**Involvement or isolation?**

**NSA rep seeks Rice membership**

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"The issue to keep constantly in mind is how you define your own role as students, and whether you feel you should involve or isolate yourselves."

Rick Stearns, the International Affairs Vice-President of the National Student Association, stated the Rice Student Senate should take the above into consideration as the chief factor in deciding whether Rice should join NSA.

Stearns appeared before the Senate in last night's meeting to give the history of NSA and to try to interest Rice in renewing the membership that the student body canceled in 1964.

**Involved and Aggressive**

He emphasized that NSA is a group concerned primarily with student government, and not so much with the individual students. It represents the philosophy that student government should be a relevant organization both on and off the campus.

"A student has no right to isolate himself from the affairs of the world," commented Stearns. "NSA wants student governments to be both involved and aggressive."

He cited some of the programs that NSA is currently involved with, in addition to issues concerning student government.

Among these were travel services for students traveling abroad; inexpensive life insurance programs; development of national student cultural programs; and special student tutorial programs, where students coordinate their time and energies to work with unprivileged and uneducated segments of the population.

**Nonpartisan Politics**

When questioned about the political involvement of the organization, Stearns noted that NSA allowed no "partisan political involvement." It had passed resolutions at its national congress on issues such as Viet Nam, the draft, nuclear testing, and civil rights, but chiefly because it was felt that these issues had implications for all students and were not defined along party lines.

The Senate voted to table the matter of membership so that members could learn more about the organization.

**College Change**

In other business before the Senate, Jerry Hafter presented a statement he had drawn up concerning university policy on changes in college membership.

The statement advocated that students with sufficient reason to desire a college change might do so, pending the approval of four of the six college masters (including the masters of the two colleges involved), and by majority of the cabi-