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Does NSA Have a Place at Penn State?

Hold your hats—here we go again. From the looks on the faces of most of the All-University Cabinet members who attended the discussion of the National Student Association conducted by Ray Farabee, NSA vice president, Cabinet will probably vote to renew the University's membership in the confederation Thursday night.

Cabinet members seemed to catch the infectious "spirit of NSA" as expounded by Farabee and members of the University's delegation to last August's NSA convention.

NSA is a confederation of about 300 colleges with a total enrollment of about 600,000. Farabee claimed that it is recognized as the "student voice" in America.

Cabinet members are being asked to decide whether membership in NSA is worthwhile to Penn State. Most of the members of Cabinet seemed to forget this basic consideration as they became caught up with Farabee's enthusiastic account of NSA's purposes, functions, and accomplishments.

NSA is a gigantic, unwieldy, student confederation which apparently is being perpetuated by a few earnest zealots in each member school.

The student interest in this "student voice" at Penn State was amply demonstrated by the sparse crowd which greeted the NSA officer. About the only students who were there were members of Cabinet who had been told rather forcibly at the last Cabinet meeting that their attendance was expected.

In answer to a question, Farabee admitted that the student interest in their "voice" on other campuses was comparable to that demonstrated by Penn State students Sunday night.

We have a feeling that this antipathy of the average student toward his "voice" is recognized by most of the people NSA tries to influence toward effectuating its policies.

Although NSA claims at least partial responsibility for obtaining legislation favorable to students, this influence is apparently not recognized by veteran news reporters.

NSA is hardly prominent in the news. Except when in national convention, the "student voice" is almost totally ignored by the professional press.

This is rather unusual for a "voice." When the doctors speak as a group, or when the owners of trucking concerns speak as a group, their influence is reflected by substantial coverage and comment in the nation's press. Why then is NSA almost totally ignored? Is it because its influence is negligible, and those who judge news value recognize this fact and believe that the students of the country are not really speaking as a group?

Farabee also stressed the wealth of good ideas concerning student government which can be obtained through NSA. We question whether NSA can really provide Penn State with enough ideas to make it worthwhile.

The member schools of NSA vary so much in makeup that there is little common ground for an exchange of ideas. Schools range in size from

enrollments of 100 to giants such as UCLA, where, Farabee stated, the student government has annual budget of 1.5 million dollars and power to hire and fire the football coach.

Schools at either of these extremes can do nothing to help Penn State, nor can Penn State do anything to help them. Since the variety in the composition of member schools in NSA is so marked, the number of schools which can help Penn State student government narrows to a number considerably less than 300.

This is particularly true in the region in which the University would operate in NSA. The member schools in this sector of the country, with the exception of the University of Pennsylvania, are all much smaller than Penn State. And at Penn only the women's student government is affiliated with NSA, thus perhaps nullifying any contributions from that source. This would be a great deterrent to the University delegations to NSA regional conventions.

So many facets of NSA are intangible that it seems difficult to comprehend how the ideas of the organization are to be communicated from one campus to another.

Some of the member schools might be able to help Penn State's student government but we cannot see why the University would have to belong to NSA to communicate with these relatively few similar institutions.

The cost of NSA is substantial. In the past the student government association has spent between \$600 and \$700 per year for dues and financing of delegates to the conventions. Supporters of NSA have contended that even more money should be spent. The University is entitled to send 14 students as delegates and alternates to each national convention. The financing of such a delegation would at least double the present cost of NSA.

A reason advanced for sending more delegates was so that freshmen and sophomores might attend several conventions while they were in college so that some continuity would be added to the NSA program on campus.

Continuity in the NSA program would definitely be needed, but to pick a delegate with the idea of sending him to conventions for three years smacks of hand-picking student leaders to us.

But perhaps one of the most important points Cabinet members should consider is that NSA thus far has failed at Penn State. It will not succeed because a handful of people become enthused over its possibilities after listening to a two-hour lecture.

The NSA coordination system at Penn State is not a good one. This is evidenced by its past failures. It did not succeed in making NSA an important factor at Penn State. There is no real reason to believe that it will be any more successful in the future.

Before Cabinet even considers whether Penn State should re-enter NSA, it should be sure that there is a place for it at Penn State. —The Editor

What Ails Campus Chest?

Campus Chest flopped again. We're sure it isn't the basic philosophy of college students not to support worthy service organizations with their contributions. So what is the problem here at Penn State?

There must either be a tremendous fallacy in Penn State's method of fund raising or the philosophy of Penn State students is exceptionally uncharitable.

According to Campus Chest chairman John Riggs, every effort was made to contact each student for a contribution. He also said that he felt that with the exception of a few cases, the solicitors did a fine job of contacting students.

