

# THE INSAIN'T ASYLUM FRENZY

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The notorious empty seats topping off the left end of the home bleachers have finally been filled at this year's football games. In recent history, the majority of students would come late, leave early, or not even show up at the games.

With two key victories at home against Pisgah and St. Joe for the football team, the student section has fed off of the early season success.

"The student section is just as much a part of making each game successful as the football team is, in my opinion," Senior Fan of the Week recipient Ethel Ann Jones said.

The more energetic the student section, the better experience students have at the games.

"It's the energy; it's infectious. People want to go to the games," Senior Fan of the Week recipient Jack Robinson said. "They feel they are a part of the team. Storming the field after St. Joe proved that. When we get loud and see the football players getting into it, no one can beat us."

According to many spectator, compared to last year, the students have stepped it up when it comes to rowdiness and organization.

"In years past there have been like 15 people, but this year we can barely fit everyone," Junior Ethan Guynes said. "Some of the seniors like Jack Robinson and Hugh Goings go ape nuts and keep everyone energetic."

Some think that the success of a student section correlates with the senior participation.

"Last year we lacked leaders and organization; an active senior class has stepped it up in the bleachers," Robinson said. "When underclassmen see seniors going crazy, they go crazy. We are able to play off each other's energy and it's worked extremely well."

"More rowdie seniors this year compared to this past year makes a big difference." Junior Fan of the Week Recipient Meredith Rand said. "Ethel (Ann Jones) and Jack (Robinson) have been doing a fantastic job of getting people pumped via GroupMe and other social media for upcoming games."

Even the cheerleaders love the turnout from the students, as they now have students to help cheer.

"This year the whole student body is really involved at football games and it makes such a difference," Senior Cheerleading Captain Mary Parker Davidson said. "Everyone is yelling along with us, and even starting cheers themselves."

A new nickname could be the key element that has brought the energy to the students. Last year's "Cronin's Crazies" seemed relevant to basketball only, so seniors thought that change was needed.

"I decided to dub our student section The InSaint Asylum, because a name gives everyone a sense of being a part of a specific team, and that's what we are," Jones said.

"I think it's clever and hilarious," Davidson said. "It encourages people to be crazy, while still representing the Saints."

"I think it's a play on the old name Cronin's Crazies," Robinson said. "Now it's a lot more applicable to sports other than basketball."

One student though, said they had more trouble getting used to the name.

"I used to think the name was kind of dumb but it's sort of grown on me," Guynes said. "I heard some St. Joe people talking about it the other day about how dumb it was. But I guess it doesn't matter because we destroyed them, and Alex Wilson brought the pain train to town, baby."

With a seemingly well received and revamped student section, the seniors and the entirety of the student body hope to keep the rowdiness up through not only football season, but the rest of the athletic year.

"I really feel as though we've been successful in bolstering school spirit significantly this year, and it's only first quarter!" Jones said.