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EDITORIAL: ALABAMA TICKET LOTTERY

Lotteries should be more fair

Monday's lottery for the Penn State vs. Alabama game left some students both empty-handed and frustrated by the university.

About 40 students waited in line outside the Bryce Jordan Center were denied football tickets, including the first 16 students in line, leaving those who had been there longest angered at the situation.

A lottery system is the fairest way to distribute hot ticket items like seats to Bryant-Denny Stadium in Alabama. But when only 5 percent of the uni-

versity's allotted tickets are set aside for students, an impartial and consistent way to distribute tickets should be applied to all games.

In order to uphold Penn State's goal of deterring students from waiting in line, we believe the lottery should take place online. Instead of pulling a random number to cut the line, as was done on Monday, a randomly selected web lottery process would have been a better method.

The university should also implement a consistent lottery system for

allocating away-game tickets. Having one system and applying it to all occasions would leave the students feeling less confused and better prepared.

Those 40 students who woke up at 5 a.m. to ensure themselves a ticket to the Crimson Tide vs. Nittany Lions showdown were not only some of Penn State's biggest fans, but are now the most disappointed, while an online ticketing system would have just left them feeling unlucky. A randomly selected process seems like a fair process.

LETTERS

THON rules are not a big issue

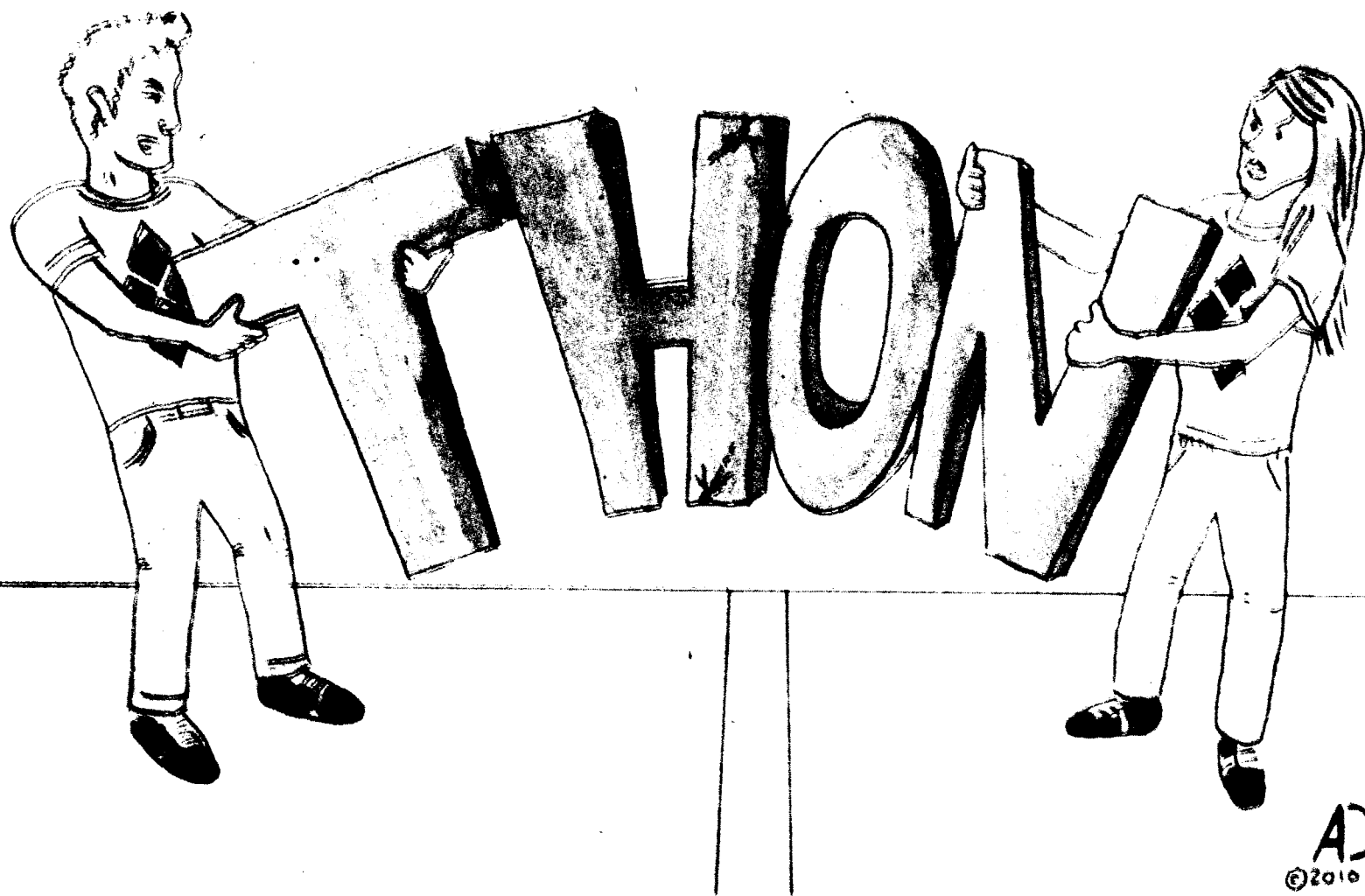
Personally, I never thought announcing the individual totals was ever contrary to our cause. Hearing the huge totals had always inspired me to see what I could do the next year to reach their level of success. A healthy dose of motivation in this form does not hurt anybody, especially if it fosters an environment of continuous improvement. In fact, plenty of fundraisers do this.