In spite of the efforts of these solicitors, only a little over \$3500 was collected. This is not a very charitable figure when compared to the 12,000 student enrollment at Penn State.

The \$6000 goal, which was the lowest in the past several years, would necessitate only a fifty cent donation from each student—the equivalent of two packs of cigarettes or one copy of Playboy. Despite this low goal, the total still fell \$2500 short of the mark. This isn't a favorable reputation for Penn State students.

Riggs stated that the number of donations wasn't the factor which held the total down. He said in many cases it was the amount. He mentioned several examples of 25 cent, 13 cent, and six cent donations which might indicate a case of tight purse strings on the part of many students.

An incentive was even added to sororities and fraternities in the form of trophies to the highest contributors. Perhaps these rewards should be broken down into even smaller categories next year (if there is one), and a reward offered to the highest contributing campus organizations. This might reduce the student feeling of getting something for nothing. It would also embrace more students. But the amount spent for rewards might be more than the amount collected.

In any event, students should make up their minds as to whether they want Campus Chest and then make their feelings heard. But students may already have expressed their opinions about this. —Rog Beidler

Gazette...

- Today
- AGRICULTURE STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 213 Hetzel Union.
 - AIM JUDICIAL BOARD OF REVIEW, 8:30 p.m., 213 Hetzel Union.
 - AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, 7 p.m., 109 Osmond.
 - CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main.
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN ADVERTISING STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie.
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., 218 Willard.
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 217 Willard.
 - ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau.
 - FRESHMAN COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union.
 - FROTH ADVERTISING STAFF AND CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., Froth Office, HUB basement.
 - FROTH ADVERTISING DEADLINE, 7 p.m., Froth Office.
- Tomorrow
- LAVIE SCHEDULING STAFF, 7 p.m., LaVie Office.
 - MARKETING CLUB, 11 a.m., rear of Mineral Industries Building.
 - NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church.
 - NEWMAN CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING, 7 p.m., Catholic Student Center.
 - NEWMAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., 102 Willard.
 - AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, 7:30 p.m., 1 Main Engineering.
 - CULTURAL COMMITTEE, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation.
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF (sophomore and junior boards), 6:30 p.m., Collegian Business Office.
 - HILLEL GOVERNING BOARD, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation.
 - HILLEL INTERFAITH COMMITTEE, 6:30 p.m., Hillel Foundation.
 - INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, 8 p.m., 317 Willard.
 - ROD AND COCCUS CLUB, 7 p.m., 206 Patterson.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I never saw a guy work so hard at tryin' to get even with wimmin!"

Interpreting the News

Saarlanders Desire French Leadership

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
Associated Press News Analyst

Saarlanders have demonstrated overwhelmingly that they had rather remain under French hegemony for a while longer than to accept permanent separation from Germany under a vague "Europeanized" status.

In a welter of conflicting emotions they voted down the statute proposed by France and West Germany. Under it an internally autonomous Saar would have yielded its external affairs

control by the Western European Union and started a gradual resumption of normal economic relations with Germany—but with France always actually in control of the economy.

It was a complicated choice they had to make. They made it along traditional cultural and nationalistic lines, and thereby they struck several blows at European unity.

They slapped the French hard, and their pro-French premier resigned in the face of rapidly mounting demands that the Saar begin immediately its fight for return to Germany.

They encouraged close-to-Nazi organizations which once more have found a basis for affinity between themselves and the human ties of the fatherland and mother tongue traditions.

They cut off at birth the first attempt to give Western European Union the aspects of political as well as military cooperation, since guardianship of the Saar was to have been its first political responsibility.

This is a setback to the movement, revived only last June at Messina, Italy, looking toward eventual European political union through extension of the international coal and steel pool idea, establishment of Europe as a single market, international wage and labor standards, joint atomic developments, unified power systems, and such things

as the now-dead Saar statue.

New negotiations between France and Germany appear almost inevitable, accompanied by a revival of mistrust which had been only partly allayed by the recent treaties, which themselves were based on the theory that the Saar question had been compromised. And this time Germany's pro-union Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will be under extreme pressure to accept the demand of the Saarlanders themselves and fight for their return to Germany.

Whether he will do so—probably won't—a strong foundation has now been laid for a movement toward that end; a movement which promises to revive all bitterness of past years and to handicap Western Europe when it needs unity in the new-type conflict with Russia.

Tonight on WDFM

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8:15	Horizons Unlimited
8:30	Phi Mu Alpha
9:00	Top Drawer
9:15	News
9:30	This World of Music
10:30	Sign Off

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CinemaScope - Color

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Van Johnson
John Mills

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LAST DAY

"Seven Cities of Gold"

Richard Egan Anthony Quinn Michael Rennie

SNEAK PREVIEW THURSDAY NIGHT - 8:30

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