

Dismissal Standards Tightened

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Cabinet Votes to Drop Membership in NSA

Roll-Call Vote on Page 8

All-University Cabinet last night voted to drop its membership in the National Student Association.

Cabinet voted 12 to 8 in favor with 4 abstentions but failed to collect a necessary two-thirds vote for the continuation in the controversial national organization. The vote fell short by two votes.

All-University President Robert Bahrenburg then vetoed the decision. This was a parliamentary procedure whereby he prevented a further vote on the issue last night.

Although Bahrenburg, when he was junior class president last year, had been a strong proponent of NSA, he vetoed the issue because he thought he should do it "in the best interests of Penn State."

Debate Strong

Before the vote, strong but controlled debate flew back and forth over the Cabinet table.

Lawrence McCabe, NSA coordinator, and Leonard Richards, All-University secretary-treasurer, defended NSA by emphasizing its importance in the realm of national politics.

McCabe said that NSA is the largest and most powerful student organization and its opinion is sought by legislative heads in Washington when student voice is necessary.

A parallel to the University and its relation to NSA, he continued, is that of the United States and its position in the United Nations. The United States, like the University, does not receive material benefits from smaller countries, but assumes the responsibility of assisting them.

'Student Represented'

Richards said that he "begs Cabinet not to get involved in the dances, the paper, and the money"—the material exchange between the University and NSA—but to think of the basic role of the student in an American university and whether he should be represented nationally.

NSA gives University students a chance to look further than campus boundaries, he said, and "exists for the primary purpose of representing students politically—as students."

Daniel Land, president of the Interfraternity Council, attempted to refute Richards by saying "we are told to look outside of our little square, but Cabinet must first fix up the little square and clean it up."

Lion Returns To Limelight

The Nittany Lion, who only yesterday was considered socially to be on the way out, was today catapulted back into the limelight.

The Lion, removed from his weather predicting post two days ago because of consistent inaccuracy, was proudly displaying the first post-Lion report. Through some error (probably typographic) the report called for rain, but did not mention snow. The Lion waved a snowball in one hand.

"They should have known they'd fail without me," he said. "I may have been wrong, but at least I was interesting."

He hopes for greater accuracy in today's forecast for continued cloudiness and cold daytime temperatures. The high today is 30 to 35 degrees, dropping to 15 degrees during the night.



LAWRENCE McCABE, NSA coordinator, faces a barrage of questions last night from All-University Cabinet. Despite the defense by McCabe and other NSA supporters, the University will drop its membership.

Review

'Madwoman' Stars Rescue Performance

By PAT HUNTER

Feature Editor and Theatre Critic

First bows were taken—and rightly so—by the Madwoman of Chaillot and the Ragpicker, who together carried last night's performance of "The Madwoman of Chaillot" through several slow spots—partially the fault of the play itself.

Countess Aurelia, the Madwoman of Chaillot, in her ornate costumes and glittering jewels, took command of the audience in the same arrogant fashion as she commanded the forces of evil to death when they threatened the fate of humanity.

Dream of Yesterday

Her life of dreams, in which she remembered only the peace of "yesterday," is destroyed when her "court" of friends—the Ragpicker, Street Juggler, Deaf-Mute, Sewer-Man and others—although they hate spoiling her dream world, tell her of the greedy men who hate the very things she loves.

Roy Elwell's professional and powerful voice and excellent characterization as the tattered looking but cultured and noble mannered Ragpicker made his the most convincing role in the play.

'Oil-Sniffing' Nose

Laughter rose from the audience at nearly every move of both the Prospector, played by Floyd Santoro, and the Sewer-Man, portrayed by George Cavey.

Santoro, with his enormous "oil-sniffing" nose, sniffs his way both

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Van Zandt Asks For ROTC Aid

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R.-Pa.) told the House today it is "a matter of simple justice" that the Federal government pay at least part of the cost of providing facilities at colleges and universities with ROTC programs.

"The Federal government which relies on the ROTC as its principal source of officers pays no part of the cost of supplying classrooms, office space, drill fields, storage space and the like for this program," Van Zandt said in a House speech.

In contrast, he said, there exists the "well-established policy of providing aid for training facilities of our reserve components."

Senior Ball Committee

The Senior Ball committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 202 Hetzel Union.

Revised Rules to Go Into Effect in Fall

By JUDY HARKISON

Tightened scholastic dismissal standards will go into effect this fall by a change in rules adopted by the University Senate yesterday.

