

Editorial Opinion

'Reserved' Seats

In light of the ever-increasing popularity of the Artists Series programs, tickets are being distributed rapidly. But until a larger auditorium is built, the number of seats, and therefore tickets, available will be limited.

Students have made a practice of picking up tickets for performances and then never using them. This is unfair to those who have genuine intentions of attending the programs but cannot because all the tickets were gone.

Students should be sure that they can use the tickets before obtaining them, or else they should return them to the Hetzel Union desk if they decide they cannot use them.

Saving seats at a concert is also a frequent practice. With few exceptions, saving seats for people who will arrive late is unnecessary and rude.

On several occasions, spectators have arrived within a reasonable time to obtain a seat, only to find that all empty seats have suddenly been "reserved" for those who did not bother to come early also.

Let's start the custom of "first-come, first-served" and eliminate an inconsiderate practice.

Other Views

Unlimited Cuts

There seems to be a feeling currently among upperclassmen that compulsory class attendance should be abolished. They argue that men and women in a university who are adult enough to choose their vocations, place their studies, etc., are also adult enough to decide when class attendance is actually doing them any good.

There is a logical opposition to this view. Not all students are adult enough to decide. Many cannot make minor decisions; why allow them to judge what they may or may not need in such a major issue as education?

But advocates of the "attend at will" school have an answer to this. Why punish the majority of the students for the adolescence of a few? Most university students are capable of knowing their needs.

The system of unlimited cuts is used extensively in Europe and has proved immensely successful. We realize that we cannot extend this entire philosophy of education to MSU because of the completely different principles upon which our educational systems are based. Yet we could take a modified version of the European system and use it effectively without changing our own basic style.

We feel this would be beneficial to all concerned. Some students would find their limitations, others would be freed to use their time more valuably, and instructors, who tend to become lax in their lectures when they know students aren't listening to them, would improve the quality of their lectures by inserting material which the student won't find in his textbook.

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Letters

Enthusiasm Asked For Holy Cross

TO THE EDITOR: The tremendous display of enthusiasm at Saturday's football game placed Penn State in the nation's number one spot in school spirit. Our team may or may not be the best in the nation, but student spirit ranking leaves no doubt in anyone's mind.

When the final gun sounded Saturday afternoon, the loyal fans gave the losing team a standing ovation as the Lions left the field. And then as if they thought or hoped there would be another quarter remaining, the fans just stood there staring at the field.

But, a few students started filling out of the jammed stadium and soon the rest of the crowd followed. As they did, however, a chant arose from the seemingly undismayed student body. It was "Go-ooo Lions, Beat Holy Cross"

Let's hope this chant continues and that the spirit exhibited last week again shows itself this week in preparation for the Holy Cross game.

With this spirit and enthusiasm continuing whether we lose or win, we'll show the nation who has the greatest school.

—Bernard Barsky, '61

TO THE EDITOR: The boys of West Halls and Nittany as well as the entire student body did a tremendous job in raising the spirit for the Syracuse game. Now what?

As they do for most "ordinary games," they will probably just sit and wait to see what happens against Holy Cross and Pitt.

True, the game with Syracuse was the most important game of the season—at the time. But now, the fact of the matter is that we have just as much riding on our last two games as we did when we met the Orange.

If we fail to win these games, our hopes for a bowl bid may easily diminish. The students certainly have a lot of spirit when the team is ahead now let's see what happens when the chips are down.

What can our "enthused" student body do to pep up our disheartened football team who did such a great job, even in defeat? It certainly would give our team a great incentive to see the spirit that was displayed last week.

Come on, Penn Staters, now is the time when we can give you lots of that spirit. What can you do about it? See you at the game and pep rally.

—Michael Greenwald, '63

Gazette

TODAY  
Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom  
Christian Fellowship, 6 p.m., 218 HUB  
Cosmopolitan Club Mixer, 8:30 p.m., Evangelical Reformed Church, College Ave. and Locust Lane.  
Cwens, 5 p.m., 218 HUB  
Music Department, 8 p.m., HUB assembly room  
Nittany 32 9 p.m., HUB ballroom  
WRA Open House, 7 p.m., White Hall

HOSPITAL  
Patients in the University hospital yesterday were: Adrienne Altman, Albion Hindley, Donna Badwey, Raymond Bratton, Edward Caye, Nancy Chonoski, Jack Crosby, Lee Dillard, Charles Drum, Peter Duncan, Louise Ell-worth, Sandia Evans, Franklin Furman, Regis Gate, Harry Griffith, David Grubbs, Mildred Hiltbeutel, Robert Hiohak, Yun Kuang Huang, Mary Lynn Issues, Stanley Johnston, Leon Kassman, Charles King, S. D. Kleitzien, George Kresky, Larry Laster, Judith Lobley, Robert Lynch, James McCann, John Metzner, William Mitchell, Larry Obert, Thomas Oeden, Margaret Powell, Samuel Rearick, Wendy Richardson, John Salem, James Senior, Jan Smith, Arthur Stasik, Roger Toth, David Whipple.

