

Editorials

That Perennial Question

That perennial National Student Association question—to be or not to be a member—crops up before All-University Cabinet again tonight.

As sure as Rip Engle gets out his crying towel before each football season, the NSA issue comes before Cabinet each year or so it seems.

What is this thing called NSA and why has it been such a big issue?

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 where one can go to find out student opinion on issues which affect students as students.

Why has it been such a big issue?

The answer is simple: it has never worked at Penn State. One of the main reasons it hasn't been able to work on campus is because it has never been able to find a place to squeeze into the highly-complicated student government setup.

Another reason is that campus NSA enthusiasts have generally lived in an idealistic world—expounding the great goals of this organization—and have failed to realize they weren't accomplishing any of them locally.

All-University Cabinet, then, will again tackle the NSA question tonight.

Last May 16 Cabinet voted to send four delegates (at an expense of \$434) to the congress to report back on whether membership in NSA should be continued. The delegates will give their report tonight. Contained in the report written by two of them and distributed with tonight's agenda is this recommendation:

"... That All-University Cabinet discontinue membership ... in the National Student Association.

Cabinet should approve this recommendation.

Although we feel that NSA has some merits on the national level, these benefits have never been brought back to campus. This cannot be done unless there is a strong campus NSA organization. And this is something the University has never truly had.

And there is no indication we will get one by Cabinet approving membership in NSA tonight.

Cabinet should not vote membership in NSA until a realistic plan of how NSA will operate locally is presented.

To do so would be wasting Penn State students' money for NSA dues and expenses for sending delegates to the national congresses.

Also, Cabinet—like NSA—would be acting idealistically instead of realistically.

Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are.—Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

The tree of liberty only grows when watered by the blood of tyrants.—Bertrand Barere

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Safety Valve

Delegate Gives NSA Support

TO THE EDITOR: National Student Association has been a controversial issue here on the Penn State campus for some time. One of the main reasons as to why this subject brings so much discussion is due to the point that very few persons actually know what NSA can do for Penn State.

To show one of NSA's uses, it seems practical to apply NSA to an existing problem at Penn State. Penn State has over 300 foreign students. These students are the most responsible and intelligent citizens of their respective nations, but they never become active in student government at this campus. Why should this be? Could the reason for this lack of interest of the foreign students stem from Penn State itself? The fault is in our program for these foreign students.

Now that a problem has been recognized what can be done about it? The question could be referred to a committee which would try to solve the problem, and perhaps in four or five years this committee could come up with a workable plan whereby Penn State can take advantage of this talent it has been losing every year.

There is also another way our problem could be handled. Penn State could write to NSA and find out what other schools have done concerning this area of foreign students. We would then get a short summary of methods used, by universities and colleges similar to Penn State, to tap this reservoir of ability. At this point the members of our student government can approach the problem from a realistic background.

This is only one example to point out exactly how NSA can and should benefit the students of Penn State. Why discontinue membership in an organization whose services can be of direct and immediate value to this campus?

—David Allison NSA Delegate to the National Congress

Gazette

TODAY

- Ag Ec Club, "Culture and Agriculture in the Philippines," 7 p.m., 217-218 HUB Campus Party Publicity meeting, 7 p.m., 215 HUB Chapel, Vesper service, 4:30 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel Dairy Science Club, 7 p.m., 111 Dairy Hillel, Basic Judaism, 7 p.m. Hillel, Comparative Religions, 8 p.m. "Living With The Finns," informal talk, 4:10 p.m., Schwab Newman Club, discussion group, Apologetics, 104 program center, 7 p.m. Newman Club Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center Newman Club, Fraternity-Sorority Committee Meeting, 8 p.m., 209 HUB Outing Club, guest speaker, 7 p.m., HUB Auditorium Science Fiction Society, election of officers, 7 p.m., 214 HUB Society of Agricultural Education Wives, business meeting, 7:30 p.m., 157 Park Avenue United Nations Flag Ceremony, 11:50 a.m., Old Main, Army ROTC Band, Pershing Rifles UN Day Program, 8 p.m., TUB Newman Club, Fraternity-Sorority Committee Meeting, 8 p.m., 209 HUB

