

Letters - From the Editor's Mailbox

The Browsers

In deference to the former editor, we are making an exception in publishing this letter which exceeds the word limit.

TO THE EDITOR: While browsing through the Collegian this morning over my toast, coffee and three-minute eggs ala Pollock Circle (an ex-editor has so much time on his hands, Mr. Ostar) I came across Mr. Homer V. Roberts' advertisement headed "The Browser."

Having a few minutes to myself, I browsed through that entire column of copy (which read well but which should have been broken into shorter paragraphs in three spots to brighten it, Roberts) and what do I see?

I see a very clever example of slanted journalism.

My reference is to the 128 ems of copy Roberts devotes to my last editorial (oh yes, Mr. Ostar, I haven't had the opportunity to thank you for giving a "has-been" like myself a thrill by printing it when your regime took over).

Homer V. Roberts took a part of a complete sentence and answered that alone.

At the risk of boring you and your readers I'd like to repeat the entire sentence concerning book stores as I wrote it: "Certainly they're risky investments, but there must be some profit in them, else how do they survive in this community year after year?"

So you see, I admit that there is always a chance that a bookstore could flop (a concession on my part to those College officials who have glumly stated that a Student Union bookstore is a poor risk) but I know as well as Mr. Roberts does that it wouldn't flop if it were managed one-half as successfully as his is managed.

Perhaps Mr. Roberts doesn't remember me but I spent considerable time browsing in his store during my sophomore and junior year at State.

I then came down with a bad case of flagitis-before-the-eyes. Upon my recovery from that I returned to State only to come down with a serious attack of committee-serving (though not as bad as Mr. Fulmer's), from which I am slowly recovering.

But getting back to Roberts. We shall drop in to chat with him but for the benefit of any readers who came across his ad in Thursday's Collegian and who might be interested, I already know the outcome.

He'll have to admit that a Student Union bookstore can be a financial success if carefully managed.

In desperation he may say, "But where are you going to find someone capable of running it?"

Before he can say, "Do you think you could run it successfully?" I'll break in with the statement, "There are any number of people who could run it—even I could but I have a previous appointment for the next few years to sit around in the Student Union building at the University of Oklahoma, watching them operate their bookstore."

Maybe I'll even find the time to persuade him to close up the College Book Store and take over the management of our Student Union Bookstore when it's built.

But I doubt if I'll find time for that for I intend launching my other favorite argument, somewhere during our meeting.

That concerns the attitude of merchants in this town who feel that the College isn't THE all

important. (Mr. Roberts doesn't come in this category but by repeating the sermon he might be influenced to spread the gospel.)

They can tear their hair all they please but they wouldn't be in business in this valley if it weren't for the College. Best proof of that has been the known fact that "as the College grows, so grows the town."

Which in turn will lead me off on the subject of how this town could develop other non-dependent businesses. They could, if they had a red-hot chamber of commerce, boost State College as a resort town—but as Prof. Dengler would say, "That's another story—"

—Michael A. Blatz.

Round Two

TO THE EDITOR: A reply to the letter introduced in yesterday's "Collegian" by the Messrs. Rouch and Dillard need not resort to appeal to the reader by a general slanderous introduction as was employed by these men in their attack upon the action undertaken by the Pollock Circle Council in regard to high prices charged by Sally's Candy Company. Such a method is employed by uninformed persons desirous of achieving their own ends and is not needed for reading appeal.

For the enlightenment of the general reader, but especially for these two men, several points of their criticism need clarification.

1. The proposal to refrain from buying Sally's products originated and was proposed by a group of non-council men in Pollock Circle and a petition was submitted to the Council by their representative. Final action was not taken by the Council until the majority of Pollock Circle men had, through their prexy's, signified approval of the proposed action. Final steps were then taken by the representative body.

2. The "recently acquired power" of the Council referred to in the letter is now twelve weeks old, and I regret that the Council appears "high and mighty" to them. Even level land appears high when one places himself in a hole.

—William H. Schiele, President, Dorm 14.

A Thank-You Note

TO THE EDITOR: The Penn State Club wishes to publicly thank Dean Arthur Warnock, Mr. George Donovan, and retiring I.F.C. president Fritz Lloyd for serving on the "Outstanding Non-Fraternity Male Senior" committee.

These gentlemen, we believe, did an outstanding job. The Club also wishes to congratulate Mr. Michael Blatz in becoming the ninth recipient of the Award.

—The Penn State Club.

They Second the Motion

TO THE EDITOR: Our two-bits to a worthy cause. Down with Sally's! Let's all back up Pollock Circle's request for the boycott. Pile those pennies into your own pockets—not Sally's.

—The Fundless Five, Foster Lodge.

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Kecker's Report On...

Model State Legislature

College students since time immemorial have received tongue-lashings from their distinguished elders for lack of interest in state and national affairs. These elders would have done well to have sat in on the Model State Legislature, recently held in Harrisburg. The word "Model" didn't mean a paragon or an object of perfection; it did mean a good simulation of the very legislature our parents boast of at Harrisburg complete with all the hot committee sessions, party bickering, horse-trading on bill-backing, porkbarreling, parliamentary red tape, booing and applause which we associate with the real thing.

But there was one difference. Students in the long run can and will vote according to their own feelings, rather than according to the dictates of their constituencies. Hence a summary of some of the bills passed and defeated there are presented here to show the consensus of opinion of more than 800 students from 66 schools in Pennsylvania on state issues.

