SA PRESIDENT

No NSA Action Yet Pending SA Inquiry

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Last Sunday afternoon the Executive Committee of the Student Association decided to take no immediate action with respect to Rice's membership in the United States National Student Association (NSA). We felt that it is our first obligation to properly inform ourselves, the members of the Student Senate, and the Student Association at-large as to the pros and cons of NSA per se as well as to other issues... several of them more basic than our membership in NSA.

First, we must come to some conclusion as to whether or not we want to commit ourselves to any national student association. Should we decide that we do... what are the alternatives to NSA—existant and proposed?... what has each of these alternatives to offer?... what are the shortcoming of each?

IN LIGHT OF the answers to these questions—how does NSA compare?... what are its merits?... what are its demerits?... what reasonable expectation can we hold for change and improvement? Then again our commitment to belong to a national student association must be reaffirmed and a decision rendered as to with which—if any—organization we shall associate.

To gather the answers to these and several other pertinent questions I am going to recommend—with the endorsement of the Executive Committee—and that the Senate form a committee of from two or three... a committee composed of individuals who do not hold any preconceived notions as to the action that the Rice Student Association should take; but individuals who will conduct the inquiry with open and inquisitive minds.

The reason then for the Executive Committee recommendation to refrain from any action is to insure that whatever decision is reached by educated individuals... individuals aware of their wants and the alternatives with which they may satisfy these wants.