But I really think we are making this a bigger deal than it has to be.

THON will still happen. The kids will still love us. The families will still invite us over for dinners and birthdays. I am confident that the Overall Committee is a positive force in our fight against this horrible disease, whether it announces the top 10 or the top five. After all, THON is a culmination of efforts from more than 300 groups, not just the handful who are lucky enough to be recognized.

It's important to remember who THON has never been about us. It's still and always has been For The Kids.

Alejandro Barreto
Class of 2010



Preachers do not disturb

The police received complaints regarding the Christian organization preaching the Gospel outside of the HUB-Robeson Center on Monday.

But on Tuesday during the preaching, I entered the building near the event to determine the decibel level inside. I entered a totally empty classroom, closest to the scene, and listened near an open window.

I could faintly hear the preaching, and had a teacher been speaking or someone shuffling their feet, the sound probably would have been nearly blocked.

In all actuality, the mocking and shouting obscenities by the atheist organization and gay activists were equally as discernable in the building. My discussions with numbers

of students those days proved that they were much less concerned about noise pollution than they were the preaching against their lifestyles.

Gabriel Morley
Former State College resident and pastor

PSU wrong on egg debate

In response to Tuesday's article "Cage-free egg battle rages," Director of Residential Dining Lisa Wandel claims that the science does not show that battery-cage eggs are riskier than cage-free.

The truth is that Wandel is being disingenuous and dishonest with students.

I am one of the students who have met with her about this issue. Three months ago we sent her an exhaustive report of the scientific, peer-reviewed research conducted

on this issue. We asked her to please review it, and to send us any contradictory studies she was aware of.

She has never presented us with any scientific data backing up her denials, nor does it seem she has even read the research we sent her.

There is a reason that the Center for Food Safety and the Consumer Federation of America are supporting a ban on battery-cage egg farms.

There is a reason that heads of the Schools of Public Health at Harvard, New York University, Johns Hopkins and elsewhere support an end to battery cage egg farms.

Can students really trust, and do we really want, a Dining Services team that will mislead us about what's safest for students?

Rusty Zufall
Class of 2010

Greed destroys Americans

We, as Americans, are never satisfied with where we are at. We have come to believe that we are entitled to everything and anything that we want.

We are supposed to learn from history, but our great country fails to do so. We are paying people entirely too much for certain jobs, paying for things that are a want instead of paying for necessities. We as a people expect our government to bail us out and do things for us that we should be able to do ourselves.

