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Seating for Football Not Really So Bad

About this time each year, the campus political parties, as well as other members of the student body, begin casting envious eyes at New Beaver Field with the idea of making some change in the present seating arrangements there. As a start along this line, a survey of other schools throughout the country to see how their students were seated at football games was conducted through the Cabinet Projects Council.

Of the 27 colleges and universities which replied to the questionnaire giving all pertinent information, it was found that 19 had arrangements which either placed their students down one entire side of the football field, or else centered them at the middle of the field. The remaining schools have plans similar to Penn State's.

On the basis of these figures, it is easy to jump to false conclusions. Let us just examine for a moment some of the circumstances which surround the seating arrangements of a few of these schools.

At UCLA, with an enrollment of about 13,000, students are seated from the 30 to 50 yard lines. But UCLA's games are held in a stadium which seats 103,000 spectators. In addition, the school is in a large city where it can be fairly sure of drawing a large crowd, regardless of what kind of seats are available. Penn State, on the other hand, because of its remoteness, must make attractive seats available in order to get a decent-sized crowd.

Oregon State has an odd situation. There, the men sit on one side of the 50 yard line, while the women sit on the other. Coed dating is not permitted at football games. The school has an enrollment of 5000 and a stadium with a capacity of 21,000.

Other schools in the survey included Utah State, Kansas State, and West Virginia University—all schools which never draw large crowds to their games and which therefore might just as well give the students the best seats in the house.

At Penn State, the seating situation is not really so bad, but there are always people who must have something about which to complain. One must keep in mind that it is the profit from football which supports all the other athletic teams. Is it not worthwhile to sacrifice a little in the way of seats at football games in order to keep going the other outstanding intercollegiate sports team which Penn State has?

Rec Hall Seating

The indoor athletic season has reached its climax and the time has come for All-College Cabinet to reconsider its previous stand on a seating plan for Recreation Hall. It must be perfectly obvious to anyone who attended Rec Hall events regularly during the current season that there were usually plenty of empty seats which have been made available to faculty and townspeople.

Not once all season was Rec Hall actually filled to its 6000 seat capacity. The highest attendance was at the Temple (gym) and Piit (basketball) double-header. Attendance takers counted 5007 persons entering Rec Hall. Several times people standing around the indoor track have given the impression that all seats were taken. In every case, however, seats could have been found in the bleachers, or by asking people to remove their coats from seats.

At only five events of the 15 held during the current season were there more than 4000 people in Rec Hall. It at once becomes evident, therefore, that something must be done to make these seats which usually go empty available to people who are interested in seeing the Penn State indoor athletic teams in action.

However, in devising a plan which allows for the maximum occupancy of Rec Hall at all times, care must be taken that no student will be deprived of a seat to which he is entitled by payment of the athletic fee.

Athletic Program Worthy of Praise

For many years Penn State has been highly rated as a sports school. Seldom have any of its 12 sports shown a poor record, and by the same token, the Nittany Vale has claimed very few national champions. However, most of the squads representing the College have always been top rated.

Saturday night, the unbelievable happened. Two teams won national championships. It's unusual for a college to produce two national champions in one year, but stranger yet, when they both are won on the same day.

