

Recreation Hall Seating Plan Faces Major Test Tomorrow

The Recreation Hall seating plan will be put to its first real test tomorrow night when Penn State's wrestling and basketball teams both see action.

Because of the small attendance at Wednesday night's basketball game the seating plan was not fully tested, Edward M. Czepak, assistant business manager of athletics, said yesterday.

State of Union Message Calls For Strong U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—President Eisenhower laid before a questionmark Congress today a massive program aimed, he said, at building a "stronger America."

In a 7000-word State of the Union message, he declared the nation must pursue peace from a position of military and economic strength, but is prepared to use atomic weapons if need be "to preserve our freedom."

On the domestic front, his proposals ranged from revision of farm, labor, social security, housing and tax laws to demands for the vote for 18-year-olds and a proposal to strip American citizenship from Communists convicted of conspiring, hereafter, to overthrow the government by force.

On the ever-lively issue of taxes, he called for postponement of reductions in corporation income and excise levies scheduled for April 1, but pledged more cuts later as new economies take effect.

Eisenhower held out to the people hopes of more "substantial" social security benefits, "sound"

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'Juno' to Play 2d Weekend

Players' production of "Juno and the Paycock" will be presented for the second weekend at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow at Center Stage.

The three-act tragic comedy, written by Irish playwright Sean O'Casey, dramatizes the humor and pathos of a family in disintegrating Dublin. Jeanie Risler will star as Juno Boyle and Samuel Schonley as the Paycock.

Tickets are available for \$1 at the Student Union desk and at the door of the theater, Hamilton avenue west of S. Allen street.

Only 2348 persons were present at the Syracuse-Penn State game and therefore no seating problems existed, he said. Rec Hall can seat 5122 persons when the maximum number of bleachers is set up on the main floor.

Approximately 4500 exchange tickets for tomorrow's double event program had been given to students during the first two days of ticket exchange, Czepak said. These tickets may be picked up at the Athletic Association office in Old Main until 5 tonight and at the Rec Hall ticket booth after 6:30 p.m.

Czepak has asked that students get their tickets at the AA office rather than at Rec Hall in order to determine how many tickets can be placed on sale to the public.

The reason for the poor attendance at Wednesday's game was not known. Such things as the inclement weather which has recently prevailed and examinations might have been responsible for the disappointing crowd, Czepak pointed out.

Some 3000 exchange tickets were handed out before Wednesday's game; however, only about two-thirds of the students who got tickets were present. The exact number of students at the game was 2135.

Wednesday marked the first time in seven years townspeople, alumni, and faculty members were admitted to an intercollegiate athletic event in Rec Hall. Approximately 60 tickets were sold to the public. Tickets for tomorrow's doubleheader go on sale for \$1.80 tomorrow from 8 a.m. to noon at the AA office and at Rec Hall just before game time.

Donovan to Address Faculty Luncheon Club

George L. Donovan, director of the Student Union, will speak on "The Faculty in the Student Union" at the Faculty Luncheon Club meeting Monday in the Hotel State College.

He will discuss the facilities which will be made available to faculty members by the new Student Union building. A question-and-answer period will follow his talk.

Music Majors To Hold First Recital Tonight

Music students will present their first recital of the year from 7 to 8 tonight in 117 Carnegie Hall.

The program is open to the public. Roy Clark will play two preludes and fugues from Book I of the Well-Tempered Clavichord by J. S. Bach. Two preludes from Book II by Claude Debussy will be played by Gerald Miller.

The Mozart C Major Sonata K330 will be played by Stanley Michalski, and the Brahms G Minor Rhapsody by Jeanee Duvoisin.

James Madenfort will sing arias from Handel and Rossini, followed by Delores Secrist playing the Mozart D Minor Fantasia K397.

Men to Debate Mount Mercy

The men's affirmative debating team will be host to the women's team from Mount Mercy College at 7:30 tonight in 121 Sparks.

The question for this annual meeting of the two teams will be, Resolved: that the continued movement from the home into industry and professions by women does more harm than good.

Thomas Farrell and Louis Martini, eighth semester arts and letters majors, will debate for the University team. This will be the last intercollegiate debate for both men.

