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NSA: Affects Every Student at Penn State

Is membership in the National Student Association worthwhile to Penn State?

All-University Cabinet will consider that question tonight. The question is not a new one. Last year Cabinet decided to continue in NSA only after heated debate.

Cabinet will probably not come to a decision tonight as to whether or not membership in the organization is desirable because Ray Farraby, national vice president of NSA, will speak to Cabinet members and interested students Sunday night on the advantages of membership in the organization.

After discussion tonight and Sunday, Cabinet will then probably try to reach an intelligent conclusion regarding membership in NSA at its meeting next week.

Students should not leave this decision entirely up to the judgment of their representatives on Cabinet. Likewise, members of Cabinet should place the question before their groups, discuss the matter at length, and vote according to their groups' desires.

This, of course, is not feasible for all members of Cabinet because of the nature of their groups. But these members should try to obtain a sample of student opinion before they vote.

Students should do their part also by either attending Farraby's talk or reading carefully news accounts of the lecture. They should then communicate with their representatives on Cabinet and voice their feelings on the issue.

Why should students and Cabinet members go to all this trouble?

Because membership in the often-questioned national organization affects every student in a personal way.

NSA membership costs Penn State students \$700 per year. This is quite a substantial sum even when distributed among over 11,000 students.

More important, perhaps, are the objectives of NSA. Quite contrary to the notions of most people, NSA does not concern itself chiefly with attempts to solve student problems common to member universities.

Rather, it operates primarily on the national level by attempting to represent student opinion in politics and government. Bruce Lieske, president of the Association of Independent Men

and a delegate to the August NSA convention, estimates that about 90 per cent of NSA's efforts are expended as a lobbying group in Congress. If Penn State votes to continue in NSA, then, theoretically, the students at the University will be represented in Congress by a pressure group.

NSA is a group which in the past has been connected with many radical viewpoints. For example, at the annual convention two years ago the correspondent for The Washington Post and Times Herald reported: "Two representatives of the Labor Youth League, a Marxist study group, are circulating Marxist propaganda to delegates at the NSA convention."

If students are to be represented by a lobby in the national legislature they certainly should be in accord with the objectives of the lobbying group.

Another problem connected with membership in NSA is the fact that in the past, although the University has been a member of the organization, it has not really benefited from its membership.

The ideas brought back by the University delegates to the national convention were never adequately disseminated to the student body. This fact is demonstrated by the almost total unconcern with NSA and unawareness of its existence on the part of the majority of the student body.

This objection to NSA was raised last year when membership in the group was considered, but was overridden when it was suggested that a committee be appointed to study means to increase the importance of NSA at the University. A year has passed and is the situation any better?

Is it worth \$700 per year to belong to an organization which thus far has done little more for the University than provide a great personal experience for the three or four delegates to the annual convention? The annual Student Encampment, which is attended by nearly 100 students, costs students only slightly more than \$500.

Cabinet members and students should consider membership in the NSA long and thoughtfully before reaching a decision. It is a matter of great importance to every student.

—The Editor

UN Tour Needs Expansion and Improvement

Cabinet's close decision last week not to send its own delegate to the United Nations is relatively unimportant in the face of the dissention that has developed.

As was implied by Bruce Lieske, president of the Association of Independent Men, an understanding of the UN is of unestimable importance if we are to be equipped to take our places as world citizens.

And a guided, inexpensive tour may be the most practical way to get this understanding. However, when Cabinet decided not to send its representative to the world organization, all hope of preparing University students for world citizenship was not lost.

Rather, the indifference on the part of Cabinet may be an indication of the prevailing indifference existing among organized bodies at the University in general.

Three years ago the University Christian Association saw the need for some sort of inexpensive student tour to the UN. And like most

projects, it was started on a small scale.

Letters were sent to about 40 student organizations this year inviting them to send representatives on the tour along with several from UCA. Response to these letters was poor considering about 20 people, including those sponsored by UCA, had registered as of yesterday, the official deadline.

This is not necessarily an indication of individual student indifference to the UN.

But it does point out the inability of the UCA to handle the planning and publicity of such a major event as the tour.

Which gives rise to the question—If the UN tour were put into the hands of a more appropriate organization and enlarged in scope, would support be any better?

We believe it would.

The UCA has provided the stimulus by organizing this voluntary student tour, but the idea has outgrown its original shell and must be expanded and improved if it is to survive.

—Jackie Hudgins

Safety Valve...

Advises Veterans Club

TO THE EDITOR: From all indications the president of the newly formed Veterans Club has been classified by many members of the student body as being affiliated with the Lion Party.

Needless to say, any veteran wants his organization to be as beneficial to himself as possible and at the same time influential on campus. A completely neutral political status is very necessary to achieve these aims.

In spite of the fact that ties between the Veterans Club and the Campus Party would greatly benefit Campus Party, we would not recommend their affiliation with the Lion Party.

Why? Because the veterans are limiting their scope of influence and the potential of their organization by a one-sided stand.

In closing, I would like to say that Campus Party is definitely interested in the veterans and their problems and has always been interested.

