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New Seating Plan: An Obvious Necessity

When the new Recreation Hall seating plan was enacted by All-University Cabinet last year, there were high hopes the plan would work well. A year's experience has shown it does not.

The plan was enacted last year to be in operation at all indoor athletic events. Its purpose was to allow the sale of seats to non-students who for many years had not been admitted to Rec Hall events. Any discussion of Rec Hall seating plans must proceed from the premise that it is desirable to provide some seats for non-students. That is the premise here, and there will be no attempt to background the arguments.

Under the present seating plan, early student ticket exchanges are designed to indicate how many students would attend an event. However, early exchanges cannot do so because they continue until game time. Thus, the early exchange gives only a vague—a very vague—indication.

The idea behind the plan is to place on sale the difference between the number of student tickets exchanged and the capacity of Rec Hall. But students have paid for their athletic books, and thus must be permitted admission until game time. Under these circumstances, the number of tickets to be placed on public sale cannot be determined ahead of time. As a result, the Athletic Association has been selling non-student tickets to all comers. This, conceivably, could result in a terribly crowded Rec Hall—just the opposite of the present condition of what is desired.

A corrective for the present situation may be easily found. All-University Cabinet tonight will hear a request to amend the present system to provide one of more convenience to the student. The solution is simple:

1. Eliminate the ticket exchange plan under

Answered Request

The Dean of Women's office has shown by its approval of extended freshman hours that it is willing to consider and grant reasonable requests arising from women students.

After adoption by Freshman Council, the recommendation that freshman women receive an 11 o'clock and a one o'clock permission on Friday and Saturday night was approved by the Dean of Women's office. Freshman women at present have a 10 o'clock and a one o'clock permission on weekends.

As a result of discontent expressed by freshman women, an investigation of the situation was begun. A survey showed that freshman women in many other colleges and universities have more lenient weekend hours.

Freshman women will be permitted in fraternity houses when the chaperoned dating policy goes into effect in September. Therefore there is no longer reason for reluctance in granting later hours on the basis that freshman women are not allowed in fraternity houses.

Since the problem was approached in a sensible and reasonable manner, the Dean of Women's office responded in a similar way by approving the plan.

Approval of the hours change illustrates the error of those who repeatedly say, without justification, that this office is silent to student requests.

—Tammie Bloom,

On Monuments

The artistic bareness of our campus has been a subject of talk among the artistically minded of Penn State alumni for some time, but the lack seems to be treated like the weather—everyone talks about it, but that's all.

A few exceptions to the general rule may be cited, however, and one is certainly the Class of 1909. Recently, this class announced it would erect a bronze tablet commemorating General James A. Beaver, former president of the University Board of Trustees and governor of the state.

The tablet itself is to be placed inside the main gate of Beaver Field, and will be mounted on a large block of sandstone. The tablet will have a bas-relief portrait of Beaver, and an inscription telling of his services to the University.

It is too bad that our campus has as little statuary as it does. Repeated emphasis on utilitarianism has created a campus practically barren of objects of art. In fact, campus atmosphere approaches that of a small town with rather large buildings.

Possibly the future will bring better returns—and we may yet point with pride to more than a lion and a stone spike.

—Len Goodman

A man must not swallow more beliefs than he can digest.—Havelock Ellis

which students must stand in line for no reason at all.

2. Call upon the Athletic Association president and the dean of the College of Physical Education and Athletics to jointly set the number of non-student general admission tickets to be sold at each event.

3. Set the base number for non-student tickets as a variable of 300.

The new plan would eliminate the necessity of ticket exchanges and would give students a voice in determining the number of non-student tickets to be sold. Its drawback would be the possibility of an overcrowded Rec Hall, but that is a slight problem.

Figures from the past indoor season show that only twice in 12 events did student attendance warrant a lesser number of non-student seats than 300. In those events, well over 450 non-student seats were occupied anyway. A variable of 300, then, could curb an excess of non-student seats.

