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What Price NSA?

After much delay All-University Cabinet will vote tonight on the National Student Association foreign student scholarship fund.

Barbara Hendel, NSA regional chairman, presented the plan to Cabinet two weeks ago. According to the plan Cabinet would give a \$700 scholarship to a foreign student leader picked by NSA. Miss Hendel guaranteed Cabinet that if it offered a \$700 scholarship, the administration would also offer a \$580 scholarship for the student. She also assured Cabinet members that the University would definitely get one of the 15 NSA foreign student leaders if it offers the two scholarships.

The question—does the University want a foreign student leader at that price? In our opinion he or she is considerably overpriced. Cabinet could find many fields for spending its money which would give higher dividends.

An NSA foreign student would have dubious student leadership qualities. Most foreign countries are notably weak in student government. The academic is stressed so greatly in most foreign universities that little time is left for student government. With the highly developed system of student government practiced in the United States, it is doubtful that a foreign student leader could offer much to the University's student government set-up.

One of the points brought out by Miss Hendel is that the foreign student would be able to return to his country with new ideas for student government. This would mean that the junior

year would be spent in the United States and the senior year in his own country. We doubt if a student leader coming to this country following his sophomore year would have held a top position. We also doubt if a very important student leader could be spared by his university.

We feel that a foreign student leader would gain only a limited amount from one year at the University, and would probably contribute very little to the student government at the University.

One of the strangest points against giving the foreign student scholarship is that it is a very poor idea for Cabinet to spend the students' money on this project. There are many students at the University who are struggling financially to get through college.

It would be selfish of Cabinet to spend \$700 of the students' money on a foreign student project. The average student will see no benefit from such a plan. Why should Cabinet make a struggling student also help pay the way of another student?

NSA, an idealistic group, seems to skip over some of the economic factors when they suggest plans. It would be impractical for Cabinet to spend such a large sum on this project. If it wants foreign student leaders, it would be much less expensive to build them out of the foreign students already attending the University.

Cabinet should think twice before scattering its money to the winds—trade winds that is. —Sue Conklin

Cheerleaders and Spirit

This sudden, unexpected football win over Ohio State has brought to the fore an age-old topic of discussion at Penn State—school spirit.

This is something to be desired and with a student body of 12,000 plus it would seem that quite a good deal of this commodity could be mustered.

There have been times, however, when the lack of school spirit has been particularly conspicuous by its absence.

Whenever school spirit is discussed one naturally thinks of it in terms of football games. These events are, after all, probably the best chances students have to express their endearment for their alma mater.

Last weekend the student body joined in a booming tribute to a victorious football team which had just taken victory from a much-favored foe. Unfortunately this rousing expression of spirit came at a time when the campus was virtually deserted. There were no events of special importance going on and many students had left for Columbus, O. or for home towns. Thus the only persons who witnessed

this wonderful demonstration were the students staging it.

This has paved the way for many persons to plead to the students for the same kind of school spirit at the forthcoming game with West Virginia.

Possibly overlooked in all this hulabaloo is the group which leads the whole thing. The cheerleaders have this job and since it is theirs we tend to overlook the job they are doing. We have some complaints coming from the cheerleaders themselves on this score.

So when we go to Beaver Field Saturday and yell our lungs out in support of the football (as we all should, of course) let's not forget the stellar job being turned in by the cheerleaders, not only at football games but at all pep rallies and other functions.

We are sure that the warmest support we could give the cheerleaders would be to go to the game Saturday and turn in an exhibition of cheering like we hear from so many other college cheering sections. —The Editor

Keep Your Place

Who's running National Student Association at the University?

It would seem that Barbara Hendel, NSA regional chairman, is trying to be NSA coordinator at the University as well. We think it would be far better taste for the NSA coordinator to present plans concerning NSA to All-University Cabinet. Although Miss Hendel may be very familiar with NSA it is not her responsibility to act as the NSA coordinator.

Cabinet created the NSA committee and coordinator so that NSA information could be brought to Cabinet and integrated into student government. The committee and coordinator should do the job. The NSA coordinator should have presented the foreign student scholarship plan to Cabinet. Miss Hendel, who has no direct relationship to the University student government should not have presented it.

