

NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

NSA Motion Draws Fire

Battlelines. Thunder on the stage. Warm collars at Student Council meeting. Panhellenic resolutions. Confusion, misunderstanding.

These are terms which can be used to describe the recent chain of events evolving from the motion made by Public Issues Chairman, John Nolon, at a recent Student Council meeting.

The motion called for the affiliation of the United States National Student's Association (NSA) with the Nebraska Student Council.

What is NSA? To quote from the Congressional Record, August 18, 1961:

"The U.S. National Student Association (USNSA) is a confederation of student governments in colleges and universities throughout the United States. Its programs, policy and national leadership—this year as in previous years—is determined by the National Student Congress, the largest and most significant single meeting of college students in the Nation, comprised of delegates elected by the students of the member schools of the USNSA."

"Today, USNSA's membership includes the student bodies of 400 major American colleges and universities... one-fifth the total number of institutions on higher education in the United States... and one-third of the accredited colleges and universities, the enrollment... encompasses well over one-half of the total college enrollment in the country..."

"USNSA is built on the belief that education is the keystone of democracy and that a free university is essential to a free society. For this reason, the association annually sponsors Academic Freedom Week on its member campuses to emphasize the importance of the freedoms to teach and to learn in building and maintaining a free society."

Last Friday, a handful of interested students met in the Union Auditorium to hear Mike Neff, representative of NSA. Mr. Neff was detained by snow, so Council President Steve Gage took the stage to discuss the rapid growth of rumor and events surrounding the resolution.

He stated that as the Council resolution stands now, the Council vote will determine whether or not the University will affiliate. However, this does not mean that the motion can not be amended and the decision referred to the student body.

Gage's "thunder" then turned to those who have already supposedly made up their minds. He called upon them to seek more information through the Council's study sessions, which we hope will be open to the student body.

He called for removing emotion and replacing it with objectivity. The Council and student body must decide if the mer-

its outweigh the demerits and whether the role of the student government extends to an interesting study and involvement in discussions over state, national and international affairs.

Panhellenic passed a resolution setting up study groups every other Monday. The first one is today. Here, we can refer to the cartoon on this page. What is the real motive of Panhellenic? We hope that their statement: "to present the facts both for and against NSA" is the one and only motive.

We know, however, that National Panhellenic has decreed that NSA is not a good organization. It has also been said that Panhellenic defeated NSA on the Oklahoma University campus because national sorority officers requested their members to vote against it—the basis for which was the national Panhellenic stand.

Should organizational prejudices overshadow an objective look at NSA? We do not think so, and hope not.

Panhellenic, Student Council, and every student should look very objectively at this question. Let's weigh the pro's and con's. Get interested in what NSA is, what it can do for the student body and University; what it can not do. Talk about it; think about it.

And, Panhell, might we suggest that you join forces with the Council and sponsor combined study sessions? It seems that both groups should be after the same thing. Information—objectively obtained.

PTP Starts Moving

Sunday afternoon, the People-to-People movement went into full swing. It was very pleasing to see the two rooms of the Union overflowing with approximately 300 participants.

It was stressed by the various speakers and by Student Council Chairmen for PTP, Chip Kuklin, that this is not to be considered as an activity or an organization as such. The program is not something to do because it is fashionable. PTP is people.

It might be argued that the program should be called Person-to-Person in that all areas of activity involve personal, man-to-man relationships.

The primary area for this program will be the Brother-Sister program, one which will pair an international student and a University student so that they might develop a close relationship and an understanding of each other and their cultures.

But, again, this can not be forced. People who join the program must do so with open minds and open hearts—not after activity points.

Congratulations, Chip, and all who are and will help you with this program.

Curtain Call

By PHIL BOROFF

"'62 Skit-oo!," the newest version of the Coed Follies presented by AWS (Associated Women Students), was generally well received by a large audience at Pershing last Friday.

