

# News/Feature

## Bookstore accommodates students

"The workers are so nice." "Everyone is helpful." "They would do anything for you!" Being a student means you must go into the bookstore at sometime or another even if it's only to buy books. And if you do go into the bookstore, you most probably come out with the same opinion about the people working there as the above students. One student summed it up best: "They're awfully nice people."

Mr. Theodore Imbert, manager of the bookstore since 1970, had this to say about his job, "I was in retail downtown for 27 years, but this job has been the most enjoyable. I feel very lucky to be at Hazleton ... The students and faculty are wonderful to work with."

Mr. Imbert said the hardest part of his job is when books don't come in for the start of classes.



Mr. Imbert

"When there's only 10 weeks in a term, it's awfully hard for a student to do without a book for two or three weeks. I hate to see students without a book."

Another problem that arises at the bookstore concerns receipts. "All students should hang onto their receipts in case they have to bring anything back," Mr. Imbert said. The bookstore will take a book back during the first 5 days of the term for any reason as long as the student has a receipt, and the book is not written in. During the next 16 days a book will be taken back as long as it is not written in, the student has a receipt, and a drop-add slip.

The bookstore offers two specific services to the students that many people may not be aware of. The bookstore will order anything for you whether it be a book, school supplies, or P.S.U. sweaters, t-shirts, jackets, etc. "We do our best to get what the student wants," Mr. Imbert said. Also, each year, the bookstore holds a book buy-back at the end of the spring term during which students can sell their books to a private book dealer. Something the students can look forward to in the future is the possibility of the bookstore itself buying back used books.

Although the main business of the bookstore is, of course, books, clothing, jewelry, snacks, school supplies, calculators, and anything a professor would require for a course can be bought there. Mr. Imbert said he uses student opinions to decide what to carry in the bookstore. "I feel that if the students are doing the buying they should also choose what is sold. I often ask students for their opinion when I'm ordering things." A new item in the

bookstore this year is the Penn State Christmas balls which sell for \$3.95 and according to Mr. Imbert they're selling "very well."

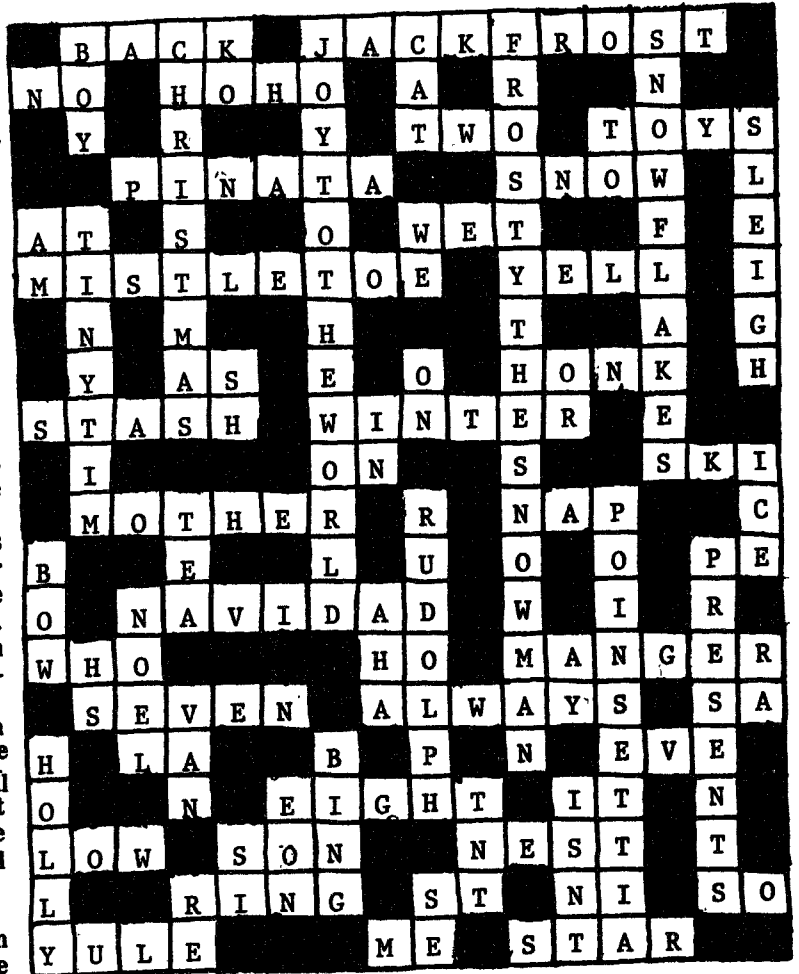
When asked if there was one thing he wanted to say to all the students, Mr. Imbert said, "I want the students to know that we would like to be as much service to them as possible. Our doors are always open."

## Circle-K

What is Circle-K all about? It is a service club affiliated with the Kiwanis. Among other services, the club visits the nursing homes in the area and raises money for Charities. So far members have visited the patients at St. Joseph's Hospital for Halloween and have gone to a Kiwanis luncheon.

Future plans include holding a volleyball marathon in the spring; perhaps students will challenge the faculty or different floors in the dorm can challenge one another. Our annual bowlathon will be held in February.

Proceeds will go to the children with learning disabilities in the Hazleton area.



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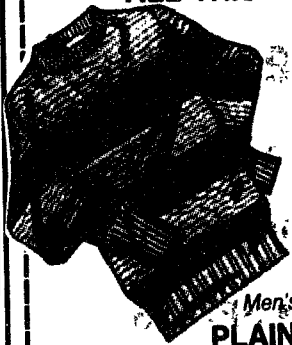
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