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## N. D. NSA Leader Calls CIA Tie Ironic

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An officer of the University of Notre Dame student government, which co-ordinates activities of the campus chapter of the National Student Assn., today said he was struck by the "irony" in the disclosure that the NSA has accepted Central Intelligence Agency funds.

The student, Thomas Conoscenti, said the irony comes from the "leftist image" he felt the organization had projected during the early 1950's.

"Maybe it was just that, an image," he said.

Conoscenti is administrative vice-president of student government. He said that James Fish, president of the student body, will make an official statement tonight at a regular meeting of the student Senate.

### Helps Students

According to Conoscenti, the NSA helps American students to obtain scholarships at foreign universities and attempts to ensure U.S. student attendance at international student congresses.

The organization, among other

services, also provides files and background material on issues of interest to students, he explained.

The student organization participates in discussion on such issues as academic freedom and civil rights, Conoscenti added.

On the Notre Dame campus, he said, the NSA has helped student government organize a non-credit "college," a nine-part symposium on the American student.

### Moderate Politically

Politically, the NSA is moderate but progressive, according to the student official. Conoscenti, who said he has attended two NSA national conventions, said that the extreme left and right are vocal too.

But the stand the NSA usually takes is moderate, he noted.

The disclosure this week that the CIA has given money to the NSA apparently has no direct bearing on campus chapters, he said. He said his understanding of the funding was that the CIA provided money on the national level.

Thus, individual students or

chapters participated in activities wholly or partly supported by the CIA only indirectly, Conoscenti observed.

### Learns From Disclosure

The student leader explained that he first learned of the NSA-CIA relationship from the public disclosure.

The student, who is a senior, said student officials haven't talked with university officials regarding the disclosure of the NSA-CIA relationship.

Notre Dame President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., is a member of the national advisory board of the NSA. He is away from the university today.

Conoscenti said that he is unaware of any changes in the Notre Dame NSA chapter or its relationship with student government as a result of the disclosure. He said no changes are planned, to the best of his knowledge.

The Student Senate meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center. Student President Fish will formally present a statement on the matter then, Conoscenti said.