But for the discrimination at a fringe audience member, the parade of five skits and five traveler acts, pleasantly introduced by 'Herbie' Nore, offered little in the way of new, original, clever entertainment. Rather, it was a variation and re-hash of used comic and music routines handsomely decorated.

The highlights of the evening were two traveler acts. Freshman Christine Johnson delivered in high style a series of three love songs connected by a spoken 'dating' story. She seems to have a tremendous amount of musical talent.

Also excellent was "The Rumble" from the hit music play and movie "West Side Story," danced energetically by Delta Gamma's Karen Costin, Anne Sowles and Jeanne Thorough. Having seen the Broadway show and worked with a summer stock touring company for a week of eight performances, I was extremely impressed with the newness the three co-

eds injected into the number.

Surprisingly, the award winning traveler act was the "Chi Chimps," with Alpha Chi Omega's Helen Landis, Anita Chilen and Mary Jo Leach. Their award should possibly be posthumously split with comedian Ernie Kovacs, since he first did the same thing with his now famous Nairobi Trio.

The other two traveler acts, Sigma Kappa's "Frantic Moment" and "The Flaming Youth," with Linda Landreth doing the Charleston to a recorded "Has Anybody Seen My Gal," were both politely amusing and slightly entertaining.

The skits were all excellently costumed and fluently choreographed. But as a purposeful entertainment, no one skit was completely successful.

Alpha Phi's "Think Pink" won the first place award in an attractive but unoriginal thematic manner. The same idea and title song were performed by Kay Thompson, the "Eloise" creator, in a 1957 musical Fred Astaire-Audrey Hepburn film called "Funny Face." After the Follies, I went home and listened to the film version in the LP album. I want to see the film again.

"'62 Skit-oo!" presented by the Chi Omegas, has some interesting staging—hanging phosphorescent window frames—some original music,

and some bright, cat-like dancing, though no dramatic progression. However, it was judged good enough for second place recognition.

Third place went to Delta Gamma's "All God's Chilun Got Rhythm," a takeoff on the old Minstrel shows. The skit was burdened by a preface scene, and the trite jokes were more burlesque or vaudeville house than minstrel show boat. The fine dancing could better have been incorporated into the skit, perhaps by using a number like George and Ira Gershwin's "Clap Yo Hands," also from the film "Funny Face."

I found Kappa Kappa Gamma's "Pleasantly Bombed" THE MOST ENTERTAINING skit of the evening's fair. An amusing, satirical look at the world situation of nuclear bombing involved: Africa—"I want my Mau-Mau;" Cuba—Castro peddling a toy tractor; Russia—Khrushchev pounding the floor with his shoe, removed because it was pinching his toe warts; and the U.S.A.—Kennedy late because he was at mass, and later revealing a stack of hair hidden under an Uncle Sam top hat. It was fun.

The Gamma Phi Beta skit, "The Jig is Up," shortly revealed the plight of shamrock stealing from the Irishmen by Scotch-drinking Scotchmen. Much as I like scotch... Skit—who?

The Little Things on Campus

Where Do We Go From Here

Differences unlimited. Inc. This could be the name of a corporation we could register in one of the states of the Union and start selling "differences" between individuals and nations.

In case you are totally free and have nothing else to do, this may not be a bad venture to undertake. Individuals, groups, societies, nations have exploited it in the history of mankind as a weapon against each other. But, believe me, there are many, many areas still untouched. The economy of "differences" is unlimited and that should be enough of a consolation.

But there is also the other side of the coin. This is the area of light, of understanding, of appreciation, where darkness or misunderstanding is relegated to the back-

ground with human efforts. There are innumerable problems that are common to mankind. Fashions or fads start in one country and travel all over the world in no time.

Psychologists will tell you that there is the child in every man. Only the other day (during the coffee hour-I prefer to call it the "gossip time.") a friend confided in me. He had told his wife that the moment he starts acting his age he would rather drop dead.

My hypothesis is that if there are things that are common between different age groups there are many things common between different individuals, races, and nationalities.

When a fellow foreign student tells me that Americans are different;

they are proud of themselves, that they are cold—I don't believe him.

