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Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"Boy, we just got th' girls back in time—Smiley woulda been closed in another ten minutes."

Who Knows What Wonders?

This editorial will attempt to answer three questions: What is the National Student Association? Why hasn't it worked at Penn State? How can it work at Penn State?

The first question: What is the National Student Association?

NSA says it's "a confederation of student governments which represent college student bodies through their democratically-elected student governments. It was created to serve the long-existing need for a representative intercollegiate organization designed to serve the American student community and promote students' interests and welfare."

In other words, it's a lobby organization. It's a place one can go to find out student opinion on issues which affect students as students. This is good. The voice of the students should be heard, and an organization such as NSA is probably the best way to have student views known.

Looking at some of the topics discussed at NSA national conventions further reveals this. These topics include the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, civil liberties, segregation, academic freedom and growing college enrollments. This is indeed a sketchy look at what NSA is, but it will probably suffice.

The second question: Why hasn't NSA worked at Penn State?

First, many students fail to look outside Nittany Valley. They seem indifferent—and yes, apathetic—about the world around them.

Secondly, NSA has had to spend most of its time selling itself. Delegates don't go to national conventions prepared to discuss issues and bring back different views on these issues. They have to bring back information on NSA. This is the reason we are opposed to sending four delegates to this summer's convention. They wouldn't be going there to discuss academic freedom or civil liberties. They would be going there to find out about NSA. The two are quite different.

Thirdly, NSA can't seem to find a place to squeeze into the highly-complicated student government system at the University. There are many groups beside NSA trying to find things to do. The class advisory boards and the hat societies are just a few.

Fourthly, NSA enthusiasts need to come down from their idealistic ivory towers. All they do is

talk about the glorious things NSA can do. They should start doing some of these glorious things.

Fifthly, NSA fails to come close enough to the students. There is only a hand-full of students interested in NSA.

Those are some of the reasons, we believe, NSA has failed at Penn State.

The third question: How can NSA be made to work at Penn State?

It won't succeed by sending four delegates to the NSA convention this summer. That will probably just quicken its death.

Ardent NSA supporters should begin early next fall to look among the student body for students interested in state, national and international affairs, especially in how these relate to students.

They should talk up NSA to these students; get them interested in NSA.

These students should meet even weekly and discuss current problems and issues—the same type of topics discussed at the national conventions. They should discuss these informally and in panels where other students may participate.

They should sponsor symposiums on these problems and issues, and publish reports on them.

Then NSA, loaded down with its work on these issues and problems, should go before All-University Cabinet next spring and ask it to send a full slate of delegates and alternates to the national convention.

Then the students would be prepared to participate at the convention. They could come back with new ideas on these issues and problems. Through more discussions, panels and symposiums they could interest more students in the world outside Nittany Valley—the world of NSA.

They might even interest Cabinet in Alaskan statehood! The engineering students might even learn what the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act is! Who knows what wonders this thing called NSA can do?

Then, in conclusion, NSA will probably get nowhere at Penn State as long as it has to sell itself instead of doing something—acting as a sounding board on issues and problems facing Penn State students but lying outside Nittany Valley.

—The Editor

Alumni Office Is Offering Bargain Prices

Before 2000 graduating seniors leave the campus June 8, they should stop by 104 Old Main to see what's cooking.

The Alumni Association is brewing a pot of class reunions, alumni institutes, publications and general "campus contact," and is waiting for some customers.

The annual membership drive of the Association has begun and will continue with "bargain" rates until Commencement, June 8.

After four years of hard work and complaining, seniors have but one thought and are hoping for a sheepskin to prove it—graduation. After commencement they are no longer part of the University and soon memories of "student days" will fade.

Unfortunately, too often seniors have to be coaxed into joining because they fail to realize the advantages of membership.

If seniors register before June 8, they are eligible for the "bargain" rate of \$2 for the first year or \$70 for a lifetime membership. After commencement, the regular rates of \$3 and \$75 will apply.

Membership in the Alumni Association provides an "absentee," but close contact with the University. For \$2, here's what you get:

- A subscription to the Penn State Alumni Gazette

News, published seven times a year and sent only to paid members. It contains news of classmates, alumni feature stories, articles by faculty authorities and news of the University.

• The Football Letter, a personalized review mailed after each game.

• The Penn Stater, a 4-page newspaper containing campus news that is published four times a year.

• Membership in one of 70 Penn State Alumni District Clubs, which are scattered across the nation and in Puerto Rico.

• Membership which helps to support two big alumni weekends: Class reunions and the Alumni Institute each year, and Homecoming in the fall. Homecoming this year will be October 18-19, the Vanderbilt game.

At the campus headquarters there is a current record of the addresses of some 52,000 alumni. Scores of requests for information or other services are received daily.

The advantages of joining the group far outweigh the cost. And by acting now, seniors can take advantage of a University "bargain."

The Alumni Association is one pot of soup that too many cooks can't spoil.