Students will be dropped for unsatisfactory scholarship after the second, fourth, sixth and eighth semester if the All-University average falls below the following: second semester, 1.4; fourth semester, 1.6; sixth semester, 1.8; and eighth semester, 1.9.

There will be no automatic drop actions at mid-year or odd semesters. The new rule applies to students admitted, readmitted, or reinstated on or after Sept. 1, 1955, therefore the rule will not apply to seventh- and eighth-semester students next year.

Replace Old Rules

The new automatic dismissal action will replace the 50 per cent drop rule—whereby a student is dismissed if he fails in 50 per cent or more of his credits at the end of any semester except the first—and the 1.5 drop rule—whereby a student is dismissed after his fourth semester if his grade point average falls below a 1.5.

Students whose semester average falls below 1.7 will be placed on probation unless drop action is taken under other rules. This will eliminate the 1.65 probation rule and the 35 per cent rule, which places a student on probation if he fails in more than 35 per cent of his scheduled credits in any semester.

Also under the change in rules, a student whose All-University average or most recent semester average falls below 2.0 will receive a warning notice.

Associate Degree Students

An associate degree student will be dropped from the University under the following schedule: At the end of the first semester, if the average falls below 1.0; second semester, 1.6; third semester, 1.8; and fourth semester, 1.9.

The rules' change was included in a report of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards and was presented by Dr. Donald V. Josephson, professor of dairy science.

The committee gave four reasons for the change in the system of scholastic actions. The new system would:

- Identify those students who had poor prospects for meeting the C average graduation requirement.

- Drop these students before the University and their parents had invested heavily in their college careers.

- Not discriminate against those students who, although they start poorly, improve sufficiently to

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Israel Starts Gaza Strip Withdrawal

TEL AVIV, Israel, March 7 (AP)—

Israeli troops blew up Egyptian military works at the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba today in preparation for withdrawal tomorrow. Other Israeli forces completed their exit from the Gaza Strip and handed United Nations forces the burden of administering that hotly disputed area.

The company-strength unit at Sherm el Sheikh was expected to take only a few hours to vacate and UN troops stood by ready to fill the vacuum. Demolition teams wrecked concrete pillboxes, ammunition depots and two 6-inch gun positions which formerly closed the Gulf to Israeli ships.

Israelis Destroy Roads

The Israelis did not want the Egyptians to find the fortifications intact in case UN occupation proves to be only temporary. Similar destruction of roads and installations was carried out by the Israelis in their long retreat out of the Sinai Desert a few weeks ago.

Finnish units of the United Nations Emergency Force were ready to raise the UN flag overlooking the narrow coral-dotted strait as soon as the Israelis pull out.

Israel's withdrawal from the 26-by-6-mile Gaza Strip on the Mediterranean after 125 days of occupation was swiftly completed before dawn, except for a tiny working party which did not leave until afternoon.

Departure Without Incident

The departure of the victors in the October-November invasion against Egypt was without incident except for a few unexplained gunshots. The 300,000 residents, including some 200,000 Israeli-hating Arab refugees from Palestine, were under curfew. Only a handful defied the orders to stay indoors.

Ike Appoints Walker Conference Leader

President Eric A. Walker has been appointed general chairman of a 3-day conference on technical and distribution research by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The conference is for the benefit of small business and will be held in Washington early in the fall. Dr. Walker will be assisted by two deputy chairmen.

Dr. Charles N. Kimball, president of Midwest Research Institute, Kansas City, Mo., will organize the part of the conference devoted to research in product development.

Motley to Plan Program

Arthur H. Motley, president of Parade Publications Inc., New York, will organize the conference program on research distribution.

Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks and Small Business Administrator Wendell B. Barnes are cooperating in planning the conference.

The conference was recommended by the Cabinet Committee on Small Business in its first progress report. It will seek to carry out the President's objective of widening the opportunities for small business through research

on product development and marketing. Outstanding specialists from industry, education and government will participate.

Research to Be Analyzed

The conference program will include special analyses by research experts of practical value to small firms and will provide for discussion by small groups and by the conference as a whole.

The initial report by the Cabinet Committee on Small Business suggested a conference date early this year, but the date was set for the fall to provide time for a thorough exploration of research needs of small business and for adequate preparation of material for use at the sessions.

Plans are being made for a nationwide collection of authoritative data on small business research needs.