It's time that people start working and doing what is needed for our country to succeed instead of just hoping that China will bail us out.

Corey Witt
junior-agribusiness management

COLUMNIST

Betty fever spawned from youth

By Amanda Elser

My gay friend Jack has been obsessed with Betty White since high school. Honestly, he had Betty fever long before she made her sudden comeback at the ripe age of 88.

It's hard to mark the exact moment when my love for this white-haired lady came into my life, but if I don't count all the times Jack made me watch "Golden Girls," it was probably when she played the eccentric grandmother in "The Proposal" (2009).

One little rain dance produced a surplus of results for the veteran actress. After 60 years in the business, roles started pouring in, including a hilarious 2010 Super Bowl commercial for Snickers candy bars.

It wasn't long before her new, younger fan base emerged and Facebook groups popped up all over the Web campaigning for the 5-foot-4 inch lady to host "Saturday Night Live."

Cyber fans got their wish last May when White graced the stage of SNL Studio 8H and produced some of the funniest SNL skits I have seen in a while.

But the most amusing aspect of White's comeback would have to be that she never knew she left.

In a special appearance on "Oprah" she said, "The silly part about everything is that I didn't know I'd been away."

It seems everyone is going gaga over White, with her witty humor stealing the hearts of multiple generations. She continues to pop up everywhere from a TV land show "Hot in Cleveland," to her own clothing line. In the height of a award season, she has made a guest appearance in each.

To some, this might be Betty overload, but no one can deny that spunky old people are cute. And when they are funny, it is even better.

They encompass that knee-slapping humor that has nothing to do with being crude or rude like modern comedians. It is her dry, one-liner sense of comedic timing that makes her a funny icon.

This is why, not only has Betty been attending award shows, but she has been leaving with some recognition as well.

This past Sunday at the prime time Emmy awards Betty showed up in a bright watercolor ensemble where she not only participated in the opening musical number, but left with the Emmy for best guest actress in a comedy series.

"But the most amazing aspect of White's comeback would have to be that she never knew she left."

Her fifth Emmy win can be attributed to her recent popularity. Her comeback career really is one founded by our generation. Without our Facebook support, her SNL skit would never have been such a success.

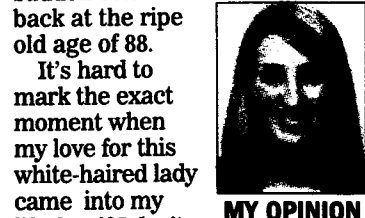
Betty is a hilarious senior citizen, but she has been funny since the beginning of her career in the "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." She didn't all of a sudden become funny again — she just all of a sudden became a fad.

Certain people may think that Betty is a passing phase, but she represents a whole generation before ours where people aren't become famous for being arrested. She is honestly the manifestation of good, wholesome humor.

Thank you, Jack, for introducing me to the world of Betty White.

I wrote an entire column about her and I still won't be as fanatical as you.

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MY OPINION

blog lines

SNAP, CRACKLE, POP

Fair embraces country act

On Monday, Justin Moore walked out onto the Grandstand Stage at the Grange Fair looking as though he pulled an outfit out of Dwight Yoakam's closet. Moore wore tight Wrangler jeans, a button-down long sleeved shirt, a belt with "Justin" written on the back and a dog-tag necklace.

Ladies, it was your lucky night if you were at the concert...

Joshua Glossner
Style and trends reporter

BETWEEN THE PIPES

Icer talks favorite NHL team

Junior forward Paul Daley previews the upcoming season for his favorite team, the New York Rangers, in an interview with Collegian Icers reporter Anthony Barton.

Anthony Barton: Last season the Rangers finished just out of the playoff picture, losing to the Flyers in a shootout loss on the last day of the regular season. That said, there were some bright spots, like the reemergence of Marian Gaborik as a top flight player in the NHL. What are your thoughts on New York's 2009 season?

Anthony Barton
Copy Editor

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