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

- Jerome Abraczninkas, David Alexander, Abdul Awan, James Blatchford, Camelia Blount, Martha Brown, Laurence Buck, Lester Boyer, Peter Cooke, Jack Crosby, Curtis Carroll, Preston Dent, Judith Deponceau, Sylvia Dori, Salvatore Ficarro, James Furniss, Sharon Gallagher, Elizabeth Egelman, Harry Fontana, Alice Gayley, Gail Gill, Frank Guthrie, Freddie Hill, Richard Engelbrink, Marianne Fries, David Hitchings, Carl Hoffmann, Robert Howe, Arthur Johnson, Ruth Jones, Arlene Kaplan, James Kerr, John Leaky, Janice Leonard, John Marko, Judith Mills, Thomas Mills, Blaine Minhnick, April Mombrea, Joan Moxino, John Nagy, Harry Newburn, Evelyn Nikitscher, Rosalind Rabino, Ronald Raimey, Virginia Rimer, Anne Rollins, Roy Rosenberger, Donald Rudolph, Joseph Sabol, Michael Sapia, B.S.R. Sastry, Charles Schuet, Anthony Seiling, Richard Sicker, Gary Signor, Mary Shuey, Stephen Smack, William Smith, Ronald Springman, John Stoner, Arthur St. Onge, Subagio Isman, Bette Smith, Steven Tomko, James Traynor, Karl Tremba, David Ullom, Stanley Way, Patricia Zadroza, Vincent Zaino, Carolyn Zychowski

PLACEMENT SERVICE

- Sylvania Electric Products, Inc: Nov 7, 8, BS, MS, PhD in EE, Phys, Chem, Metal, Cer, IE Kelly Springfield Tire Co: Nov 7 BS in ChE, Chem, EE, IE, LMgt, ME, Bus/Mgt, Accts, Econ, Mkts Procter & Gamble: Nov 7 PhD in Chem Lubrizol Corp: Nov 7 BS, MS, PhD in Chem, ChE

TONIGHT ON WDFM

- 6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00: Contemporary Concepts; 7:50 State News and National Sports; 8:00: Guest D-J; 8:30: Showcase; 9:00: News, Local, National and World; 9:15: Special Events; 10:00: News; 10:05: Chamber Concert; 11:30: News and Sign-off.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Today's demonstration will be on how to set a broken arm."

Interpreting the News

UN Flags Today May Be Hoisted

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP)—Tomorrow is United Nations Flag Day, and if you are in a flag-flying mood and have a UN flag around the house this is the time to fly it.

This word comes today from Brooks Harding, chairman of the United Nations Honor Flag Committee and the All-Nations Flag Committee. Only yesterday

Harding began his 15th year as the State Department's \$1-a-year flag expert.

But before you run up the UN flag—it's blue and white, with a world surrounded by olive leaves—a word of caution lest you wind up in a paddy wagon.

No flag can be displayed anywhere in this country unless the U.S. flag has the position of honor. That's the law. The only exception: some spot that is considered foreign soil, like the embassies here.

If you are rusty on flag etiquette, the position of honor is at your left, and the flag's own right, as you face it from the street.

"I don't know why it is," Harding said, "but we always run into trouble. Some department store or society wants to honor some nation, so it gets its flag and displays it, forgetting that this nation's flag must be displayed, too."

The UN flag isn't the only international flag waved by any means. There's the international goodwill flag, white with four upright red pillars, which started out in 1942 as the four freedoms flag.

The international goodwill flag, Harding says, comes in handy when a society would like to honor a batch of nations but it doesn't have enough flags to do the job properly.

"Then it's wise to use the international goodwill flag," Harding said, "that's what we did at

the press reception for Queen Elizabeth. It worked out nicely. It's a flag that can fight no battles, but is a symbol of honor and appreciation."

Now about this business of never flying another flag unless the U.S. flag also is displayed: Are there no exceptions? "Oh, yes," Harding said. "It doesn't apply to the Red Cross, for example."

But when it comes to a flag of a foreign nation, or a flag representing several foreign nations, the U.S. flag also must be on display.

LaVie Schedules Absentee Photos

Senior students who will be off campus during the last eight weeks of the semester may have a picture for LaVie taken at the Penn State Photo Shop before leaving campus.

Seniors, when possible, are expected to follow the posted schedule for pictures. There are no individual notifications or appointments.

Students in the College of Chemistry and Physics who, due to illness, did not have their pictures taken may do so this week.

Young Republicans to Meet

The Young Republican Club will meet at 7 tonight at its headquarters at 108 E. College Ave.

