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Blue Band and the Penn Game Seats

Last week, after the Penn-Penn State football game in Philadelphia, the Blue Band spent a good deal of its time grumbling about its seats at the game. The grumbling was justified.

Members of the band were seated in temporary stands on and behind the goal line. Student seats, after action taken last year, extend from goal to goal in the first ten rows.

The Blue Band was seated in the goal area by the Penn State Athletic Association because those were the best seats available when it came time to seat the group. Tickets had previously been sold to faculty, alumni and students.

The band's trip to Philadelphia will be paid by the student body. All arrangements for the trip were made by the Athletic Association. The association finances the band's trip to the annual Penn State-Pitt game in Pittsburgh. During each of these weekends, the band plays for an alumni smoker.

Regardless of the gigantic ticket problems that face the association—and they are gigantic—there is probably little reason why the Blue Band could not have better seats for the game. The band takes up the same number of seats, no matter where it is situated.

It is hard to see why a block of seats could not have been set aside for the Blue Band before ticket sales began last spring. Those seats need not be on the 50-yard line as some would have us believe. They could have been on the 25 or 30-yard line, and the band would have been satisfied. Certainly almost anything is better than the seats given the band.

The Blue Band is composed of students. It is unbelievable, then, that the student body would

be grudge the band 30-yard line seats. For their work in preparing the halftime routine, and for their part in the pre-game pep rally, the band deserves decent seats. That the student body sends the band to the game shows the students want it there.

Granted, few would go to Philadelphia to see the Blue Band if there were no football game. But it cannot be denied the Blue Band, in its own way, represents the College as much as the team. And the Blue Band contributes toward bettering the College's name and reputation.

Just what connection there is between the band and the association is not clear. The graduate manager of athletics and the band director do not know why there is a relation. Nevertheless, it does exist.

The Blue Band would probably be better off if it were clearly defined as part of, or separate from, the Athletic Association. If the band had a budget for yearly operations, much confusion as to who finances the band and who does not would be eliminated.

It seems the association has continued a tradition in arranging for band trips. In continuing this tradition, the association has also assumed the obligation to do the job right. It failed in its obligation when it gave the band poor seats—seats even worse than those given students who did nothing to make the weekend a success.

In the future, the association must face up to its responsibility, or deny the responsibility. Until such denial, the association must serve the band and serve it well. The association has no reason to feel it is doing the band a favor.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Boy, you should have seen her clobber that guy yesterday!"

Glancing Around

At a New Roommate

By DICK RAU

Roommates are a peculiar specie of animal found in large numbers around centers of culture and learning—like pigeons. This year for the first time I decided to get a single room. And for the first time, I don't have a roommate.

The situation has its drawbacks and rewards. For example, when the alarm clock goes off, there is no one to help me ignore it. However, I do quite well on this score alone. There is also the matter of conversation. It tends to be limited.

On the other hand, when I walk into the room at 3 a.m., there is no one to pour forth protestations, both vile and loud, about my having turned on the light in his eyes. When I turn off the radio during the middle of a profound lecture on the government labor regulations specifying the hours of labor and wages required of professional potato bug pickers, there is no one to inform me that he is deeply interested in the subject and would I mind please turning the radio on.

It was in this mood of philosophical meditation on the monastic existence that I happily crawled into my bed at 3 a.m. Sunday.

A short while later—five hours later to be exact—the thought pushed its way through my numb brain that things were not quite the way I left them when I went to bed. I opened one eye. The sun was up. But I couldn't help that. I closed the eye and tried to get back to the point in my nocturnal ramblings where I was interrupted.

But the idea that things weren't right still persisted. I opened the eye again, and closed it. I refused to believe what the one eye had to say, so I tried the other eye. I refused to believe what it had to say and closed it also. Then my ears got into the act. The fluttering sound started again.

Then I opened both eyes, and after an unsteady moment, finally focused them on the fluttering object. My eyes still agreed. It WAS a bird.

