

# Students Not Aware Of National Group, Recent Poll Shows

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Students at the University are not aware of National Student Association according to a representative sample survey taken this week.

Out of 107 students called, 64 could not identify NSA as National Student Association. Of the remaining 43 only 11 felt qualified to give an opinion as to whether the University should rejoin NSA.

Of the 11 students that gave opinions seven were in favor of the University rejoining and four were against.

Although NSA has been given publicity in several different types of stories in The Daily Collegian and has been discussed at length by Cabinet, most of the students called were not aware of its existence.

Each student was first asked what NSA stood for, and if he could answer that he was asked whether he felt qualified to give an opinion. When a student gave an opinion he was asked why he felt that way. Students were called at the West Dorms, Nittany, Pollock, and women's dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and town independents.

Students in the Nittany area had the lowest percentage of students who could identify NSA. Out of 25 students contacted only two students could identify NSA and only one student gave an opinion.

One student said he didn't know what NSA is, but that he thought it had something to do with the honesty code dealt with on a national basis.

Other students suggested that NSA stands for National Service Association, National Safety Association, and one student with a 3.7 All-University average said that it was National Scholastic Association.

Barbara Nichols, vice president of Panhellenic Council, said she was in favor of the University rejoining NSA because we should get together with schools of the same size. She added that if the University did not take an active part she did not think it worthwhile.

Margaret Boyd said she did not think the University should go back in NSA because the "total student body is not represented by those people who are on NSA." She went on to say, "I don't think that the students benefit proportionally to the amount of money they put into NSA. To me it sounds like a group of idealistic thinkers and so far words have spoken louder than actions and it should be vice-versa," she said.

Charles Springman said he is in favor of NSA because "not all the good ideas are here at Penn State and we should get some others too."

Andrew Schoerke said he hasn't seen any results from NSA.

Nancy Seiler said she thought it would help our national standing to belong to NSA and that it would do a lot for our relations in our own area and nationally.

Jerome P. Epstein said he thinks that NSA doesn't accomplish anything and that it is a waste of money.

Christine Forte said she is in favor of NSA because she be-

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## Sewerage Plant to Be Constructed

State College Borough Council last night passed a proposal for the construction of a sewerage treatment plant that would improve both the facilities of the Borough and the University.

Borough Council pushed through the program, which had been aired and debated for the last few months, in less than a half hour.

The University, under the agreement, will construct and operate the sewerage treatment plant and the Borough will contribute toward the financial cost. The new plant will replace the two plans now under the University and the Borough.

The plant will serve 36,000 people. Under this setup will be constructed new sewerage lines, force mains, pumping stations, and trunk sewers.

Council, in other business, swore in four Councilmen to serve for the coming four years. Eric Walker, Dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, was one of the new incumbents.

Burgess David Mackey addressed the reorganized Council and emphasized the importance of a Parking Authority to alleviate the congestion in the downtown area and the heavier populated districts.

## Today Is Deadline For Suggestions On Class Gift

Today will be the last day that graduating seniors will be able to make their suggestion for the senior class gift. The suggestion boxes will be collected between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. today by members of the Senior Class Advisory Committee.

The boxes are located at the Hetzel Union desk, West Dorms, Simmons, McElwain and Grange Dormitories and will still be open today to those who have not yet made their selections.

This is the first time that January graduates are given the opportunity to take part in the selection of the gift and they are encouraged to make their suggestions.

Seniors graduating this month may vote on their selections when they pick up their caps and gowns at the Athletic Store on Jan. 26, 27, 28 and 30. The top two or three suggestions will be added on to the ballot in the spring on which June graduates will vote.

A sum of \$9500 has been set aside for the senior class gift.

### Cabinet Committee to Meet

The All-University Cabinet Committee on Sunday Night Recreation will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 212 Hetzel Union.

TODAY'S WEATHER  
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## Delta Sig Begins Repairs on House

Workmen have started to repair Delta Sigma Phi fraternity house, in an attempt to have it ready for occupancy by April 1. The house was gutted by fire last Dec. 11.

A contract of approximately \$55,000 has been let to Vernon J. Dietz, State College general contractor.

A house officer said yesterday that the insurance adjustment was about \$46,000. The structure was insured for \$132,000, approximately 80 per cent of the face value.

Dietz said yesterday that repairs, which were begun Friday, would include repainting and re-wiring the entire house and replacing burned and weakened parts of the structure.

The contract also calls for installation of a sprinkler system, he said.

### Occupancy Date Is Postponed

Although the occupancy date has been set as April 1, Dietz said the repair work will not be finished by that time. However, most of the fraternity's activities can be carried on, he said. House officials had previously estimated March 1 as the earliest possible occupancy date.

Dietz said the house, located at Locust Lane and Fairmount avenue, will be "almost a new structure" and will be "safer and better" after completion of repair work.

### Members Stay in Cottage

At present, about half of the members are living in Spruce Cottage, behind the University Hospital, while others are scattered among different fraternities.

The fraternity is eating meals at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, so they can keep their cook, Mrs. Edna Boone.