The variable could be determined on the basis of past experience with attendance. This type of determination, after a few years, would probably be as good as or better than the present system of ticket exchange.

The old plan, it is obvious, should be amended. A variable of 300 seats, to be set by the AA president and the College of Physical Education and Athletics dean, is one way to do it. And from all indications to date, it may be the best.

Safety Valve—

Architectural Style

TO THE EDITOR: The editorial "The New Chapel: Picking a Style" (in the April 23 issue of the Daily Collegian) states that the real problem is lack of a consistent architectural style in University buildings. We believe this is no problem in connection with the proposed All-Faith Chapel—it is a cold, hard fact.

Instead of trying to establish a consistent architectural style based on archaic formulae, we should today base architecture on the principles of contemporary design, which in reality is no style at all, but an expression of a way of life. Contemporary design is based on function, form, and use of present-day materials to evolve a work . . . which fits its needs and fits into present day living.

Since contemporary design is in itself not a style, there seems to be no reason why in the future a new style will be evolved nor why there should be a return to revival styles as there has in the past.

Therefore it seems reasonable that we should follow contemporary approach to design in establishing a pattern of architecture for the University which will remain contemporary.

—George H. Evans
Gene Gladys

Praises Student Donors

TO THE EDITOR: Please extend congratulations to the student body and members of three ROTC services for three very successful Bloodmobile operating days, and passing the daily collection record of community hospitalized civilians. Members of armed forces receiving this blood will be ever grateful for your gift.

—Arthur Koster
Johnstown Red Cross regional administrator

Likes Coogan Tribute

TO THE EDITOR: (Sam Procopio's) fine article on Jim Coogan (was a) most deserving compliment. He (Coogan) has been a grand fellow and a hard-working Penn State alumnus; (Sam) couldn't have picked a better subject.

—"Ike" Gilbert

Gazette . . .

Today

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA, 7:30 p.m., 105 White Hall

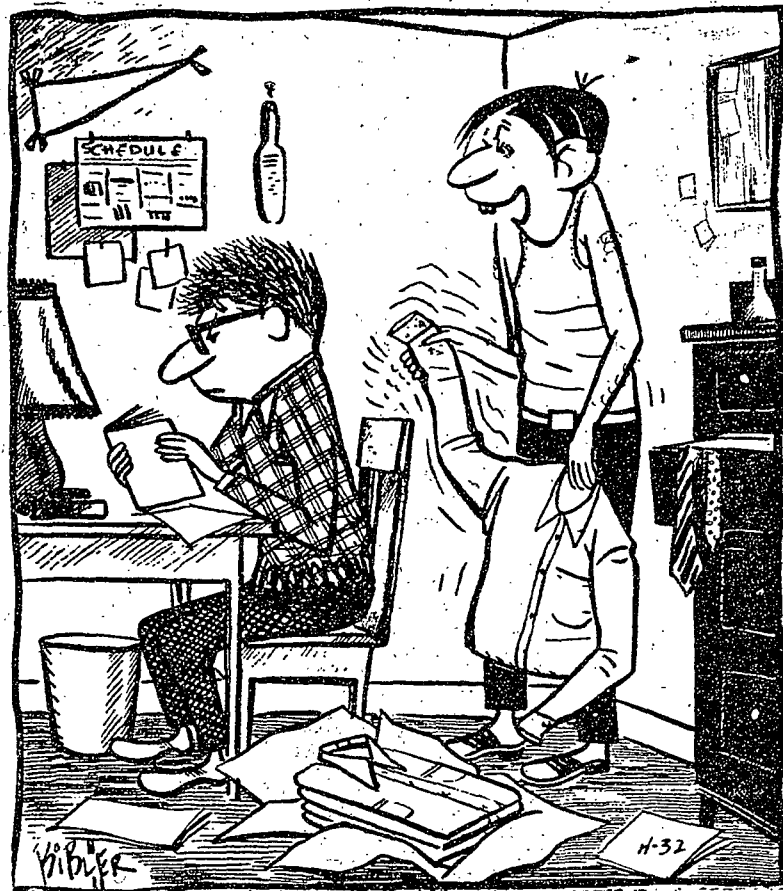
NEWS AND VIEWS, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Economics

