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## Discussion Needed In Seating Problem

More than a month ago Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, suggested to Penn State students two plans dealing with seating facilities in Recreation Hall. One of these suggestions, that a number of seats be given to faculty, alumni, and townspeople, has brought approval and disapproval from many campus groups.

At this time no less than 16 campus groups have discussed the plan, and this is as it should be.

However, some of the groups which have taken action on the seating proposal are doing so out of turn, jumping the gun, so to speak.

A dramatic example of this discrepancy in democratic action was revealed at the meeting of the West Dormitory Council last week. At that time Louis Goslin, a member of the council, made a protest motion before the group, asking that the council officers be instructed to vote at Association of Independent Men meetings in such a way as to conform with the decisions of the dorm council. The motion went down to defeat.

The reason this motion was submitted is that the council officers, although the council had approved the McCoy seating plan by a 9-4 vote, apparently allowed the AIM Board of Governors to ignore the council's will and force through a disapproval of the plan.

The AIM Board of Governors theoretically represents all independent men at Penn State. These men are represented on AIM by the West Dorm, Town, Nittany, and Pollock Councils. Now, the question is, can AIM claim to represent these men while voting down a plan approved by them?

The problem has resulted because of too-hasty action on the part of AIM. AIM should never have opposed or approved a plan before it secured the opinions of the members of the groups it represents. And it couldn't have done so, or AIM would have supported the measure or at least tabled discussion of it, for both West Dorm and Town Councils, which combined make up much more than one-half the independent men at the College, have approved the seating plan.

Pollock Council came out against the plan last night. Nittany Council has taken no action on it.

A similar situation may be seen in the action of the Women's Student Government Association and the Interfraternity Council. WSGA acted on the seating plan many weeks ago, disapproving it. However, after the plan was discussed among WSGA members, as it should have been before a vote was taken, and after an explanatory letter from Dean McCoy was sent to the group, WSGA reversed itself, rightfully, and came out for the plan.

Last week IFC unanimously opposed the seating plan. This means that no fraternity house, not one, is in favor of the McCoy plan. This does not appear logical in view of opinions that have been expressed.

But, the point is, how many fraternities have themselves made a decision about the plan? It is likely that few houses have even considered the plan. We know of some that haven't.

So, again, too-hasty action was taken by a group which embodies representatives from smaller groups which must first make a decision.

It is our hope the IFC will reconsider its unanimous decision.

Perhaps some of the confusion is caused by a lack of knowledge or a misinterpretation of the plan itself. The plan for allowing a number of seats for faculty, alumni, and townspeople in Rec Hall was suggested by Dean McCoy. The reasons for his suggestion are, in his own words 1. We could not accommodate all faculty on a given night, but the opportunity to seat some of them would be possible. 2. Graduate students would have an opportunity to see some of the contests. 3. Returning alumni would be accommodated on occasion, and 4. Interested and loyal townspeople could be helped.

Dean McCoy also points out that students cannot see any indoor sports events after they graduate under present rules.

The number of tickets to be sold to faculty was set arbitrarily, at 300. This number is not unfair, being about five per cent of Rec Hall's 6000 seats. The suggestion as Dean McCoy pre-

sented it does not necessarily involve reserving the seats for these faculty, etc. The faculty, alumni, and townspeople could just as well be expected to find a seat first-come, first-serve style much as students do.

The 300 tickets would probably include among them some complimentary passes which players are rightfully given. We can see no reason why a quibble should arise over these seats.

The plan presented by Dean McCoy is not expressed as a strong desire on his part, but is merely his idea of a "fine gesture on the part of the students" which would be "in the interest of better student-faculty, student-alumni, and student-public relations." The quotes are from a letter Dean McCoy sent All-College President John Laubach explaining the plan.

The plan is not a suggestion in detail; that is, student groups are welcome to suggest methods of carrying out the plan, additions to it, and the like. The plan is merely an idea.

The plan would not rob students of seats at games. If necessary, the allotting of 300 seats could be limited to less-crowded games.

The plan should be talked up, considered, and then turned down or approved. All-College Cabinet will deal with the plan in the not-too-distant future.

The way to arrive at a decision is for each student interested to let his dormitory council, his IFC representative, her Panhel representative, and other groups know what he thinks. These groups can then arrive at the right answer, provided they are not blighted with rules that allow misrepresentation.

Thus a logical, democratic solution can be realized.

—Marshall O. Donlev

## Blood Drive Goal Should Be Higher

The Red Cross blood drive goal has nearly been reached. For awhile the drive officials were pretty disappointed. But, as they did last year, Penn State students are coming through in a pinch.