Approved Activities

All fraternities are approved for entertaining women guests for tonight and tomorrow night except Pi Lambda Phi and Phi Sigma Epsilon which are approved for tomorrow night only.

Other approved activities for the weekend are: Friday: mixer for Stevens Hall and Nittany 39, 40, 42; Alpha Omicron Pi cabin party; Kappa Alpha Theta jam session at Delta Tau Delta; Alpha Phi Omega dinner at Autoport.

Saturday: Sigma Delta Tau pledge dance at Alpha Epsilon Pi; Kappa Alpha Theta formal dance at Phi Gamma Delta; United Student Fellowship cabin retreat; North Halls dance in Warnock lounge; hayride, Bucks Hall.

Sunday: North and West Halls jam session; Inter-religious Affairs Committee encampment.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Letters

'Rink' Information Corrected

TO THE EDITOR: The following information is in reply to Elliot Newman's letter concerning ice hockey and to correct incorrect statements on the opening of the University Ice Rink by Bob Tacosky.

Dean McCoy has stated, "that due to the influence of the weather on the construction of the rink, no definite date can be set for the opening day."

The rink will not be open all-year-round for ice skating. During the non-skating months, the rink will serve as a multi-purpose structure. There will be a charge for ice skating; in the past the charge has been 25 cents for students, and 50 cents for non-students.

No locker rooms are being constructed, nor are they being planned as the cost for such a facility is estimated at \$40,000.

The Dean indicated that at least \$30,000 would be required to finance a hockey team. Such costs as hiring a coaching staff,

and providing equipment and transportation for an 18 member team would be included in such a figure and would occur each year. In addition, a suitable safety fence to protect the spectators would be needed, and would cost from \$3-4 thousand to build. Also there are no plans at present for stands at the rink.

The same objections to varsity hockey apply to intramural ice hockey. The flooding and freezing of an area to play ice hockey on other than ice rink has not proved to be practical in the past. Eight days suitable for playing on a natural ice surface has been the highest number of days in the past.

I hope this letter will correct the misconceptions that have been circulating on campus.

—Claude C. Sweet, '60  
Past President, Skating Division, Penn State Outing Club

Ex-Marine For Phys-Ed

TO THE EDITOR: I noticed Mr. Klein's article in the Nov. 10th Collegian, so I decided to reply.

Obviously, Mr. Klein's roommate has him well indoctrinated with "war stories" about the Marines, and it's more obvious that Mr. Klein knows little about the Marine Corps. If he did, he would know that their training isn't all-perfect and that it does have its deficiencies.

Most marines, who aren't "sandbaggers," don't mind physical activity. If Mr. Klein's roommate thinks it would hurt his ego to take badminton, golf, etc., there's usually no overflow in such classes as boxing and wrestling. I'm sure he could be accommodated.

Next, let's straighten out this quip about the course, "Phys. Ed. in the Elementary School." It's just common sense that someone has to teach games and motor skills to youngsters so that they can channel their surplus energy to a better development as normal and healthy adults. A few of us lowly people in phys ed and elementary ed have to take the course for that reason.

I noticed that Mr. Klein is an Arts and Letters major. No "snap" course in that curriculum. Well, I happen to know a few, in fact, if I were to enumerate, this article would probably be too wordy to make the Collegian.

—Regis Maloney, '61  
Ex-Marine

Party Duties Supported

TO THE EDITOR: In support of your editorial opinion of Nov. 11 (Election Campaigns Should Be Imaginative) I would like to state that it is the job of the political parties to promote an active interest in SGA elections.

In the past the Elections Commission has taken the initiative in instituting rallies, motorcades, and dances which have helped to create student interest. However, it should be the responsibility of the political parties to provide the needed functions of an active campaign.

The parties must provide the rallies and publicity if they are to get out any sizeable vote. In the past, the vote has

averaged approximately 30 per cent of eligible voters. It is up to the parties to improve this percentage.

Student Encampment recommended the use of rallies and other promotion to increase student interest in elections. This recommendation was intended towards the parties as well as the Elections Commission.

The success of an election depends on the parties, not on the Elections Commission. It is the parties' responsibility to get out the vote and gain support for a better student government.

—Larry D. Epstein, '60  
Publicity Director, Elections Commission