—Judy Harkison

Gazette

TODAY
FACULTY WOMEN'S CLUB, 12:45 p.m., HUB ballroom.
LECTURE, Jean Dalrymple, director of City Center Theatre Company, New York, on "Collaboration in the Arts," 8 p.m. HUB assembly hall.

TOMORROW
CAMPUS PARTY, steering committee, 2 p.m., 212 HUB.

MONDAY
CHIMES TEA, 8 to 9 p.m., rear lounge of McElwain. For old members and invited guests only.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Ernest Bowley, Stanley Burd, Jerome Klink, Richard Neely, William C. Newhouse, Norman Phillip, Viola Schalis, John Sweeney, Barbara Whitner, Gordon Zawodniak.

German Teachers To Hold Meeting

The central Pennsylvania chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German will meet today at the University.

Nora E. Wittman, assistant professor of German, and Richard Beam, instructor in German, will give a demonstration of elementary school German instruction at 11 a.m. in the College Heights School.

Dr. Phillip A. Shelley, head of the Department of German, will demonstrate and explain the use of closed-circuit television in teaching at 1:30 p.m. in 19 Sparks.

23 Students Tapped By Coaly Society

Twenty-three junior and senior students have been tapped by Coaly Society, agriculture society.

They are: Russell Beatty, Thomas Boyd, Joel Colvin, Leslie Firth, Robert Fox, Richard Grubb, David Jaquish, Charles Kresge, Bernardine McGovern, John Metzger, Gordon Miller.

William Moore, Walter North, George Peavey, Jean Poole, Ronald Roberts, Nicholas Rodriguez, Allen Shoey, Robert Slagle, Donald Snyder, Phoebe Trumbauer, Edward Wickersham and Carl Wolfe.

Driver Trainers Awarded Grant

A grant of \$2500 to provide scholarships for high school teachers in driver training programs has been presented by the All-State Foundation.

The presentation was made by John MacArthur Jr., Pittsburgh district representative of the All-State Foundation.

The scholarships provided by the grant will enable high school teachers to enroll for the Driver Training and Safety Education program to be offered during the main summer session at the University.

Interpreting the News

Queen Is Outdoing Mother Goose

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

Some of the Queen's horses and some of the Queen's men are gradually restoring some of Britain's influence in the Middle East after her Humpty-Dumpty act of last fall.

The return of the British to the councils of the Baghdad Alliance, following a period of quiet ostracism because of the Egyptian fiasco, is evidence that some of the side effects of the crisis are shaking down.

This coincides with broadened American participation in the pact's affairs, and enhances a new link being formed between the West and some of the Arab states.

Iraq, a member of the alliance, is now involved in the process of tightening her connections with kindred Jordan and with Saudi Arabia as an anti-Communist bloc within the Arab League. Indeed, Saudi Arabia and Iraq have become, along with the United States, the chief guarantors of weak Jordan's identity.

As Britain returned to the pact councils—at a meeting of the Economic Committee in Pakistan—the United States arrived for her first formal participation. Although not a member of the Alliance, the United States joined the Economic Committee last year, and recently joined the military group, which makes her just about as active in the pact as any of the formal members.

The two great Western allies have made economic development of the area—Pakistan, Iran, Iraq and Turkey—the first order of their new business with the other pact members.

They have agreed to back the plan with an initial 18 million dollars, of which Britain will contribute about a third.

Iraq, already under development with the money she gets from European oil interests, especially British, will thus be further strengthened for her role as a stabilizing influence in the Middle East.

At least that's a part of the general idea.

Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia are being very particular not to let their new position create a break with Communist-tolerating Syria and Egypt.

Iraq still maintains her military alliance with these countries, and her determination to resist any Israeli expansion. That is the one point where there has been no deviation from policy by the five countries.

The new links and new postures, therefore, do not mean an

approach to the Middle East alliance which Britain and the United States envisioned some years ago, pre-Nasser. Any increased cohesiveness and stability even in a limited area is, however, important to the anti-Communist containment program.

Brown Writes Journ 13 Book

Charles H. Brown, associate professor of journalism, has written a textbook for Journalism 13 entitled, "Informing the People."

The book, intended mainly for newspaper majors, consists of his class notes, with particular emphasis given to newspaper readership surveys.

The purpose of the book is to increase the readability of newspapers in modifying and improving practices of the press where the need is pointed out by the readership surveys.

A review of the book in Editor and Publisher magazine said "Professor Brown has a fresh approach in this book and some excellent points and know-how."

The book, published by Henry Holt and Company, Inc., will be used this fall in Journalism 13.

This Weekend On WDFM

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Tonight	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	Hi-Fi Open House
9:00	News
9:05	Campus Beat
1:00	News
1:05	Sign Off
Sunday	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	Ballet Theatre
8:00	The Third Programme
11:30	Sign Off
Monday	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	Music For People Only
7:55	Sports
8:00	Showcase
8:30	Guest, D-J
9:00	News
9:15	First Freedom
9:30	Greek Quiz
10:00	Symphonic Notebook
11:30	News
11:35	Sign Off