In illustration, two of Campus Party's successful candidates in last Spring's elections were

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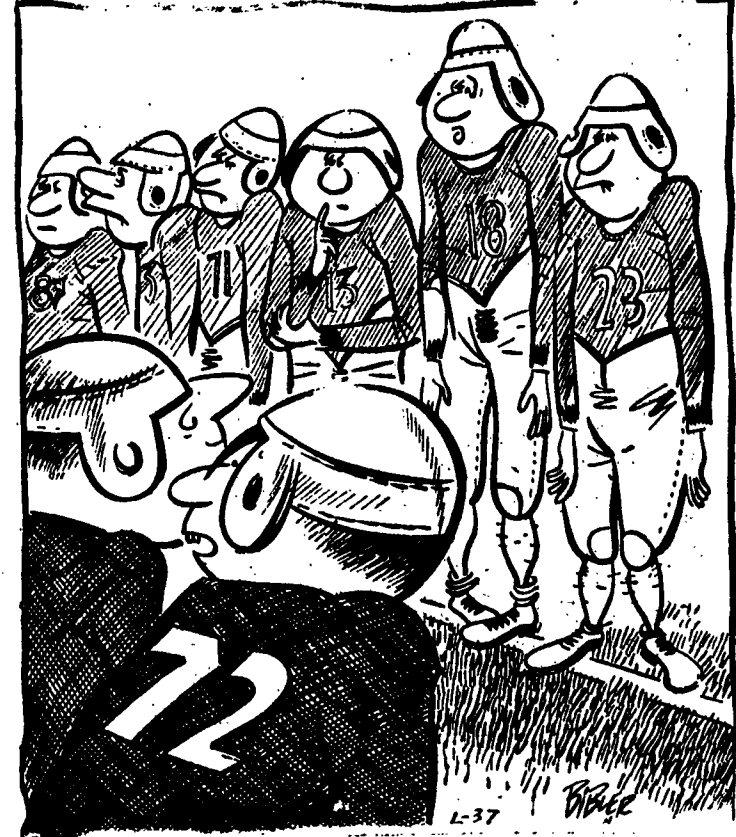
- Today
- AIM FIRESIDE ORIENTATION PROGRAM, 7 p.m., McElwain Lounge
- ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA, 7 p.m., Grange playroom
- CENTRAL PROMOTION AGENCY, senior board, 6:45 p.m., Hetzel Union Building
- COURSE IN BASIC CONCEPTS OF JUDAISM, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation
- COURSE IN BIBLE TEXT INTERPRETATION, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
- DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy Building
- HILLEL HOUR, 7:30 p.m., WMAJ
- HILLEL GRADUATE CLUB PLANNING COMMITTEE, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
- NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
- NEWMAN CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING, 7 p.m., Student Center
- NEWS AND VIEWS CANDIDATES AND STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 209 Home Economics
- PENN STATE DEMOLAY, 6:45 p.m., 102 Willard
- RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., second floor, Hetzel Union Building
- UNIVERSITY PARK PROMENADERS, 7 p.m., 114 Recreation Hall

veterans—the present All-University president and the president of the junior class. This policy is being continued.

—Allen Davies
Campus Party clique chairman

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"They play an 'unbalanced line'—I heard none of 'em have an I.Q. over 40."

Photo Editor

On Assignment

By RON WALKER

Tradition dictates that every year a line should form at the ticket window the night before Penn game tickets go on sale.

And this year was no exception. We happened to make a routine check in Rec Hall Tuesday night around 10 o'clock and, sure enough, about 14 men were grouped together near the ticket window reading textbooks.

"This the line for Penn tickets?"

we asked, thinking that probably some phys ed classes were overflowing.

"Yeah, but you'll have to get at the end of the line," one of the men replied without even looking up.

We tactfully told the man that we were from the Collegian and looking for something that might make a good picture.

"Oh, Collegian," he replied, "you guys just missed a good shot. Campus cops were by here a minute ago and said we couldn't sit under the ticket window. Said they were going to throw us out at 12. How about that?"

We agreed with him that it was tough, but told him to sit tight there for a minute and we'd be right back with a camera.

When we returned we noted that two of University Park's Finest were about to throw them out.

"You guys'll have to move on," one of the cops said. "The Dean says you can't stay here all night. Let's go."

That's when we got our picture. But when our man Jacobson tried to identify the cops for the caption he got nowhere.

"Sorry," one of the patrolmen said as he walked away, "you'll have to check with Captain Mark on that."

Oh, for the life of a campus cop.

A friend of ours turned 21 today and he claims he will mark the occasion by visiting one of State College's better night spots—legally.

"That faked matric card stuff was too much," he said. "Too many checkers thought my picture didn't look like me. But now I can realize my greatest ambition. Now I can get my own TGIF card. Just think of it!"

We wished him much success and headed for the Corner Room.

At the Navy game last Saturday we noted that one photogra-

pher seemed to concentrate on Lenny Moore.

It became apparent that he obviously was not one of the local lensmen (he carried two Leicas) so we built up enough curiosity to ask where he was from.

"Colliers," he replied. "We're only taking pictures of Moore, Welsh and Beagle. Possible All-Americans this year. We picked them on our pre-season poll, you know."

Just then Lenny Moore came our way on a play which should have lost him yardage. But he danced around one Navy tackler, eluded another, and turned in a respectable gain.

"Look at that will you," the Colliers man cried, "that's what makes an All-American!"

We agreed with him wholeheartedly.

The following item was received last night in our office over the AP teletype:

"... He said Peterson, who took the worst beating, may have died first."

Officials also theorized that the slayer was a burley madman moderately priced in most parts of the country. Also listed as good buys are peppers, egg plants, Southern cucumbers, Canadian rutabagas, and Virginia snap beans.

Club to Type Blood

The Rod and Coccus Club will do blood typing from 7:30 to 9 tonight for the benefit of their Textbook Scholarship. The typing will be done in 205 Patterson, and will cost 25-cents for the blood type and 25-cents for Rh factor.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:10	Sign On
7:20	News
7:30	Starlight Review
8:00	Jazz Club
8:30	Just Out
9:00	Call Card
9:15	News
9:30	Scenario
10:30	Sign Off

So You Want to Lead a Band?