The answer seemed simple. Merely open the window and let him out. I stumbled over to the window and raised it. The bird thought this was a good idea until he got to the screen. He looked surprised. But then most Sunday drivers do when they get into this sort of situation. He recovered and proceeded to race about the room. The only thing we needed was exhaust fumes to make the place look like National Air Race time trials.

I sat down on the bed and studied the situation. I was annoyed. At eight o'clock on any morning, I'm in a foul frame of mind, let alone Sunday morning when I can sleep late with-

out my conscience gouging me too deeply.

The bird continued racing. The sight of such exuberance that early in the morning was blasphemous. I couldn't decide if he was panicky or just out to raise Cain, particularly when he stopped occasionally to swing back and forth on the curtains. The landlady would have taken a rather dim view of that. I thought of opening my door and letting my friend downstairs with the landlady's canary. The landlady wouldn't have gone for that either, so I kept the door closed.

How he got into the room had me puzzled. At least I presume the sparrow was a he. I don't really know. We hadn't gotten that familiar. I hadn't left any eggs lying in my dresser drawer, and I didn't remember having brought any friends in with me the night before.

My friend continued the time trials again. The showoff: I could have flown rings around him the night before.

Then the dawn broke enough. Only the bottom half of the windows were screened. I remembered having opened the top half a few inches three nights before to let the blue haze of cigarette smoke escape.

My friend settled down on the bed, then hopped to the floor. The floor is softer. He didn't stay there long. The time trials were resumed. I became concerned about the natural forces of animal digestive tracts possibly going into operation. I was totally unprepared.

With this new potential problem arising, the need for letting my friend out became imperative. I hauled down the top half of a window. My friend disappeared. Before closing the window again, I decided to look around a bit.

My friend hadn't left. He just decided to romp around the closet a little. Showing little regard toward the canons of social graciousness, I failed at him wildly until he got that unwanted feeling and roared through the window like an F-34 with a jet assisted take-off.

I returned to bed, thought a second, and went back to the window and closed it—completely. I returned to bed again, stretched out, sighed, and relaxed. The time to resume my favorite Sunday morning pastime had come.

But I was wide awake.

Fraternities, Social Life and Education

Thomas Schott, president of Interfraternity Council recently called upon Penn State's fraternities to raise their scholarship standards.

Shortly before this the Dean of Men's office released a memorandum containing fraternity academic averages for the spring semester. It showed the fraternity men's average of 1.39 was .07 above the all-men's average.

When this average is compared with the All-College average of 1.43, the non-sorority women's average of 1.65, and the sorority women's average of 1.88, it is evident something is wrong with fraternity scholarship.

Phi Beta Kappa, mother of American Greek-letter fraternities was founded as an educational and social society. Early in its career it dropped the social side of its program to emphasize scholastic achievement. Thus fraternities were founded on scholarship—the pooling of thoughts with the intention of learning.

Since that time, the scholarship aspect of fraternity life has diminished in importance while the social phase has grown until, in some cases, it completely overshadows scholarship.

For the continued well being of a modern fraternity, social life and academic achievement must both have their place. This has been successfully accomplished in some of Penn State's fraternities.

Nineteen fraternities exceeded the All-College average during the spring semester. Twelve of these 19 maintained their high rank for two or more semesters. Many houses succeeded in raising their rank by ten places or more.

In the memorandum, the dean's office expressed hope that improvement of these houses was not just an unexplainable favorable turn of events, but due rather to concentrated effort by the fraternities to improve scholarship.

On the other end of the scholastic ladder are the great number of Penn State's fraternities which plod along semester after semester achieving averages below the All-College aver-

age, and sometimes barely above the scholastic average of 1 required for graduation.

For these fraternities, the time is long past for constructive efforts to improve scholarship. For the rest strict observance of study hours, an active scholarship chairman or scholarship committee, a wise policy of pledge selection, intelligent pledge training programs, and the development of a feeling within houses that academic achievement is important, are the only ways to bring scholarship to a decent level.

—Jack Reid

Safety Valve...