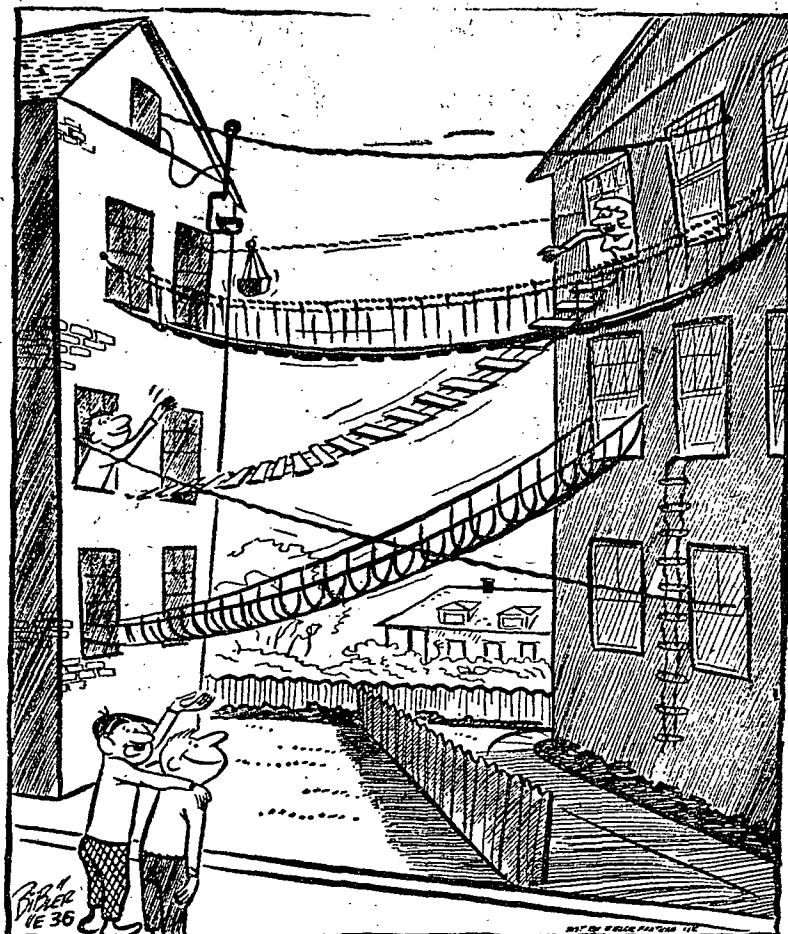
Penn State has reached this pinnacle of success the hard way. The College gives very few scholarships to its athletes, but still manages to obtain top-notch performers. And the scholarships that are awarded are modest indeed when compared to the "gifts" that are used by many colleges to lure high school sensations to their campuses. There is no "Cadillac clause" in the Penn State athletic policy.

Then what has brought about this continual success at State? Part of the reason is undoubtedly the excellent coaching staff maintained by the school. Some of the top-ranking coaches in the country are included on the pay roll.

However, we feel that a major reason is one that is seldom considered in this day of "big time" intercollegiate athletics. Could it be that we have some athletes enrolled here who are interested in the college education they are getting? Take a look at the records. Gene Weistone has on his championship gym team a host of honor-students. Baseball Coach Joe Bedenk will not allow a boy to come out for his squad without a substantial All-College average. There are many more cases just like these on every Penn State athletic team.

—Dick McDowell

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"And if you join our club you have the opportunity to enjoy a real unique 'spirit of friendliness with the girls' dorm next door."

Drive Safely

Tomorrow marks the first vacation from school in nine weeks. Everyone is naturally anxious to get home as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, mid-semester vacation was the scene of many unnecessary accidents. Students, eager to leave campus, rationalized on the theory that accidents always happen to someone else.

The highways leading from State College were lined with wrecks caused by cutting a few corners to save time. Several students were unable to return for the second semester due to serious accidents resulting from their hurry to arrive home. Physical danger wasn't always the result, but very few people enjoy being stranded in "the middle of nowhere" because their car was damaged in some way. Also, few parents are pleased to receive a phone call from their sons or daughters that resembles an SOS call from a distressed ship.

The National Safety Council originated a slogan "The life you save may be your own." A collision caused by a moment's carelessness is not the time to remember this.

Anticipation of the fun at home and a break from classes often cause even the careful driver to take just one chance somewhere along the road.

Easter vacation lasts a full week. A few minutes saved on the highway aren't worth an accident.

—Al Munn

Women's Debate

Eight women representing the women's debate team will defend four forensic titles in the annual Grand National Debate and Forensic Tournament which begins tomorrow at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va.

Last year the College team competed against 58 colleges and universities throughout the country, copping the runnerup title for Grand National Women's Champions. In addition, four individual titles in address, declamation, after dinner, and impromptu speech contests were awarded to team members. Now the women are trying again.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling and gymnastics contests are over. We won. In this new contest, the College will be represented in a non-athletic field, for our athletes are not the only ones who can win recognition for the College. This is not the only field in which campus organizations successfully compete.

