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McCoy Seat Plan Is Not Necessary

Dean Ernest B. McCoy has taken over the School of Physical Education and Athletics with a bang. Within the few months he has been here, a great many advances have been made, and there are plenty of big plans for the future. Anyone who hears Dean McCoy talk realizes at once that he is a man who takes his job seriously, and who is anxious to improve things for the students as quickly but as thoroughly as possible.

Just last week a great stride forward was made. We refer to the provisions being made for dances to follow athletic events in Recreation Hall, and the opening of Rec Hall on Sunday evenings for co-educational participation in volleyball, ping-pong, shuffleboard, and similar sports.

In addition the Rec Hall facilities will be available for the use of men students from 1 to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays and two football fields are being constructed in the Nittany-Pollock area for student use. Sunday morning activities were not included in the program because they would interfere with religious group meetings.

While we applaud Dean McCoy for this part of the expansion program planned by the Phys Ed school, we are not so happy over his two suggestions for seating at athletic events in Rec Hall.

One of these suggestions is that student tickets for Rec Hall games be divided so that one-half the students would be assured of seats at these events. This could be accomplished, the dean explained, by distributing student tickets of two different colors, with each color entitling the student to see a specified half of the athletic events scheduled for Rec Hall. This division would be made in such a way that the good and poorer matches would be evenly distributed.

We do not believe such a plan is necessary at Penn State, although we readily admit that Rec Hall is too small to handle the crowds which now turn out for the athletic events. In the first place, there is no assurance that these crowds will continue to turn out in such numbers in the future. It was only a few years ago that plenty of empty seats were seen in Rec Hall when the Penn State basketball team played a home game. Granted there probably will be huge crowds for the next few years, particularly if the basketball and wrestling teams keep up their successful seasons. But can we even count on this with assurance? People are funny.

In the second place, we doubt that many, if any, students have ever been turned away from Rec Hall because the place was too crowded. While some undoubtedly moan about standing for an entire evening to watch an event, they at least are there, able to witness the contest. We have no doubt that there would be long and loud protests if they were refused admittance to Rec Hall entirely.

We appreciate the fact that Dean McCoy is trying to aid the students, but we feel certain that the majority of the student body is content with things as they now are, even if it means arriving at Rec Hall an hour-and-a-half before game time in order to be sure of a seat.

As for Dean McCoy's suggestion concerning the reserving of 300 seats in Rec Hall for faculty, alumni, and townspeople, we will comment on that tomorrow.

Frosh Set Pace For Senior Meeting

Tonight is scheduled the first meeting this year of the Class of 1953. In the past class meetings usually suffered from very poor attendance, but with the question of senior finals once again being raised, there are hopes for a good turnout.

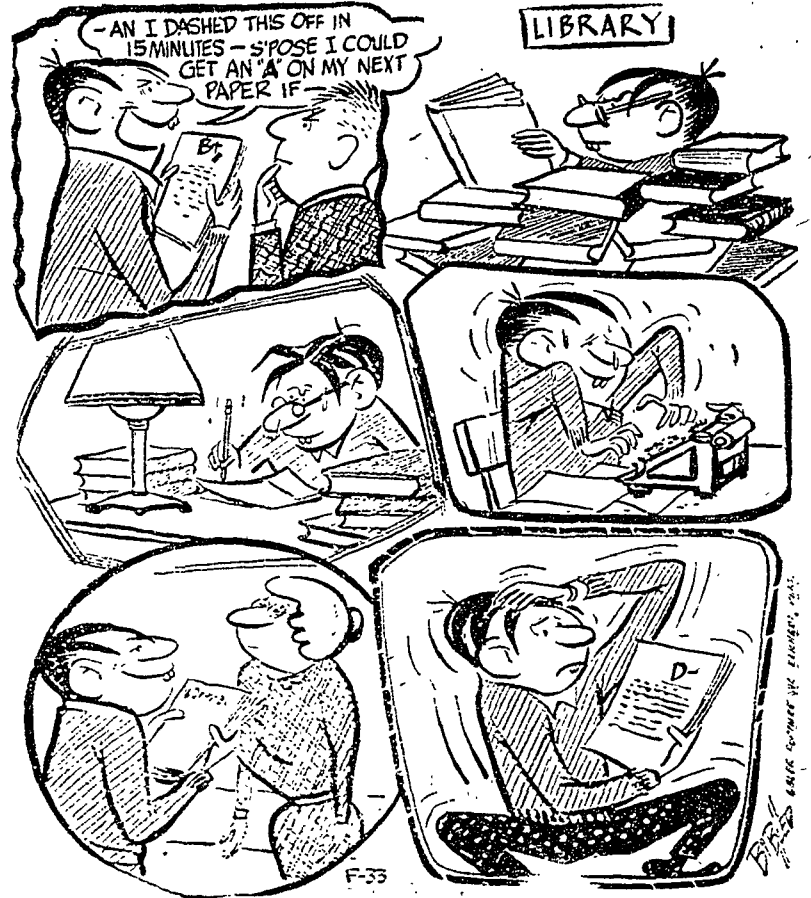
In addition to the finals question, students will be asked to discuss Dean Ernest B. McCoy's Recreation Hall seating plan, the proposal to have freshmen also pay the \$2 LaVie fee now being paid by sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and the question of whether All-College Cabinet should give \$200 to the Chess Club. All three questions should be of some interest to the members of the senior class.