Asks Forum Support

TO THE EDITOR: General James Van Fleet, Charles Loughton, Irwin D. Canham, and Chester Bowles are not only big names but also good speakers—a rare and expensive combination. If students are interested, if students really want a good Community Forum, then students will buy tickets this week and this year.

In the final analysis, the only valid test of what students think of our program is the action they take in supporting it. If this year's program "sells the house," then the future of your Community Forum will be promising indeed. If students do not support forum representatives by attendance, then they may be sure that future representatives—if they can find any—may find it too difficult to arrange a still better program; for that would be virtually impossible at any price.

The issue is clear; the time to buy tickets has arrived and, almost certainly, next year would be too late.

Elton Carter
General Chairman,
State College Community Forum

Gazette...

- Today
- COLLEGIAN SENIOR BOARD, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie Hall.
 - ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., 219 E.E.
 - FROTH ART STAFF, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.
 - MINERAL INDUSTRIES STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 208 Willard.
 - NEWMAN CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Student Center.
 - OMICRON NU, 6:45 p.m., H. Ec. Living Center.
 - PLAYERS lighting, costume, Schwab basement; construction workshops, Schwab loft, 7 p.m.
 - STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
 - Man to work on College farms Wed., Thurs., Fri. Substitute waiters.
 - Counter work evenings downtown.
 - Girl to cook meals in town.
 - COLLEGE PLACEMENT SERVICE
 - The companies listed below will conduct interviews on campus. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main.
 - GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. will interview January graduates in ME, IE, EE, and Physics on Oct. 16.
 - TEXAS COMPANY will interview Ph.D. candidates in Ch.E., ME, and Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954; MS in Ch.E., ME, CE and Chem. who have completed at least one semester; and BS January graduates in the fields of Ch.E., CE, ME, and Chem. on Oct. 19.
 - STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA will interview January graduates in CE, EE, MR, Ch.E., Fuel Tech., Geology, Geophysics, Geochem, P.N.G., Chem., and Physics, on Oct. 19-20.
 - MALLINCKRODT CHEMICAL COMPANY will interview Ph.D. candidates in Ch.E., EE, ME, and Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954; MS candidates in Ch.E., EE, ME and Chem. who have completed at least one semes-

- ter; and BS January graduates in Ch.E., EE, ME, and Chem. on Oct. 19-20.
- RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA will interview January graduates in EE, ME, ChE, Physics and Ceramics Oct. 19-20.
- PROCTOR AND GAMBLE CO. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem. and Ag. Bio-Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 21.
- SOCONY-VACUUM OIL CO. will interview January graduates in the fields of CE, ME, Ch.E., Bus. Adm., and Liberal Arts on Oct. 21.
- DU PONT will interview Ph.D. candidates in Ch.E., ME, Engineering Mechanics, Chem. and Physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 21-23.
- THE BURROUGHS ADDING MACHINE CO. will interview January graduates in ME and EE on Oct. 22.
- FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATION LABS. will interview Ph.D. candidates in EE and Physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954, M.S. candidates in EE and Physics who have completed at least one semester, and January B.S. graduates in EE and Physics on Oct. 22.
- DU PONT will interview M.S. candidates in Ch.E., ME, IE, Chem., and Physics who have completed at least one semester, and January B.S. graduates in Ch.E., ME, IE, Chem., and Physics on Oct. 22-23.
- SHELL DEVELOPMENT CO. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 22-23.
- SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC. will interview January graduates in Chem., Physics, Accounting, Business Management, Mathematics, Ceramics, Metallurgy, Ch.E., EE, IE, ME, on Oct. 23.
- CHRYSLER CORP. will interview January graduates in Ch.E., EE, ME and Metallurgy on Oct. 23.
- NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, LOS ANGELES DIV. will interview January Graduates in Aero, CE, EE, ME, Arch. Engr., Ph.D. candidates in Aero, EE, CE, ME, Arch. Engr., M.S. candidates in Aero, EE, CE, ME, and Arch. Engr., on Oct. 26.
- THE NATIONAL TUBE DIV. OF U.S. STEEL will interview January graduates in ME, EE, and Metal, on Oct. 26.