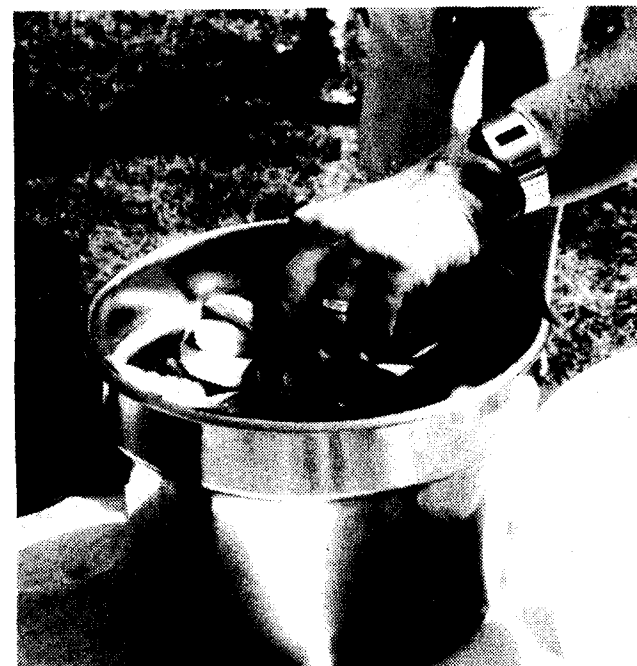


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Hot dogs, cool jazz highlight picnic



Sun-drenched lawn is filled with picnickers.



Picnic participant picks a pickle.

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About 850 students and faculty feasted on free food and enjoyed jazz under sunny skies at the All Campus Picnic, Thursday, Sept. 12 in the Sculpture Garden.

The hungry crowd inhaled nearly 1000 plump, juicy weenies, 30 gallons of tossed salad, 100 pounds of pasta salad, 600 brownies, 42 pounds of potato chips, 95 gallons of pink lemonade and 11 gallons of iced tea at the picnic, funded by the provost's office and "Live in the Gallery Lounge."

"We had a much better turnout than expected," said JoAnn Coleman, manager of food services. "In the past we've served about 500."

Coleman said the weather and the band, Blue Matter, helped to draw people to the picnic, which combined the Provost's Picnic and "Live in the Gallery Lounge."

Students and faculty agreed that the picnic was enjoyable.

Michael Barton, associate professor of social science and American studies, said, "I'm on a diet; otherwise I'd have just gobbled all the hot dogs." Barton said he did eat "six pickles and a bowlful of lettuce, with no dressing, and now I'm growing long whiskers...like a rabbit."

"We pay all that tuition money," said Kevin Gore of Mechanicsburg, a junior electrical engineering technology major. "The least they can do is feed us."

"It's pretty cool," said Debbie Mehl, a junior accounting major from Long Island, N.Y. "It's something different. The best part is, it's free," she added.

The band, Blue Matter, received a mixed reaction to their predominantly-jazz music from the audience.

"It's not my kind of music, but they're good," said Joe McDevitt, a junior from Philadelphia, majoring in secondary education/English.

Gore said, "I don't think they should have jazz next time," suggesting top 40 music. "More people listen to it," he added.

Chris Santiago, the drummer for Blue Matter, was pleased with the performance despite crowd reaction.

"Well, I don't think the people were here to hear the band," Santiago said ruefully. "It's a young crowd and this music might be before their time."

"You can turn on the radio and listen to top 40 any time," Mehl said, adding, "This band is different."



Michael Barton loves the food.



Stefan Stainbrook, son of PSH student Kelley Stainbrook, enjoys a plateful of goodies.



Jazz band Blue Matter performs at picnic.



One of 12 industrial-size garbage bags filled at the picnic.

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