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NSA: \$600 Folly for Student Fees

Is membership in the National Student Association worth \$600 to Penn State?

The answer is no, not now. Potentially NSA is a fine organization in that it offers a laboratory for student government and provides a channel for an orderly exchange of ideas between schools. This is fine and worth \$600, but it is not working at the University.

All-University Cabinet is pouring its \$600 budget allotment for NSA down a bottomless hole; bottomless because there are no interested students waiting to take hold of the sum and utilize it. In plain language, the student body or the representatives of it do not give a hoot about NSA.

Student interest in the organization centers about those few who are named each year to a committee to handle NSA affairs for Cabinet. This causes the rest of the student leaders and those they represent to wash their hands of the whole thing. They sit back and wait for their \$600 investment to bear forth fruit.

This disinterest, while readily evident at all times, was particularly pointed up in December when Cabinet decided to withdraw an invitation to the group to hold its 1955 national convention at Penn State. In addition to several

technical problems, the bid was retracted because, in the words of Robert Dennis, head of the committee looking into the bid, the committee "does not feel the student government and the student body are sufficiently enthusiastic about having the convention here."

Attempting to evaluate and show that, while it might be worth \$600 a year elsewhere, it is not worth the investment at the University, is not a new thing. Each year Cabinet debates it when it considers the budget for the coming year, and each year Cabinet renews its life. This since it does not want to be the one to kill it and maybe next year's student government will be able to get something out of it.

Frankly, it seems Cabinet has fooled around long enough for fear of being burned. The lack of student interest dictates the membership in NSA be dropped and the \$600 be given other work. If the association is missed after several years of non-participation, then is the time for an interested student government to revive the idea and make it work at Penn State.

NSA is not working and will not with students' present attitude towards it. It is \$600 per year down the drain. Cabinet must not be afraid to tackle the issue. Drop NSA now and revive it if interest revives.

ODK Should Replace Senior Hat Groups

The election of 19 men to the newly formed chapter of the national leadership fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, was announced yesterday. The election was the peak of a movement that might well prove the best thing to hit campus in many years.

We congratulate those men selected and wish them luck. Each, as a member, now has a distinction to live up to and may well offer a valuable service to his school.

At the same time, we commend the organizer of the local group, Benjamin Sinclair, for the success of his labors in bringing ODK to the campus. Mr. Sinclair had help with the project, but he did the bulk of the research and organization and through such has made a very vital contribution to the campus.

The national ODK is by no means a typical men's activities honorary as the University knows them. The local group should stay away from the latency that often attaches itself to Penn State men's hat societies.

There is room and a need on this campus for the potential services of ODK. The new group might justifiably replace the present senior men's hat societies, Parmi Nous and Skull and Bones.

The role of the latter two organizations has been reduced, through the past five or so years, to one of recognition almost exclusively, with little or no emphasis put on service. Many of the actual members have said as much themselves.

It seems more detrimental than anything else to encourage this sort of recognition without combining it with any real value through service.

Most of the members make their contributions to the school through individual channels rather than through Parmi Nous and Skull and Bones. The organizations as such are almost functionless. Meanwhile, however, they are perpetuating standards on which Penn State hat societies as a whole are judged.

It is only reasonable then to ask that these groups be dissolved and the members concentrate their strength into comparatively active upperclassmen's groups like ODK and Lion's Paw.

Recognition would not be stripped from those whose services deserve it; at the same time, there would be a partial end to the prostitution of service-leadership groups.

—Peggy McClain

Safety Valve—

Distribution --

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to make clear the reason for the distribution of the Daily Collegian at the Hetzel Union desk instead of the Student Union desk in Old Main.

First, the HUB is centrally located and thus makes it easy for students to obtain Collegians there.

Second, the HUB is not too far from Old Main and if a student desires a Collegian (which he is entitled to), he will walk to the HUB in a matter of a few minutes, which I'm sure won't cause any students to be late for class. At one time every student had to walk a great distance to get his Collegian—today, we distribute the paper at places most convenient to all students.

Third, distribution in Old Main deprived a great number of students from receiving their Collegians because they were taken by so many employees in Old Main, who do not pay fees. With distribution in the HUB, this may alleviate the problem.

Fourth, students living downtown can pick up their Collegians at the Corner Room, Penn State Diner, and New College Diner, if time doesn't permit them to go to the HUB.

—Richard Gordon
Circulation Manager

On BX Books --

TO THE EDITOR: On Saturday, March 12, I observed that the Book Exchange in moving from the TUB had dumped all of the unclaimed used books in the trash barrel. These were subsequently ruined by the rain.

This, of course, represents no loss to the BX since they were probably books students had turned in to try to sell and failed to reclaim.

There have been, however, in the past year or so a number of drives on campus to collect books for various libraries in the United States and foreign countries. Could not these books have been donated to some such drive?

—Gail Cutler

EDITOR'S NOTE: Benjamin Lowenstein, chairman of the Book Exchange, informs us the BX did discard some books which were at least two years old and had been declared useless because the material was out of date. He explained these had been offered to one of the recent drives and were refused for the above reason. Unclaimed books are held at least a year and the discarded ones represented a six-year accumulation.

Will Indies Meet Test?

Independent Week is more than just a series of activities. It represents a challenge to independents at the University.