The freshman and junior classes recently held meetings. Nearly 400 frosh showed up for their meeting, the largest class attendance in recent years. The junior class also turned out in surprising number for its meeting.

These facts, backed up by the extremely good behavior at football games, etc., are making us wonder if perhaps the College student is finally snapping out of his apathy. It would be well for everyone if this were the case.

A frequent complaint of the freshmen is that upperclassmen have too little school spirit. The junior class has made a step forward in proving the frosh wrong. A large attendance at tonight's meeting would be another major step in that direction. Let's not be shown up by the underclassmen!

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



Display Materials Need Not Be Stolen

This week fraternities are beset with the problem of where to find sundry items needed in the construction of their Homecoming displays. The easiest solution often is to send out the pledge class with instructions to "procure and not fail."

This year fraternities are beset with a "Nittany Lion Harvest Time" theme which invites swiping of pumpkins, corn stalks, etc. from the farmers in the vicinity of State College. Then in a few weeks will come Halloween, and another invitation.

Dr. Frank J. Simes, as one of his first public acts upon taking over as dean of men, has by letter appealed to fraternities to refrain from obtaining the materials for their displays in this manner.

He indicated that since fraternities have in the past been held responsible for losses suffered by farmers in the area, that to keep their names clear now they should be particularly careful.

Thefts will be reported to the borough police officials, which may in the long run mean a costly fine if a house is caught.

The real factor, however, should be the name that such practices cause to fall upon the fraternity system.

Farmers, it appears, have suffered at the hands of fraternities for a good many years. In recent years the practice of raiding farmyards has fallen off, and we would like to see it eliminated completely.

Corn stalks, pumpkins, bales of hay—all of these are very effective in building upon a harvest or Halloween theme. And we doubt if very many farmers would refuse to fill a fraternity's decorative needs—if asked first.

The answer then would be for fraternities to contact farmers or other businessmen when they need items to complete a decoration theme, rather than ruin the good name of all fraternities by stealing them.

—Jim Gromiller

Gazette...

Wednesday, October 15

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 105 Agricultural Engineering, 7 p.m.

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT MEN Board of Governors special meeting, 102 Willard, 8 p.m.

CHEM-PHYS STUDENT COUNCIL, 103 Osmond, 7 p.m.

CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.

DEAN OF MEN'S COFFEE HOUR, 106 Old Main, 4 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion, Professor Case in charge, rectory basement, 7:15 p.m.

OMICRON NU, Home Economics living center, 7 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL, 101 Willard, 7 p.m.

WRA BOWLING CLUB, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.

WRA MODERN DANCE CLUB, White Hall dance room, 7 p.m.

Interpreting the News

Assembly Will See U.S. Double Objective

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
Associated Press News Analyst

The United States will be working toward a double objective as it presses the Communists for a truce in Korea during the present meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

Primary, of course, is the actual desire to get out of the war if that can be done without sacrificing any of the fundamental objectives which brought about the original U.N. entry into it.

This fight will be made even though nobody really expects anything to come out of it.

The one concrete result, therefore, will be a further fixing of responsibility for the killing, which will in turn serve to help scotch the newest Russian "peace offensive."

The "peace offensive" already has gotten off to a bad start. Peiping radio reports on the big peace Congress there indicated a hackneyed program conducted by jaded men with no new ideas about how to talk peace while waging war. The Peiping meeting was also crowded into the background by world interest in the Russian Communist party Congress.

Renewed heavy fighting in Korea, threats against Turkey, a flustered reaction to a few comparatively mild remarks by an American ambassador to Moscow who could have said a great deal more, stepped up militarization of Eastern Germany, continuation of the Soviet Government's "hate campaign" among its own people—all these things are working against the success of the "peace" propaganda line.

Western diplomats, however, are not inclined to rely solely upon Russia's habit of vitiating with one hand what she does with the other.

The Allies are going through a trying economic period when wishful thinking could easily influence them into a false trust in the estimate that Russia is neither prepared nor hoping for war now. That is just the effect the Kremlin would like to produce with its new emphasis on the need for commercial relations between East and West.

and the possibility of peaceful co-existence. Expert American observers think this represents a definite though temporary switch in Soviet policy. They expect the Soviet delegation to the UN to play heavily upon it, even to the point of making concrete proposals which may be seen through by those familiar with Soviet tactics, but seem reasonable to less experienced and poorly informed peoples around the world.

That is why Secretary Acheson and General Ridgway have chosen this time to issue warnings against underestimating either the power or the intent of the possible aggressors.

Criss Named 'Edits' Head

Francis Criss, seventh semester secondary education major, has been named editor of "Edits," bi-weekly newspaper published by the School of Education. Ruth Abt will serve as assistant editor.

Others on the staff are Mary Graham, Mary Emma Kearns, Henrietta Webb, Terese Moslak, Annamary Burket, and Barbara Reynolds, reporters; June Christoff, Betty Ann McDermott, Jean McDowell, Suzanne Moseman, Richard Whitney, Bette Grabin, Robert Graffius, Betta Hirko, Janet Horger, and Nellie Spedding, production staff.

Faculty advisers for the publication are J. W. Remaley, Mary Stella, and Hazel Daniels.

The first issue of "Edits" came out this week. Future publication dates are Oct. 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, and Jan. 12.

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