Most Staters remember the tremendous success of last year's drive. The original goal of 400 pints was feared too much for Penn State at the beginning of the drive. When the drive was over, however, almost 1000 pledges had been turned in by potential donors. An additional 200 donors pledged blood during a second drive held last spring, and more volunteers were turned away then.

The goal of this year's drive has been set at only 300 pints. Indications are that many over that number will volunteer. But, the Red Cross Bloodmobile can only be here two days and in those two days can handle only 300 donors.

After the success of last year's two drives, it would seem that the Red Cross would begin to realize that Penn State is a place that can be counted on, and that it would schedule perhaps three, four, or five days here. At any rate, with the shortage of plasma what it is, efforts should be made to take advantage of every possible offer of a donation.

No one needs to be told the importance blood plasma plays in saving lives both at home and on the battlefield. The draft-deferred college student is probably more conscious than anyone else in the vital need for blood, for he may be needing that blood before too long.

The blood drive will be a success—more than a success. But the Red Cross has said that it will not be able to schedule another visit to State College during the rest of this school year. We hope that in the future, past performances will be considered, and that the Red Cross will give Penn Staters ample opportunity to give all the blood they want.

## Gazette...

Wednesday, October 5

- EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 523 Sunset road, 7 p.m.
- GERMAN CLUB, Recreation Room, Thompson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- INKLING editorial staff, 215 Willard, 7 p.m.
- NEW BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS, men only, 413 Old Main.
- PENN STATE BARBELL CLUB, McKee recreation room, 7 p.m.
- PENN STATE HELLENIC SOCIETY, TUB, 7 p.m.
- PERSHING RIFLES, Class A, Armory, 7 p.m.
- RIDING CLUB, 217 Willard, 7 p.m.
- WRA BOWLING CLUB, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.
- WRA MODERN DANCE CLUB, White Hall dance room, 7 p.m.

### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Thelma Balok, Charles Chestnutwood, Dorothy Farrand, Alton Frey, Paul Green, Frances Katz, Janet Kebbe, Barbara Lapsley, Florence Lauzar, Arvio Natwick, Kenneth Newman, Mildred Peffley, Peter Schoderbek, Lois Stellneck, Matt Yanosich.

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., M.E., I.E., chem. eng., chem., phys., metal., cer., and accounting Friday, Nov. 14.

Phileo Corp. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. candidates in M.E. Monday, Nov. 17.

Piasecki Helicopter Corp. will interview January B.S. candidates in M.E. and aero. eng. Monday, Nov. 17.

Carbide & Carbon Chemical Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., C.E., chem. eng., and chem. Monday, Nov. 17.

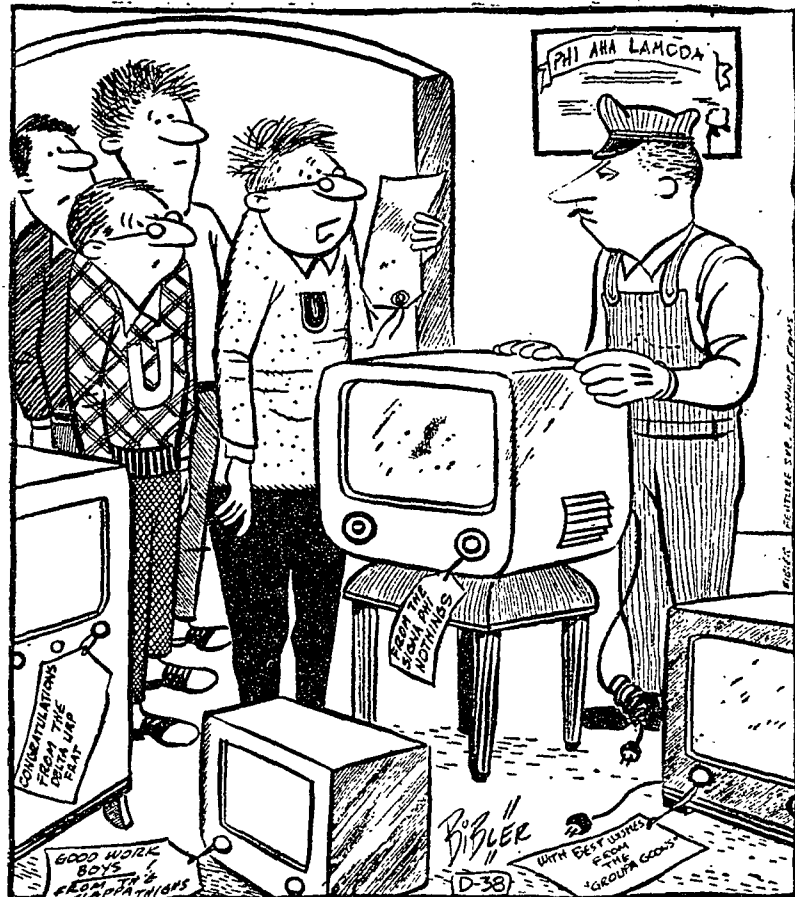
North American Aviation, Inc. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in M.E., E.E., C.E., aero. eng., arch. eng. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 17-18.