They represent the largest and best organized group of independent students in the East. When the National Independent Student's Association elects officers at the NISA convention in April it will be looking to the schools with strong independent organization for leadership.

Pictures of the week's activities and complete committee reports will be submitted to a contest sponsored by the University of Tennessee. The independent organization with the most satisfactory group of reports will be awarded a trophy.

A good report of NISA week and an outstanding delegation to the convention will go a long way toward putting the University's independents in the limelight for a national office.

Independents, this is your week. It's up to you whether it lasts only seven days or is the beginning of national recognition among independent students.

—Jackie Hudgins

Gazette...

Today

AIM JUDICIAL BOARD OF REVIEW, 7:15 p.m., 218 Willard
DELTA SIGMA PI, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., 204 Old Main
FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., North corridor of Rec Hall
FRENCH CLUB, 7 p.m., study lounge of McElwain
FROTH AD STAFF, 7 p.m., Froth office
RIFLE TEAM PRACTICE, 7 p.m., Rec Hall
WSGA HOUSE, 6:30 p.m., Atherton Lounge, third floor-east wing

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

CAMP INTERVIEWS, 112 Old Main, sign up in advance:
Trail Blazer Camps, March 19; Camp Pocono, March 19;
Camp Woodhaven, March 21; Hidden Lake Camp, March 22;
Teela-Woolet Camps, March 22.

MEN'S MEAL JOBS, on and off campus, 112 Old Main

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Carolyn Baer, Elaine Bohorad, Sandra Booth, Angelo Borzillo, Alfred Brooks, Barbara Englebach, Ellen Huttel, Kenneth McClymonds, Jean McVicker, Paul Merkel, Robert Raybuck, Jane Schrope, Norman Smith, Donna Vought, Elmer Witter.

The world is not interested in the storms you encountered, but did you bring in the ship?

—William McFee, Tales of Hoffman

There is no man living who is not capable of doing more than he thinks he can do.

—Henry Ford

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Now this is the one you've had so much trouble clearing."

Marcie Beaucoup

By MARCIE MacDONALD

Whatever else he was, Polonius was a father, and his words to his son, "this above all, to thine own self be true," should still be taken under serious consideration by young people reaching maturity in this confused and conformist world.

On the college campus, especially, are obviously rigid stereotypes into which students are gently but firmly molded during the course of their matriculation. This molding process is hardened during upperclass and/or graduate work, when the pain of being pushed by several different forces into equally differing molds during the first year or so of college work has passed.

This stereotyping does not merely extend to fields of study; even stronger social molds await the unwary and unthinking person at the college gate, or anywhere else, for that matter. There is always some group ready to absorb the uncrystallized personality and inflict its doctrines upon it.

A close-to-the-heart example is the so-called college social group. Another is a course of technical study that gives the individual a sadly lopsided view of the universe. These little demons are everywhere.

And so, at the beginning, the neophyte suffers from a sort of claustrophobia—he doesn't like being pushed in a hundred different directions at once, and the only answer is to give in to one of these forces. Unless, of course, he has the courage to be an individualist in a time when individualism is encouraged on the surface and purged beneath it.

The longer he procrastinates and avoids the choice of choosing his mold or standing alone on his personally thought-out philosophy, the worse his situation becomes. If anybody lasts for long in this stage, he must have learned to withdraw from the situation and put everything back in its proper perspective. As a matter of fact, this is what keeps the individualist what he is.

Our generation has been called the silent generation, the apathetic generation (particularly locally) and the lazy generation. And no wonder. Civilization no longer knows what mud between the toes really is. We move in circles of formulas; formulas for success, formulas for happiness, and formulas for peace of mind. Formulas, for the most part, that equal zero.

What is the price a free thinker must pay? Is it worth it? We need only to learn a trade and follow it, and not talk back to the internal revenue men, and the government insures our old age. A million years from now will these times be known as the Degenerate Age?

Grad Society Elects Bucher

Henry Bucher, graduate student in education, has been elected president of Iota Alpha Delta, graduate education honorary society.

Other officers elected were Joseph Mazurkiewicz, vice president; Mary Kammerer, secretary; and Mary Pettigout, treasurer.

The society also admitted five graduates to membership. They were James Davenport, Miss Kammerer, Ralph Kennen, Miss Pettigout, and Daniel Matto.

Iota Alpha Delta was organized primarily to promote fellowship among men and women interested in guidance and student personnel work. The honorary society holds regular monthly meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28.

Borough Society Will Hold Concert

The State College Choral Society will sponsor a concert at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Admission cards for the concert are available at the Hetzel Union desk. There will be no charge for the concert, but persons wishing to attend will not be admitted without cards.

The program will include sections of B Minor Mass and a small section of the Passion According to St. Matthew, based on the narration of the Last Supper. The entire program is by J. S. Bach.

3 Students Win Awards In Annual Rifle Drill

Three members of Company B-5, Pershing Rifles, placed among the top 11 in the seventh annual Pershing Rifles Individual Drill competition at Champaign, Ill.

The students were Eric Taylor, fourth semester aeronautical engineering major, who placed sixth; Lawrence Altemus, fourth semester student, who placed seventh; and John Yaag, who placed 11th.

Tonight on WDFM

51.1 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	-----	UN Story
9:15	-----	News
9:30	-----	Master's Palette
10:00	-----	Thought for the Day