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Money—NSA

Does the University get its money's worth out of the National Student Association?

Dues alone for NSA are \$600, part of which goes to the national and part to the regional. This is the beginning cost. On top of this there is the cost of sending delegates to regional and national congresses. The national is only once a year, and there are several regional conferences each year. Another cost is the supplies and general expenses necessary to run the NSA office on campus.

Most NSA advocates agree that the University should not belong unless she can send the full number of delegates (seven) and the full number of alternates (seven) to each congress. People usually feel this way because they say that we cannot get anything out of NSA unless we join fully and try to get our ideas across at meetings.

It has also been said that the University should keep its membership in NSA because there are faults in the organization which Penn State students should try to cure.

The fact remains that it is an expensive proposition and that the University has gotten very little out of it in her several years of membership.

It seems unfair to charge Penn State students so that delegates can be sent to NSA to cure its ills. This is much like giving to charity, and we feel that there are many finer charities than NSA.

Considering what the University has gotten out of NSA its money has been virtually a gift. It would seem that there is very little the University could do even if it did send 14 students. The organization is so nebulous and difficult to understand that only those students who have been familiar with it for years can understand it. By this time they are usually ready to grad-

uate. Probably if the University sent 14 delegates to the congress it would be just more of a wasted expense.

The delegates that went at the end of last summer are just now getting a report out. They found that they had so little to contribute that one member could give the report for the entire group. Is this the fault of the delegates? We would say that it is not. It is the fault of NSA.

During the past year NSA has done several things of dubious worth. It gave the Campus Chest committee ideas on how to run the campaign. The failure of the drive in comparison with what it should be would indicate that this, one of the original NSA projects, was not an asset to the University.

NSA has looked into several things such as a student discount service, transportation facilities in the vicinity, improving All-University Cabinet's public relations situation and the Leadership Training Program. The discount research was ruined by the incompleteness of the report and the bad relations that it caused. The committee found that nothing was needed in relation to transportation facilities and has made only minor progress in the area of public relations and leadership training.

The committee suggested that a course syllabi be set up. So far nothing has been done, but there are possibilities as this seems to be the most valuable of NSA's contributions.

In any case, there has been a small reward for \$1200 or more. Basically NSA is a toy for a few people to play with while thousands of students are paying for it.

Until we see some concrete evidence that NSA can contribute something to the University, we would suggest that membership be dropped.

—Sue Conklin

Sorority Problem Pressing

Sorority membership may become rationed in the next few years unless the University allows new chapters of national sororities to be established on campus.

At the present time there are some 3000 women on campus—900 of whom belong to sororities. For the last several years approximately 800 freshman women have been admitted to the University; but next fall 1300 will be admitted—a 40 per cent increase.

With this expected increase next fall, 600 women instead of 360 will likely rush the 23 campus sororities. In the past, the sororities have been able to accommodate the number of women wishing to pledge, but prospects for their being able to do so in the future look pretty dark.

Raising the present sorority quota of 50 to one

of 60 has been one suggested approach to the problem. This would ease it, but would not solve it.

The residence hall expansion program will, within ten years, allow more women to enter the University. A simple quota extension—allowing each sorority about three more women in each class—is not sufficient.

Women who wish to join a sorority should not be turned down simply because there is no room for them. It would be better to have no sororities at all than to make them a sanctuary for a "select" few.

Some of the nine national sororities not represented here have expressed the desire to found a chapter at the University. These groups should be given a chance.

—Judy Harkison

Gazette

- Today
- AG ENG CLUB, 7 p.m., 105 Ag Eng.
- CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
- FORESTRY CONVOCATION HOUR, 11 a.m., 121 Sparks
- GRANGE, 7:15 p.m., 100 Weaver
- HILLEL concert, 8 p.m., Hillel Auditorium
- LECTURE, Prof. A. Case, 7 p.m., 104 Eisenhower Chapel
- NITTANY GROTTO, 7 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
- PHI UPSILON OMICRON, 6:45 p.m., Home Economics Living Center
- RIDING CLUB, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
- THETA SIGMA PHI, 8:30 p.m., Alpha Chi Omega suite