Similarly when an American friend confides in me and relates somewhat the same story but in different words, I don't believe him either.

Our main trouble is that we jump to conclusions in split seconds. Whether you are from the United States, Canada, England, Germany, India, Iran, Japan, Jamaica, Turkey or any other country, you are also SO AND SO. So my request to you is that you not commit the blunder of generalizing from one or two individuals.

I am warning you doubly in case you are already involved in one of the international programs or contemplating doing so. I have heard some students

By Jagit Singh have withdrawn their active participation from certain worthy projects after they ran into some difficulty at the initial stage.

There are weaknesses in each individual as there are in any or all of the organizations. Let us, therefore, be a little but creative and get ultra modern all at once.

If you do not agree with the objectives of those organizations to which you belong or have certain misunderstandings, my plea is that you attempt to have them clarified. I am sure officials of those organizations will be gratified to receive new ideas or suggestions to enhance their effectiveness.

It is possible that many of you have still not thought of joining groups like the Nebraska International Association or participating in the People-to-People program. Some of you feel that you would rather have person-to-person contacts. Then there are several of you who are merely allergic (for no valid reason!) to organizations and their structures.

We are living in a world where we already feel half-lost and thus we are afraid of losing the other half by joining another organization. But I hope you also realize that these organizations are meant only to provide a platform so that you can develop interpersonal relationships.

This is the end-use of organizations. Their span of control ends there. They are not interested in controlling us but are interested in helping us achieve our own individual goals.

Some of you (like me) are already lost in the wilderness. If Astronaut John Glenn could orbit the earth three times and return "hale and hearty", why can't we orbit our minds occasionally and know where we are landing?

Are we happy being lost in our sororities or fraternities, our daily amusements, pajama parties or beer sessions? We should not deny ourselves these and other pleasures of life. But we should also have a few moments to ourselves, to sit down, relax, and ask this \$64,000 question: Where do we go from here?

NSA QUESTION:



Columnist Draws Comment

Ann Moyer's generalizations about the work of the Student Council and the interest of its membership, although undoubtedly motivated by good intentions, are hastily drawn. From her first impressions of one meeting Miss Moyer concludes that the Council has not been developing its potential for the past six months and that only two junior members possess leadership qualities. She also concludes that the senior members of the Council have abandoned their role as leaders.

There are valid criticisms to be made of the Student Council and several have been made this year. But those who wish to constructively criticize must first conscientiously attempt to determine the facts so as to give their readers an accurate report.

The five senior holdover members have been anything but lax in their leadership. President Steve Gage has shown accurate insight into the problems of a student body and has been the initiator of many of Council programs. Jim Samples, first vice president, has effectively carried out the tedious job of approving all constitutions of student organizations. He is now beginning work on a much needed revision of Council by-laws.

Al Plummer and Sukey Tinnan devoted two months of the first semester to organizing the Big Eight Student Government Association Convention. The success of this convention was attested by the Gov-

ernor and representatives of the National Students Association, the Collegiate Council for the United Nations, the Peace Corps, and the People-to-People program of the Big Eight schools.

Don Witt, second vice-president, has been responsible for the many Council sponsored campus elections and has been instrumental in developing the Council Associate program which enables interested non-Council members to participate in the activities of their governing body.

The junior and sophomore members of the Council have provided leadership in the People-to-People program, the CCUN, the Combined Campus Publication, the Student Tribunal, activities standardization, and simplification of registration procedures. The results of their work are not necessarily apparent at any given session of the Council.

The Student Council is certainly not above reproach. It has made mistakes, and will undoubtedly continue to make them. However, each critic should inform himself of the work that is being done so that his criticisms will be valid and constructive and so that credit may be given where credit is due.

John Nolon

Patterson Installed At UCCF Chapel

Rev. Dennis W. Patterson was installed at the United Campus Christian Fellowship chapel Sunday at 8 p.m. He received his Master's in sociology from the University of Chicago.

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