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Sandra Allison, Lenore Babione, Lois Bacharach, Armour Black, Howard Bleznak, Thomas Dolan, Robert Doxer, Madeline Enders, Mark Gladstone, Louis Grieco, William Groce, William Houser, Edward Hunt, Vincent Idelicarto, Marie-Louise Kean, Andrew Koppenhaver, John Krug, Richard MacKay, John Maher, Constance Marconi, Ronald McDivitt, Naomi Pelzer, Ernest Pollard, Cecilia Poor, Joseph Powdrell, Nancy Rees, Robert Rossi, Jean Schnetzer, Sidney Shade, Joseph Shick, James Wolfe.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"That dang laundry has fouled-up again—I don't take chemistry."

Interpreting the News

Red China Follows USSR at Geneva

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

The world has had its first glimpse of Red China as a participant in world councils and the view is something less than startling.

Chou En-lai, second only to Mao Tse-tung in the Peiping hierarchy, made sounds very much like those to which the world has become accustomed to from Russia's European satellite representatives in the United Nations.

Chou has taken a digest of Moscow's anti-American propaganda as his thesis at Geneva.

He wants the Western powers to close their bases and remove their troops from all Asia—Asia for the Asiatics, an old slogan on which the Reds have capitalized since World War II.

He styles his own country a member of a "Big Five" and demands an end of the European Defense movement and rearmament of Germany and Japan. He's for the same percentage cuts in arms that Molotov suggested.

All of Molotov's maneuvering to get Peiping's representatives into some big world forum boils down merely to the addition of a new voice saying the same old things for him.

The only bright spot developed at Geneva so far has been Molotov's acceptance of French Foreign Minister Bidault's plea for a conference to do something about arranging for evacuation of wounded from Dien Bien Phu, the gradually restricted enclave in northern Indochina where French Union forces have been holding out so gallantly against Communist wave assaults.

Molotov realized, of course, what Chinese and Vietminh leaders would not recognize, that Bidault could make the situation of the wounded a powerful issue in Western minds, offsetting any propaganda gains for which the Reds might hope at the conference.

The rejection by Secretary Dulles of the North Korean proposal for a rigged election on reunification, like the proposal itself, was a foregone conclusion. About the only thing the conference could do about Korea was to agree on how to disagree.

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Flood Emergency Test

W3YA, University amateur's radio station, recently took part in a surprise flood emergency exercise conducted by the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army North Atlantic Division, New York City.

Ed Director Joins Staff At Formosa

John A. McCarthy, former state director of vocational education in New Jersey, has arrived in Formosa to join the University's staff at Taiwan Teachers College. McCarthy will spend at least one year there.

The University already has two full-time members there. They are Robert M. Knoebel, assistant professor of industrial education, and Robert S. Hoole, on leave from the Board of Education of Buffalo, N.Y. as principal of McKinley Vocational High School.

S. Lewis Land, director of vocational teacher education, said the men are helping Formosan educational authorities establish a vocational educational training program for teachers, supervisors, and administrators.

This will be part of a program to help the federal government provide technical aid for Formosa to help in the economic development of the island.

As part of this program, seven Formosans are now taking two semesters of vocational education at the University, formal course work and visiting vocational schools and industrial plants. In May, C. L. Huang, deputy superintendent in charge of secondary and vocational education at Formosa, will spend two weeks on campus.

Home Ec, MI Seniors

Graduating seniors in home economics and mineral industries may order caps and gowns today through Saturday at the Athletic Store. A \$5 deposit is required.

Invitations and announcements may be ordered at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Tonight on WDFM

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7:25	Sign On
7:30	Record Review
8:00	Adventures in Research
8:15	Horizons Unlimited
9:15	News
9:30	Music of America
10:00	A Broadway Review
10:30	Sign Off