### Boone Notices Fire

Mrs. Boone first noticed the fire while she was preparing Sunday noon dinner, about 11 a.m. Although the fire was under control by 1 p.m., firemen remained on the scene until about 5 p.m., checking for further outbreaks of flames and beginning preliminary cleanup.

Considerable damage was done to the house by fire and smoke, but most of the furniture was removed before being damaged.

The fire was caused by a faulty motor of the refrigeration system in the house basement.

## Sleet to Change To Rain Today

Today's weather forecast calls for sleet this morning changing to rain by afternoon, when the temperatures will rise.

Tonight will be partly clear and slightly colder with a few snow flurries, according to students in the department of meteorology.

The weather tomorrow is expected to be partly cloudy and moderately cold.

The high temperature today will reach approximately 35 degrees with a low of approximately 13. Yesterday's high was 23 with a low of 13. The total sleet and snowfall yesterday was .7 inches.

## Weekday Services Planned at Chapel

Daily religious services are being planned for the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Meditation Chapel, which is to be completed late this summer.

The need for music at the new religious center will make it necessary to expand the program of church music on campus.

Expansion plans include the formation of an auxiliary choir to supplement the work of the Chapel choir.

The Rev. Dr. Luther Harshbarger, University chaplain, said yesterday the daily services may include the Mass, morning prayer, and a vesper hour, each to be conducted by the various chaplains to the University.

Detailed plans will be announced at a later date, Rev. Harshbarger said.

The musical opportunities afforded by the planned expansion of the program were discussed by Dr. Hummel Fishburn, head of the department of music.

"Up to the present time," he said, "limitations of space and staff have prevented the development of an extensive program of either vocal or instrumental church music."

"I can foresee," he continued, "even as early as next fall, the beginning of a multiple choir program. Several small vocal ensembles, some under supervised student leadership, will be needed for the daily services in the Meditation Chapel."

He said the auxiliary choir is planned for next semester. If the one-credit course is approved by the Senate Committee on Courses of Study, the choir will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday.

"We also have a large number of students studying organ who now have little opportunity to gain practical experience in playing for services of worship," Dr. Fishburn said.

"We feel," he went on, "that there is a high degree of interest in church music on our campus and that many more students are eager to participate than can be accommodated at the present time."

Membership in the auxiliary choir will be determined by try-outs and personal interviews to be held during spring registration and the first week of classes. Interested students may sign up for interviews starting today.

## Chapel Service Will Revive Old Tradition

Daily religious services in the meditation chapel of the Helen Eakin Eisenhower chapel will continue a 68 year old custom of the University that ended in 1927.

Arising before daylight, students almost a century ago crowded into the chapel in the main building at 5:45 a.m. for scripture reading and prayer before beginning of their day's activities.

Though the school was entirely nonsectarian, religious training was from the first recognized as an essential to living and compulsory chapel was instituted.

Compulsory chapel continued for almost three-quarters of the University's first century. Attendance at weekday chapel was required until 1927 and at Sunday chapel until 1930.

Rigid rules to require attendance at religious services were enforced by being a requisite for graduation.

Until 1896 the University relied on faculty members for the weekday chapel exercises and on visiting ministers for the Sunday exercises. That year President George W. Atherton announced the appointment of the first "preacher to the University," the Rev. Lawrence M. Colfelt.

Since then, with the exception of a period from 1915-1923, the University has had a chaplain who usually served as a faculty member or as secretary of the Penn State Christian Association.

## Eisenhower Proposes Soil Bank Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed today a billion-dollar soil bank plan to reduce crop land about 12 per cent until surpluses are absorbed and farm prices rise again. He blamed the surpluses for shrinking farm income.

As had been anticipated, this soil bank proposal was No. 1 in a nine-point program the President laid before Congress to strengthen the administration's controversial flexible price support system.

Democrats contend that the administration's program is inadequate to protect agriculture and they hope to make farm troubles a major issue in this year's elections. They have already made Secretary of Agriculture Benson a particular target.

In a special message to Congress on agriculture, Eisenhower declared that there is need for "maximum speed" to alter an economic situation in which farmers "find their prices and income depressed amid the nation's greatest prosperity."

He said that unless this situation is corrected, the well being of all Americans will be threatened. Taken as a whole, the President's program offered little prospect of bringing about a big boost in farm returns ahead of this year's elections — a thing that

many farm-area congressmen had hoped for. The new proposals appeared unlikely to bring noticeable increases in prices and farm income before 1957.

Eisenhower said he expected at least 40 million acres of the nation's 350 million acres of cropland would be taken out of production under the soil bank plan. The result, he said, would be fewer crops, a halt in the accumulation of price-depressing surpluses and an improvement in prices.

Farmers would be encouraged to reduce acreages through the offer of government payments in the form of cash and surplus crops. These payments would be designed to help compensate farmers for revenue they would lose on land idled under the program.

## Student's Vehicle Barred on Campus

Traffic court last night suspended one student's driving privileges for 60 days as a result of four traffic violations charged against him.

Eight students were fined \$34 for parking violations, and three were fined \$6 for failure to report to campus patrol. Charges against three other students were suspended and the students will not be required to pay the fines as long as they are not involved in a second offense.

Three cases were dismissed while five students who failed to report to Gene Wethers, Traffic Court chairman, were automatically given fines.