We'd like to see the NSA committee show interest, and we'd like to see a little less Penn State interest on the part of Miss Hendel. —Sue Conklin

Militarism at UN Day

We had occasion to observe part of the ceremony held yesterday in front of Old Main to commemorate United Nations Day.

Perhaps it was merely poor planning, but the celebration to us looked largely like a military ceremony, with the uniformed students standing stiffly at attention beside the flags of other nations.

Another thing we noticed was a lack of density in the assemblage watching the program. Perhaps this was because it was held at noon, when most students were on their way to lunch.

Would it not be possible, in such ceremonies in the future, to conduct them at some other time, perhaps later in the afternoon, when more of the student body would undoubtedly attend.

We would also suggest that such interested groups as the International Relations Club or the all-University committee on international understanding, which sponsored this year's celebration, conduct a greater part of the program, rather than leaving this to the military element on campus.

We believe it is particularly inappropriate for military forces to conduct a ceremony in honor of an organization dedicated to international peace and understanding. —Bob Franklin

NEWMAN CLUB OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m., 105 Wilbard
NEWS AND VIEWS STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 214, 215, 216 HUB
PENN STATE BRIDGE CLUB, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
VESPER SERVICE, 4:30 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel

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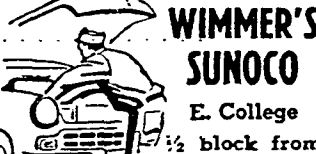
AFROTC DRILL TEAM, 7 p.m., Army
BUSINESS STAFF SENIOR BOARD, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie
EL CIRCULO ESPANOL, 7:30 p.m., Grange
F.T.A., 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main
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Interpreting the News

Big Choice Asked On H-Bomb Question

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—With all the words that have been fired off in the last few days about testing hydrogen bombs, the American public is in little better position to judge between Stevenson and Eisenhower on this issue than it was before.

Stevenson says the United States should take the lead

in stopping the tests, both because of what he calls the dangers of radioactive fall-out and because it would be a step toward peace. He says the United States doesn't keep up with Russia in making proposals that sound peaceful.

The White House, bearing the responsibility of national security, says it has carefully considered a ban on bomb testing for a long time and decided that the chance is too great to take.

As a campaign issue, asking the public to decide is like asking lay advice on any scientific problem connected with war.

Use of the atom bomb in the beginning was a fateful decision in the history of America. The whole idea of mass destruction, including noncombatants and cultural institutions, is foreign to American thinking. But it was the experts on war, both political and physical war, not the public, who decided.

Stevenson, of course, by stressing his proposal, has been saying to the voters that Eisenhower and the Republicans are not the only ones who can think and act about peace. That's his real point. He is under considerable compulsion to get around this idea, which the Republicans have sought to foster, aided by the respect shown abroad for the President of the United States as a key figure in the search.

There is some question whether the voters have accepted the question as a campaign issue at all.

They undoubtedly see that Stevenson, if elected, would seek and probably get some sort of agreement with Russia.

They probably see that Eisen-

hower would like to do it, too, and will do it if what he thinks is a safe situation should arise.

There is no indication that the public has developed a rash on the topic, or that it is in a hurry.

Society to Hold Eng Convention

Delegates and guests from 61 chapters of Pi Tau Sigma, mechanical engineering honorary society, will attend the national convention for the Society to be held Nov. 1 and 2 at the University.

The program will include a banquet on Nov. 2 at the Nittany Lion Inn with Dr. Eric A. Walker, president of the University, as the speaker.

Maurice S. Gjesdahl, professor of mechanical engineering, is completing his third year as national president of Pi Tau Sigma.

Officers of the campus chapter are Ronald Trupp, president; Ronald Eisenhart, vice president; Jean Platt, recording secretary; Keith Bartley, corresponding secretary; and Donald Finley, treasurer.

Steele Selected to Be Counselor Chairman

Robert Steele, junior in arts and letters from State College, was appointed Orientation Week Counselor Chairman for next year.

The appointment was made by John Kersh, president of the hat society council, at a meeting of the council last night.