Take veterans' affairs for instance. Of eight bills that reached the floor out of committee, the General Assembly passed three, one providing for state benefits to widows of service men killed in the service of their country, one setting up a Veteran's Housing Director and giving him power of housing priorities, and a third providing for State scholarships to deserving children of veterans deceased in service and of disabled veterans.

The bills defeated were even more indicative of student feeling. Down went bills to provide for veterans' life insurance, a veterans' training investigating commission, \$500 bonds for disabled

veterans, and continued education for State veteran students preparing for professional careers.

Among needed constitutional changes were bills passed on decreasing the voting age to 18, establishing a one-house legislature, and allowing a graduated state income tax!

Under taxation and finance bills were passed calling for continuance of cigarette and liquor excises, a low-cost housing program financed through public funds, permission for insurance companies to invest up to 15 percent of their assets in real estate, and compulsory insurance for all members of school athletic teams.

Under highways and public works bills were approved providing for a better Pittsburgh-Erie highway, a new Eastern State Penitentiary, new hospitals for the feeble-minded, and reexaminations of motor vehicle operators involved in serious accidents for driving competency. Among approved labor bills were a minimum wage law, a jurisdictional strike prohibition, and enforced employer liability for occupational disease.

The best passed bill under public utilities set up a procedure for issuing certificates of public convenience to applicants desiring to compete with operating public carriers.

Top educational bills passed were a teacher base-pay, annual increase, act and a measure establishing subsidization for brilliant but needy students past the twelfth grade. On matters of discrimination a state FEPC bill was passed but a bill compelling tolerance in veterans' organizations was defeated. All told some 50 of the 400 or more bills introduced in committee were passed by the Assembly.

By Fred Kecker

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DONUTS?

GET THEM HOT!
GET THEM FRESH!
GET THEM NOW!

—at—
Miller's Market
A New Douut Shop

Collegian Gazette

All calendar items must be in the Daily Collegian office by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

Friday, May 9

COLLEGIAN JUNIOR EDITORIAL BOARD meeting, 9 Carnegie Hall, 4:15 o'clock.

OMICRON NU meeting, 209 Home Economics, 3:20 o'clock.

PSBF BIBLE STUDY, 200 Carnegie Hall, 7 o'clock.

Sunday, May 11

PSBF DISCUSSION, "Christ in the Old and New Testaments," 304 Old Main, 4 o'clock.

Monday, May 12

LOUISE HOMER Club final meeting, 200 Carnegie Hall, 8:30 o'clock.

SKULL AND BONES meeting to discuss final plans for tapping, 409 Old Main 7 o'clock.

College Health Service

Discharged on Thursday: Thomas Folan, Norma Schantzenbach and Philip Walter. COLLEGE PLACEMENT SERVICE MINE SAFETY APPLIANCE CO., May 13, 8th sem. men in EE and ME.

College Placement Service

men in AgE.
ERIE RESISTOR CORP., May 8, 8th sem. men in EE, ME and IE.
PA. POWER & LIGHT CO., May 8, 8th sem. men in EE and ME.
THE AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY CO., May 8, 8th sem. men in C&F and A&L.
B. F. GOODRICH CO., May 8, 8th sem. men in C&F.
A. B. FARQUHAR CO., May 8, 8th sem. men in AgE.
CHAMBERSBURG ENGINEERING CO., May 12, 8th sem. men in ME and IE.
AMERICAN STEEL & WIRE CO., May 13, 8th sem. men in ME, EE, IE and Met.
W. VA. PULP & PAPER CO., May 13, 8th sem. men in CE and ME.
I-T-E CIRCUIT BREAKER CO., May 14, 8th sem. men in EE and ME.

A Fish Story

Glancing through some pages of College history left me by the outgoing features editor, I have come across data that is little short of terrifying. So significant is this information that I hasten to pass it on to all readers of the Collegian to serve them fair warning of the black plot that is being hatched under their very noses.

In 1859, each student was required to do three hours of farm work a day, except on Saturdays and Sundays.

Consider this with all its fateful implications. Consider it first as having happened only 88 years ago (practically yesterday, daylight savings time), and then consider it in the light of what is taking place even at this moment.

Penn State is offering a course in "fishing." The word "offering" is theirs, not mine. It is my belief that this is the first in a series of steps calculated to turn back the clock to the days when students were required to pick apples and harvest crops. It is my belief that, far from "offering" this course, the College will in the near future make it compulsory for graduation. I foresee a horrible time when all Penn Staters will be either BF's in S (Bachelors of Fishing in Science) or holders of an AF degree (Arts and Fish).

For all readers who are inclined to disparage the importance of this warning, I wish to close with the following statement:

In the first College dormitory, doors three inches thick were placed on each floor to lock students in at night, ostensibly to keep them studying, but actually to insure their being in condition to pick cotton or something come dawn. I place particular emphasis on that word "dawn."

By David Adelman

Edit Quips

• The other day a student went into a local store and made a 50-cent purchase. He thought he gave the cashier \$1, and accepted 50 cents in change. Later he realized that it was a \$5 bill he made his purchase with, so he went back to get the money he had coming to him.

The cash register was checked, and the student was given \$4. He noted that after the money was refunded, there was still a \$27 unaccounted for surplus in the register.

At Schlow's

Catalina and Jantzen

SWIM SUITS and PLAY SUITS

STATE COLLEGE BUCKNELL