- WOMEN'S CHORUS, 7 p.m., HUB Assembly Room University Hospital
- Dolores Acri, Herman Biesterfeldt, William Bliss, Larry Byers, David Caum, Peter Cooke, Macario Corales, Dorothy Craig, Eugene Curatti, Clair Dennis, Sara Dietrick, David Fine, Edvite Friedman, Jacquelyn Greenberg, Thomas Grimsion, Doreen Hayward, Robert Holzinger, Robert Koch, Nancy Marchese, David Nash, Francis Paolone, Vincent Paparella, John Parke, Harold Pitzer, Walter Poplarck, James Ristimaki, Paul Rosenberger, Janet Schneider, Murray Simon, Ira Storer, Kenneth Stuthers, Anthony Thomas, Mary Toohy, Richard Weigel.

New Democracy Born in Africa

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Over on the Gold Coast of Africa they're christening a new nation today, called Ghana.

It's all very definitely in the American tradition. A politically immature people has been schooled by its British former masters to take up life on its own.

It is a token to the skeptical part of the world that the British Empire is no longer imperial, preferring instead to pose as the midwife of liberty.

In appreciation of this token, which relieves some of the embarrassment the United States frequently feels because of her close alliance with the colonial powers of Europe, Vice President Nixon is at Accra to join representatives of 55 other nations at the birthing.

The British are sponsoring the

new nation in much the same spirit that the United States has sponsored the Philippines, and that other West African nation, Liberia.

Ghana, like Pakistan but unlike some of the other relatively new nations, has already made her choice of the Western side in the cold war. She is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, formerly known as the British Commonwealth. She made this choice as freely as Burma decided to go it alone.

Amid all the celebrating, it is presumed that none of the official midwives will tell new little Ghana today that this is a hard world for small nations, and large ones as well. Her officials have become well aware of it during the period of tutelage.

They, in their happiness today,

will not stop to think that the organization of a new national state is itself a contradiction of the trend toward internationalism which historical philosophers think they see.

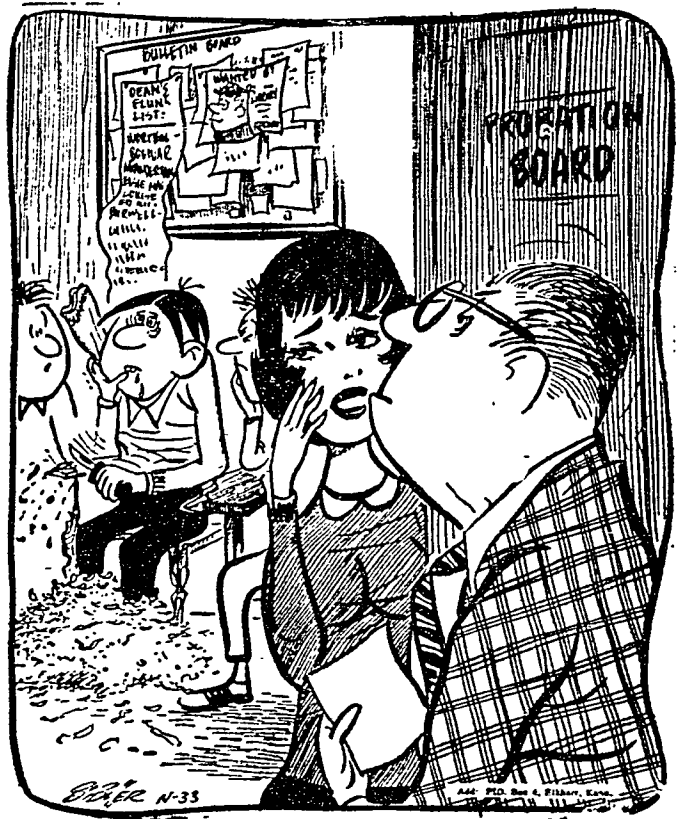
In Europe and in a vast African area to the north of Ghana, France is even now trying to promote a vastly different idea—Eurafrica—a melding of the social and economic interests of many countries which, instead of nurturing nationalism, would yield a part of their sovereignties to the common welfare.

Indeed, the lot of new nations in recent years has not been a happy one. Burma, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Israel, Sudan, among others, including those formed after World War I, have serious troubles.

