soccer champion's title than coach Ken Hosterman's undefeated team. Penn State has always been recognized as the hot-bed of American collegiate soccer, and this year's squad was widely acclaimed as the best in a lineup of great Lion teams. It drove past nine of the best soccer clubs in the nation, fielded three all-Americans, and shattered three Penn State scoring records. The national championship was a deserving climax.

Mark up another great triumph for Penn State athletics.

-Dick McDowell

## Safety Valve...

### NSA Needs Participation

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. McKalip, in his editorial on the National Student Association yesterday, scored two valid points. There is no longer much doubt in anyone's mind that Penn State stands to gain little from our regional associates; and the enthusiasm for NSA here is certainly far from overwhelming.

First, I would like to clear up a misunderstanding as to the role of the national setup of NSA. It is not the purpose of the national office to plan programs and activities, to suggest improvements, etc. for Penn State. This function is left to the region. Admittedly, we are not getting all we should here.

Therefore, information has been requested concerning the possibility of changing to a more stimulating region. If it is possible to do so, I think we would be cheating ourselves if we did not give it a try. Perhaps a switch of regions would get those plans that look so good on paper in the world of reality.

The basis for lack of enthusiasm lies in the organization of NSA on this campus. NSA is made up of student governments, not individuals. Therefore, it should be the responsibility of every Penn State student government person to be prepared to discuss and to reach decisions on topics of importance to NSA. Without this situation, we can not hope to participate effectively. Lack of effective participation leads to a lack of enthusiasm. Until student

government here at Penn State realizes and accepts the responsibility that is theirs, apathy will undoubtedly remain. What is so strange in expecting your student leaders to accept the responsibilities that accompany their offices?

Constructive criticism and evaluation are fine. However, it seems at least 90 per cent of the time has been spent in criticizing and evaluating and only about 10 per cent in really acting. Instead of starting, individually or by way of committee, another round of evaluation, I suggest you start the first real round of participation—through All-University Cabinet as a committee of the whole. If NSA is ineffective on this campus, it is a reflection upon our student government and the people who compose it, not upon a highly successful and important national organization. Can it be the real reason for the years of evaluation of NSA is an attempt by Cabinet members to shrug off responsibilities that are theirs?

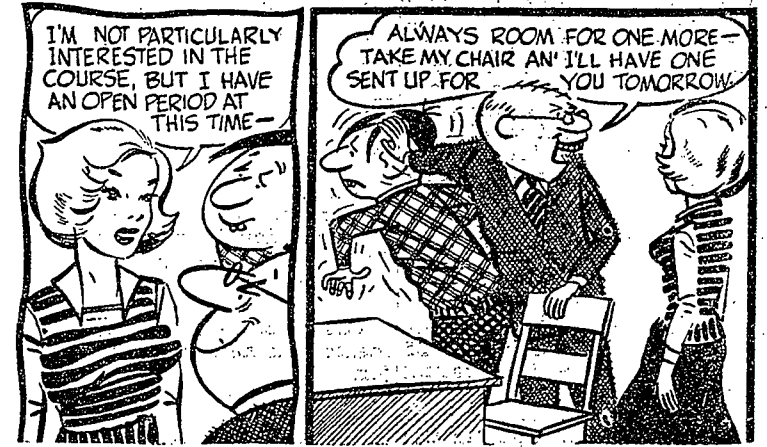
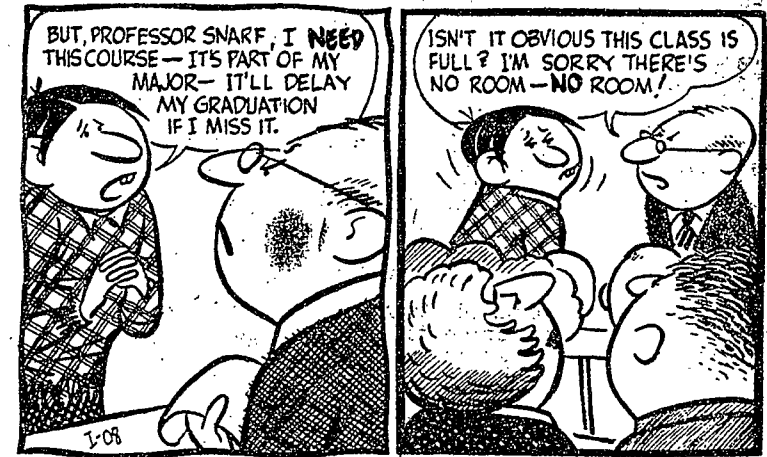
-Lennie Sidman  
NSA Coordinator

## Gazette...

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## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



When Smaller Talk Is Made

## of all things...

By MIKE FEINSILBER

Penn State, if it needs nothing else, needs conversation even less. It's got it. The art of saying little nothings loud and long herein flourishes. We excel at it. That's because we practice.

"Spinach," for example, my friend George said to me the other day, "doesn't really contain much iron at all."

"That's nothing," I replied, opening my advance. "Tau Kappa Epsilon has a dog named Ralph."

"Although movies aren't really better than ever," he countered, "they haven't improved much at all."

"The dog has a tail," I gloomily observed.

"I was gloomy, you see, because he was winning. His talk was much smaller than mine."

"The University's keep-off-the-grass campaign," he thrust, "isn't meeting success."

"Pity," said I.

"Not really," he sallied. "Grass is always greener on other campi."

I sulked. "Pedestrians heavy for this time of year," I ventured.

"Relatively," he tallied.

"More people on the streets," I expounded.

"Woman's place in the home," he hissed.

I spoke. "Gadgets—frozen food, canned tomatoes, refrigerators; too much time on their hands."

"Yanks lost the pennant." He was grasping.

"Cigarettes are longer than ever," I fumed. "No wonder tobacco consumption up."

(Note, I was winning.)

"Been having a bit of a bull market," he sneered.

"Bully," I sauntered. He coughed.

## Grad Student Dance Planned for Feb. 5

The Graduate Students Association will hold an informal dance from 9 p.m. to midnight Feb. 5 in the White Hall gymnasium.

Duke Morris' Orchestra will play for the dance, which is free to all graduate students. Entertainment will be provided and refreshments will be served.

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