The second half of the debate will be held Feb. 8 at Mount Mercy College.

Improvement Noted In Gilbert's Condition

The condition of Harold R. Gilbert, assistant director of athletics, was reported slightly improved yesterday. Gilbert was taken ill Sunday morning. He has been confined to his home since that time.

Animal Disease Research Lab To Be Opened

The recently completed \$175,000 Animal Disease Research Building will probably be turned over to the College of Agriculture by the University next week, Walter H. Wiegand, director of the physical plant, has announced.

Only minor changes remain to be made before the building is accepted by the University. The building was inspected over Christmas vacation. Research on diseases affecting cattle, poultry, and swine will be conducted in the new building.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly appropriated \$137,500 for the building and the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation contributed \$37,500.

The biggest single undertaking in a year marked by the inauguration of many new building projects on campus was the beginning of construction of the \$2.9 million Student Union building.

Over \$3.6 million in new construction is planned for this year. Long range plans call for the construction of an Army, Air, and Naval Science building, the completion of Burrowes building, a new Home Economics building, an addition to Frear Laboratory, a new general engineering building, a meats laboratory, facilities for the swine herd, alterations to Agriculture building, a turkey brooder and laying house facilities, and a physical education building at Mont Alto Forestry School.

Major new buildings completed last year on campus include Whitmore Laboratory, the addition to Recreation Hall, and new wings on Pattee Library.

Whitmore Laboratory, which was completed this fall, is in partial use only. The laboratories are not equipped. Funds are not now available for the equipment. Some classes meet in the building, offices are occupied, and part of the building is used for storage.

The Board of Trustees—meeting Jan. 15 and 16—is expected to act on bids received for the quarter million dollar nuclear research reactor.

A second floor of the Ordinance Research Laboratory will be built as a result of a recent \$915,000 grant by Congress. Naval research will be done in the building.

Dorm Students Must Register For Vacation

Students living in dormitories who wish to remain on campus between semesters must register at the Dean of Men's and Dean of Women's office between Monday and Jan. 25, James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men in charge of independent affairs, has announced.

Dormitories will be closed at 5 p.m. Jan. 27 and will be reopened at 8 a.m. Feb. 2. The final meal will be served in the dormitories at noon, Jan. 27. The first meal will be served at breakfast Feb. 3.

Announcements will be posted on bulletin boards in dormitory units, dining halls, and at the Student Union desks in Old Main and the West Dorm lounge, to inform students what arrangements will be made for those who remain. Only students signing for rooms between sessions during the two-week period will be permitted to stay, Dean said. Food will not be served during the vacation, he said.

Students were also reminded by the Dean of Women's office that according to their rooming contracts they must vacate their rooms not more than 24 hours after their last final examination unless they are a graduating senior, in which case, they may remain until the graduation exercises, Jan. 27.

28 Students Withdraw From Campus, Centers

Fifteen students have withdrawn from campus, eight from undergraduate centers, and five from technical centers, during December, according to today's faculty bulletin.

\$2.9 Million Student Union Building—One Year Later

By MIKE FEINSILBER

Exactly one year ago today President Milton S. Eisenhower stood in a freezing rain on Holmes Field and pushed a shovel through the snow and frozen ground.

This was the ground-breaking ceremony for the new student-financed Student Union building. Barring an unforeseen delay, students will be enjoying the facilities of the \$2.9 million structure in the fall semester of 1954.

Walter H. Wiegand, director of the physical plant, reported Monday that construction has been proceeding with "normal, good, progress." Good weather has helped, Wiegand said. Relatively few days were lost on the construction because of adverse weather.