Ghana will need the sympathy as well as the cheers of the free world.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"Mind taking that nervous boy next?"

Alaskan 'Senators' Trying Old Trick

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Most senators and representatives have settled down in the congressional routine by now. But not the gentlemen from Alaska.

Alaska's senators-elect and representative-elect still are trying to find offices within a snowball's throw of Capitol Hill. And while other Congress members worry over all sorts of problems, they concentrate on one chore:

Whooping it up for Alaska statehood.

You undoubtedly know that Alaska, tired of waiting for statehood, elected its Congress members and sent them on down here to Washington. This device first was used by Tennessee in 1796. It worked perfectly; Tennessee was a state within a month.

This time results haven't been so spectacular. But Alaskans believe the sight of these men at the Capitol door may speed up the process of letting them in as members.

Hearings start on Alaska statehood bills next week. Hawaii, the other veteran yearner for statehood, gets its turn next month.

So this seemed like a good time to drop around and say, "Neey-ahngaouk," which is Eskimo for "Best wishes."

All three say the job of being almost a congressman is working out fine.

The senators-elect, Ernest Gruening and William A. Egan, have talked with almost all the 96 full-time senators.

"We're mainly interested in seeing if we can't clear up any questions they may have," Gruening said. "It's amazing how many misconceptions still exist about Alaska—the myth that it's nothing but a land of snow."

In case you, too, are myth-bound on Alaska, here are a few temperature readings:

Thanks to the Japan Current, Anchorage has January temperatures that compare with those in Concord, N.H. Juneau's temperature is about like New York City's. On the other hand, Fairbanks, with 20 hours of night in midwinter, has a deep diving thermometer that occasionally hits 60 below.

And if the mention of Alaska automatically brings up a mental picture of an igloo, consider this: Whittier has a 14-story building and Downtown Alaska can look pretty much like Downtown Anywhere, when the towns are of similar size.

Forestry Convocation

T. W. Lauderdale of the industrial relations division of the Union Bag and Paper Corporation, Savannah, Ga. will address the forestry convocation at 11 a.m. today in 121 Sparks.

\$500 Audiology Grant Offered

Delta Zeta sorority has established a \$500 national scholarship for a woman student in the field of audiology or an allied course.

The annual award will be made to assist a qualified graduate or undergraduate woman with junior or senior standing.

The allied field includes applied studies in speech and hearing. The applicants need not be Delta Zeta members. Application forms may be obtained by writing to Delta Zeta, National Headquarters, 3561 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis 5, Ind.

The scholarship committee must have the application on or before April 15.

New Prof Hired For Ag College

Dr. Chester W. Hitz, associate professor of pomology at the University of Delaware, has been hired by the University as a professor of pomology.

He received his B.S. degree from the University of Missouri and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Hitz will fill a position vacated by Dr. David G. White, now head of the Horticulture Department of Oklahoma A&M.

Chess Team Wins Meet

The chess team defeated Bethany College Sunday, 3½-1½.

Carl Deitrich, junior in arts and letters from Bellefonte; Frederick Kerr, junior in division of intermediate registration from Allison Park; and Arthur Stein, sophomore in arts and letters from Philipsburg, earned one point each for Penn State.

Michael Cesanek, junior in psychology from Allentown, scored ½ point.

Tonight on WDFM

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- 6:50 Sign On
- 6:55 News
- 7:00 Telephone Bandstand
- 7:55 Sports
- 8:00 Invitation To Relax
- 8:30 Music Of The People
- 9:00 News
- 9:15 Informally Yours
- 9:30 Anthology
- 10:00 Virtuoso
- 11:30 News
- 11:55 Sign Off

Ash Wednesday Rites

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will be observed with the distribution of holy ashes after the 6:30 and 8 a.m. Masses and at 3:30 and 7 p.m. today at Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church.

Law Dean to Give Talk

Pi Lambda Sigma, pre-legal fraternity, will sponsor a talk by Morris L. Shafer, dean of Dickinson Law School, at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in 102 Willard.

The speech is open to the public.

Cantor to Give Concert

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation will sponsor a concert by Cantor Saul Meisels of Cleveland, Ohio, at 8 tonight in the Hillel auditorium.

The concert will be "Songs of Jewish Life."