—Mary Lee Lauffer

Gazette...

Tuesday, March 31, 1953

COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 1 Carnegie.

COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 2 Carnegie.

FENCING CLUB, 7 p.m., Rec. Hall.

FROTH AD STAFF, 7 p.m., Froth Office.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., 208 Willard Hall.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL
Charles Crist, Alice Grubb, Franklin Kelly, John Mika, Joseph Rubisch, Clair Stewart.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Boys wanted to work for meals on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays for the rest of the semester.

Couple without children wanted for summer employment near State College.

Waiters wanted for permanent work.

Camp Mesacosa, N.Y., will interview girls March 31.

Boys wanted for counter work evenings.

The Osier Cage

By BARRY FEIN



A "cat" used to be any of the Felidae family of flesh-eating quadrupeds. Used to be, that is. In modern parlance, however, a "cat" now seems to be one who is "hip to the sound." In other words, he "digs the crazy noise."

A cat is more than that. He is synonymous with "man." Either appellation indicates that one digs the "sound." In other words, he is appreciative of the cacaphony called "bop."

You don't see them around State College, but in New York and Philadelphia the cats are everywhere. Leopard-skin shoes and belts, berets, goatees, and yellow pants with black pistol-shaped pockets form the conservative attire of these two-legged felines.

All this has brought about a new facet of Americana: the "cat joke." In the interest of spreading the latest in New World culture, this column now offers some of the current cat jokes.

Two cats are just returning from a trip to Europe. Coming in to New York harbor, one cat turns to the other and points to the Statue of Liberty.

"Man," he says, "dig that cra-a-azy Ronson!"

Two cats were trudging across the desert. For days they had gone without water. Suddenly they saw another cat approaching. They stared hard, for he was attired in a bathing suit, beach robe, sun glasses, and a towel over his shoulders.

"Hey," called one cat, "why are you dressed like that? There's no water within 1000 miles of here."

"I know," was the answer, "but dig this cra-a-azy beach!"

Then there's the cat weather report: "Cool today and crazy tomorrow."

A bop sax player died, and, quite understandably went to Hell. Upon arriving there he said, "Man, this place is hot. I'd better blow a few cool sounds and cool the place off."

As he gave out with the bop sounds, the Devil came over to see what all the noise was. The cat looked up and down incredulously at the stern figure in red.

Looking at Satan's red feet, the cat finally blurted, "Man, where'd you get those cra-a-azy red shoes?"

If you've stuck with us so far, you deserve a reward, so we'll offer it by bringing an end to these cat jokes with one last offering.

Two cats were walking along a railroad track.

"Man, dig this cra-a-azy staircase," said one.

"It's cool, alright," replied the other, "but that crazy low banister must go!"

There! Aren't you glad you don't wear yellow pants with black pistol pockets?

All seriousness aside, here's some advice to the food-lorn (them there what eats in the dormitories): Cheer up, it could be worse. The Army Air Force manual on jungle survival lists boiled termites with their wings pulled off and fried grub worms as being quite healthful.

Well, it will soon be Easter in State College. It's a pleasant time of year around here: frozen Easter flowers, frozen robins, frozen Easter candies, frozen Easter bunnies, in fact, frozen everything except students. The only reason the students won't be frozen is that we're going home.

Why, oh, why is the Nittany Valley a dumping ground for stray frontal systems? This is the only place in the world where one can enjoy a warm, cold, and occluded front—all at the same time!

It never rains in State College. With the actual vapor pressure and the saturation vapor pressure always equal around here, one gets a good idea of how the hydrographic residents of the submerged island of Atlantis must feel. A bit moist, that is.

We invite readers to send in their favorite cat joke to this column as a matter of cultural duty.

Florida Chem Prof To Lecture Today

Dr. Ernest Grunwald of the Florida State University Chemistry department will give a chemistry lecture at 3 p.m. today at 105 Walker.

His lecture will be on "A General Method for Predicting the Molar Activity Coefficients of Electrolytes from Conductivity Data."