The Weakness of NSA–II

Several weeks ago, after electing representatives to attend the upcoming Congress, the National Student Association (NSA) of the University of Illinois this summer, Institute Committee passed a resolution which, in effect, urges those delegates to strive to rewrite the NSA. At the last minute we pointed out the major weaknesses of this organization on a local and regional level; weaknesses which, at the present time, make it relatively valueless.

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