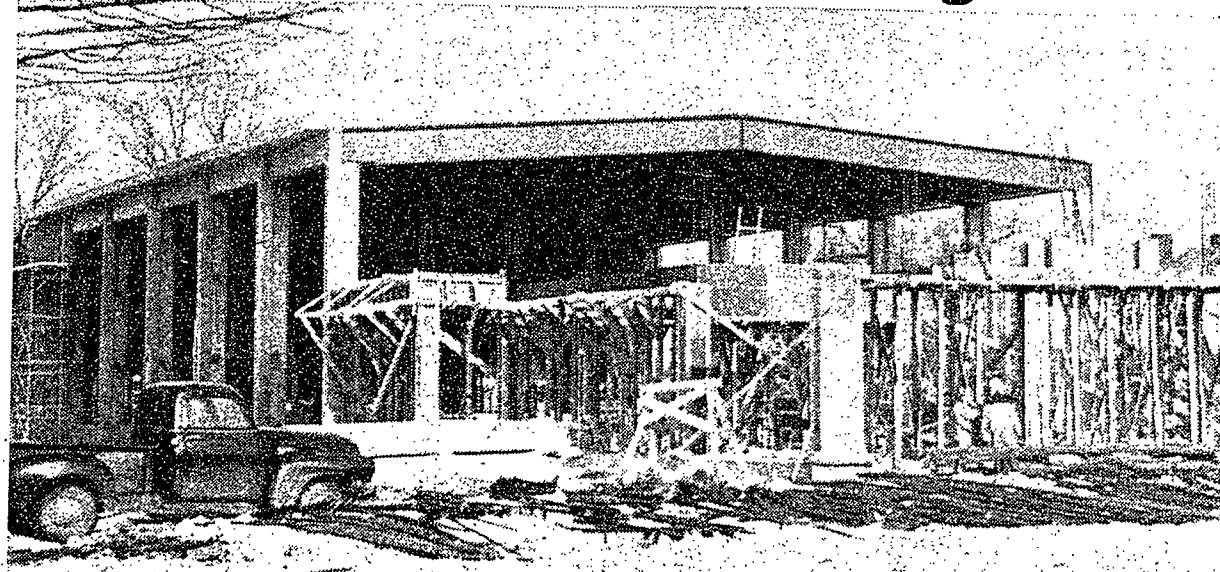
The construction, though, is not adhering to the rigid schedule originally set up, Wiegand reported.

The picture shows progress to date on the eastern wing of the new structure.

Student fees—collected for years—will finance the building, in part.

Plans called for the construction to start three years ago. Then came the Korean war. Accompanying it were building restrictions handed down by the National Production Authority. The Student Union building—like major construction all over the country—had to wait.

Speaking of the new building,



Dr. Eisenhower said at the ground-breaking ceremony: "I am sure that no other single facility could contribute so much to a better Penn State."

Buoyant student leaders and administration officials, on hand to participate in the brief ceremony, agreed.

The building will contain a large ballroom, a lecture hall, a music room for rehearsals, four lounges, a soda bar, craft rooms, and a coffee shop.

An air-conditioned auditorium accommodating 182 persons will be on the main floor of the structure. The building will have three floors and a basement. Offices and meeting rooms for student organizations will also be located in the building.

Craft rooms to be included will be a metal shop, a ceramic shop, a wood shop, a general workshop, a drawing room, and a designing room.

The Penn State Book Exchange

will locate its store in the building. Between semesters next year, the Used Book Agency will also function there. Plans call for a browsing library to be located in the big, sprawling, modernistic building.

Original plans called for the location of a kiln in the basement of the building for pottery work. The plans had to be changed, however, when insurance companies refused to insure the building as long as a kiln was located

there. They considered the fire hazard to be too great.

In place of the kiln, the Penn State Froth will locate its offices in the basement.

The building will replace the Temporary Union Building. The fate of the TUB has not yet been decided. The TUB was brought to Penn State after World War II. It had served as a United Service Organization center for servicemen.

Suggestions for future functions of the TUB include turning it over to Penn State Players for conversion into an arena theater similar to Center Stage, making it a state conference center and meeting place for faculty members, or a College of Agriculture library.

Final decision for the TUB's fate rests in the hands of the Board of Trustees.

A name must still be chosen for the new building. The Student Union Board will make this decision. Suggestions given consideration so far include the Warnock Union Building, for Arthur R. Warnock, dean of men at the University for 30 years; and the Hetzel Union Building, in honor of Ralph Dorn Hetzel, president of the University for 20 years.

Another suggestion is to name the building to honor graduates of the University who have died in World Wars I and II.