

University Among 300 NSA Member Schools

The University last year joined the National Student Association, a confederation of 300 American colleges and universities representing 600,000 students.

One of NSA's purposes is facilitating the exchange of ideas, operations, and programs through conferences, clinics, workshops, periodicals, special publications, and the Student Government Information Service.

NSA representatives, with the aid of student government, bring appropriate ideas and plans from NSA into the school system.

The NSA committee at the University is organized into four divisions—education affairs, national affairs, student affairs and student government affairs.

Once a year voting student representatives of member colleges attend the National Student Congress where they work on specific issues such as plans, programs, and policies for NSA to follow during the coming year. They also discuss national and international issues concerning education.

Training Sessions Included
In addition to the committee work at the Congress, training sessions for student government leaders are carried out to help representatives gain a working knowledge of leadership programs.

Another part of NSA is a National Advisory Council, composed of educators and leading public figures.

In addition to its national and international scope, NSA works on a regional level. There are 19 geographic regions in the national organization. Regional meetings are held twice a year to establish programs and policies representative of the area opinion and individual member schools.

Hendel, McCabe Elected
Two University students will assume regional positions this year. Barbara Hendel was elected chairman, and Lawrence McCabe was chosen vice president of international affairs. McCabe has since resigned his position.

Regional organizations, the main link between the member schools and the National Congress, plan specific projects for the benefit of its region.

As another purpose NSA states that it provides "a voice for students nationally and internationally through NSA's membership in the American Council on Education, the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, World University Service, National Scholarship Service Fund for Negro Students, and other educational and civic groups."

Promotes Intercollegiate Projects

NSA also includes in its purposes the promotion of intercollegiate projects. Much of their work on Foreign Students programs and the NSA Travel program is in line with this purpose.

The last of its purposes, as stated by NSA, is "serving the general welfare of the nation, by emphasizing throughout its program student responsibility beyond the College community."

Jazz Club Brings Top Entertainers To Nittany Valley

The Jazz Club is one of the newest musical organizations on campus. This year the group plans to bring Gene Krupa, the Australian Jazz Quintet, and Louis Armstrong to campus.

Jazz groups previously heard at the University have included Dave Brubeck and his Quartet, Stan Kenton, Charlie Mingus, and Jimmy McPartland and his All Stars.

The club was started less than two years ago when Theodore Richards, assistant professor of agricultural extension and adviser to the Cornell Rhythm Club before he came to the University, decided to form a jazz club.

Much to Richards' surprise, over 150 students showed up at the first meeting to hear tape recordings of a Stan Kenton concert held at Cornell University.

From this start the group elected officers and drew up a constitution. Richards was elected adviser and has remained in this position ever since.

Today the Jazz Club has over 600 members. They donate records to the Hetzel Union desk and place records in juke boxes in the HUB ballroom and Lion's den.

Drama

Players, Thespians Offer Fun, Practice

The Penn State Players and Thespians, the two main dramatic organizations at the University, provide experience for students in theater arts and fun for those not interested in stage careers.

Thespians, the musical-comedy group, each year presents one Broadway musical comedy and one original show, written by members and other interested persons.

Players presents a varied schedule of comedies, modern plays, tragedies, classics and dramas. Each year three plays are given in Schwab Auditorium and four at Center Stage, an arena type theater in the Extension Conference Center.

Will Present 'Ruddigore'
The first Players' production this semester will be 'Ruddigore,' a satire on 19th century melodrama by Gilbert and Sullivan. This will be the second combined production of the theater arts and the music departments. Last year they presented Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Mikado."

Other Player presentations this year will include: "My Three Angels," by Albert Husson; "Idiots Delights," by Robert Sherwood; "Heartbreak House," by George Bernard Shaw; "Jim Dandy," by William Saroyan; and "Tea House of the August Moon," by John Patrick.

Tryouts are held before each production. All students, except first semester women, are eligible to tryout for acting parts and membership on technical crews.

Based on Points
Membership in Players is awarded on the basis of points given for acting, crew work, and advertising.

Thespians, composed of students from many curriculums, presented "South Pacific" last year. An original play, "Take Ten," based on the University's centennial, was also presented.

Membership in Thespians is also based on a point system for participation in productions. Tryouts are held during the first week of each semester for both acting parts and crew work. The crews provide experience for students in all aspects of backstage work.

Thespians officers elected last spring are Robert Martz, president; Mary Tassia, vice president; Barbara Kinnier, secretary; Truman Burch, treasurer; and Robert J. Bishop, member-at-large.

Acting Chem Head Named for Year

Dr. A. Witt Hutchison, professor of chemistry, will serve during this academic year as acting head of the department of chemistry at the University.

Dr. W. Conard Fernelius, professor and head of the department of chemistry, has been granted a leave of absence until June 30, 1957 to study at Oxford University, Oxford, England, under a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Dr. Hutchison is a graduate of Dickinson College and received his master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University. He has served on the faculty since 1931.

The pioneer schoolhouse of Brush Valley was erected about 1800, approximately two and one-half miles east of the present town of Rebersburg. It was built of logs and furnished with slab benches. The first teachers were Fred Gettig and Joseph Hunt.

Study in 'Arts' Will Be Offered

A new curriculum, designated "the arts," has been established at the University.

The program will be administered by the School of the Arts, of which Dr. Albert Christ-Janer is director.

Included in the curriculum will be majors in art, music, and theatre arts. These three majors, with the major in theatre arts formerly designated as a major in dramatics, were offered prior to this time as majors in the arts and letters curriculum of the College of the Liberal Arts.

The Board of Trustees, in approving recommendations of the Senate to establish the curriculum of "the arts," also approved the transfer of the curriculum in applied arts from the College of Engineering and Architecture to the School of the Arts, which is a unit of the College of the Liberal Arts.

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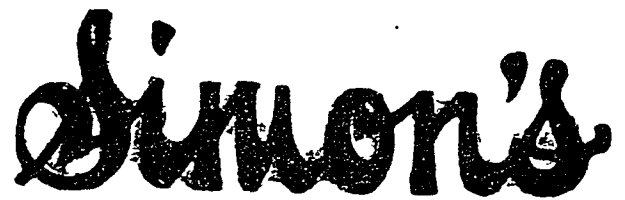
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