Chance Vought Aircraft Division will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in C.E., E.E., M.E., math., and phys. Nov. 13-14.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Boy to refinish furniture. For further information about job placements, contact Student Employment, 112 Old Main.

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Dear Friends: Congratulations to your fraternity for taking top scholastic honors this year, heard you didn't have a TV set—please accept this slightly used one as a reward for such outstanding—"

## International Debate To Be Held Friday

The 19th annual international debate between members of the College debate squad and the combined British universities team will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in 121 Sparks. The topic will be, Resolved: That cooperation is a better policy for Western Europe than federation.

Representing the College in the debate will be David Lewis, '52, now doing graduate work in arts and letters, and Jay Heady, senior in arts and letters and manager of the men's debate squad.

On the British team are Kenneth Dibben from Southampton, England, a student at the University College of Southampton, and Ronald George Evans from Llangollen, North Wales, a student at the University College of North Wales.

Dibben, active in British politics, helped found the Southampton Young Conservative Movement. He has been a member of the Young Conservative National Committee since 1951. As a student he took part in student government and debating and plans to complete his articles for a chartered accountancy.

Evans has also taken an interest in student government, in 1950 attending the International Student Seminar in France. Now politically unaffiliated, he was a member of the Labor Party and campaigned for the Laborites in the 1950 election. In 1949 and 1950 he hitch-hiked across France and Switzerland. He will sit for an Honors Degree in economics.

Chairman for the debate will be Dr. R. Wallace Brewster, professor and head of the Department of Political Science. As a student at the College, Dr. Brewster took part in the first international debate.

The British team will face members of the College squad. Last year one Penn State man and one of the Britishers argued each side.

The debate is open to the public.

## Forensic Council Members Chosen

Members of this year's Forensic Council have been appointed through the acceptance of All-College President John Laubach.

Those placed on the council are Thomas Durek, Thomas Farrell, Jay Heady, Susan Holtzinger, Sally Lowry, Nancy Nelsen, Samuel Nowell, Benjamin Sinclair, and David Swanson. Marian Ungar was appointed an ex-officio member of the council.

Joseph F. O'Brien, professor of public speaking, is faculty adviser for the group. Inter-council elections will be held next week.

## Patrol Warns Of Coat Thefts During Winter

With cold weather and winter coats making their appearance, the Campus Patrol reports that coats are being stolen from racks in the hallways of classroom buildings.

From 25 to 50 coats, estimated at a loss of more than \$1000 a year, are stolen annually from students, Capt. Philip Mark said.

The thefts occur most frequently before vacations, he said. "There is no safe place. Coats are stolen from anybody, anytime, anywhere," Mark added.

He suggests that students take their coats into classrooms. Coats are the individual responsibility of each student, he said.

"Stationing patrolmen in the hallways will not stop coats from being stolen, he said, since there is no way of determining the owners of the coats.

He said that precaution on the part of students will reduce the theft of coats.

## 32 Get National Activity Honors

Thirty-two College students have been selected for the 1952-53 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Students so honored on the basis of participation in extra-curricular activities are Joseph Arnold, Yvonne Carter, Willard Dye, David Fleming, Frank Follmer, Janet Herd, Marlene Heyman, Joan Hutchinson, Franklin Kelley, Theodore Kimmel, Margaret Lamaster, John Laubach.

JoAn Lee, Joseph Lemyre, Alan McChesney, Mabel Marple, Terese Moslak, Samuel Nowell, David Pellnitz, Vivian Peterson, James Plyler, Arthur Rosfeld, Richard Rostmeyer, Walter Sachs, James Schulte, Douglas Schoerke, Herman Sledzik, Richard Stanley, Lincoln Warrell, Robert Watson, Marian Whiteley, and Glen Wiggins.