

Is Critique Literary?

Students at the College are wondering why they don't have an opportunity to write poetry, short stories and other literary, creative material for publication. The Daily Collegian offers an opportunity to prospective newspaper writers, and Froth makes it possible for students who enjoy humorous writing to show their talents.

The charter for a literary magazine at the College is held at the moment by Critique Magazine. Critique, in its two

issues this year has proven to be anything but a true literary publication. True circulation and advertising figures for Critique will probably show "success" from that angle, but the magazine has become what might be called a feature publication—concentrating on photography, eye appeal and flashy adjectives for sales. The few short stories that have been run are not the best the campus has to offer.

Why doesn't Critique publish more short stories, better short stories, and why isn't it a literary magazine as its charter says it should be?

The fact of the matter is that none of the persons capable of putting out a good, really literary publication, the English majors who make writing their business, and the journalism majors who

could be a great help, will have anything to do with the magazine. They will have nothing to do with it because they can not see eye to eye with Gregory.

While this situation exists, the College continues without a real literary magazine. Here is a big chance for a group of capable interested students to get in on the ground floor and remake Critique into a real literary publication. If interested students will make their demands for a decent literary publication to the board of Critique faculty advisers, appointed by the School of Liberal Arts—Profs. Donald W. Davis, Harold E. Dickson, A. Pauline Locklin and Louis F. Peck—and will register their protests to the Daily Collegian, perhaps there can be some changes made.

—Howard Back.

The Other Side

Some of the merchants in State College have sent us an editorial which they clipped from the January 22 issue of the Pittsburgh Press. They feel that the Daily Collegian has printed only the favorable aspects of why Penn State should have a student cooperative store, and that the other side has not been presented. In order to be "completely fair" to the

local merchants we reprint the editorial which attempts to point out the faults of a co-op.

Fred W. Perkins, Scripps-Howard and Pittsburgh Press labor reporter, wrote from Detroit about a plan by which local unions of the CIO United Auto Workers are "doing something tangible about the high cost of living."

The unions are operating "food-supply stations." These buy food from wholesale grocers and sell it to union members at wholesale prices. They estimate a four-person family can save as much as \$10 a week on its food bill.

Mr. Perkins visited one of the stations. He priced 18 food items there and found their total cost to union members was \$7.08. Then he priced the same 18 items and brands in nearby groceries, where he found their total retail cost was \$8.29.

The difference — \$1.21 — is the retail grocers' "mark-up." It comes to a little more than 17 per cent. Many union members doubtless believe that what they save by this plan is the profit retail grocers otherwise would be getting.

But wait a minute!

The food-supply station, Mr. Perkins reports, does business in the local union's meeting hall. So it pays no rent or taxes and gets heat and light free.

Its clerks, volunteer union members, donate their services. So it pays no wages.

Its working capital is supplied by the union's treasury. So it pays no interest on borrowed capital. Its fixtures are simple shelves and tables. So it has no large investment in show cases, refrigerators, etc., that make groceries attractive and convenient to customers.

Except for eggs, the food-supply stations sell only canned goods and non-perishable staple groceries. So it has no loss of fresh fruits and vegetables, meats and other goods that spoil before they can be sold. And it is open only three days a week, a few hours a day.

To save \$10 weekly, at the rate of \$1.21 saving on items bought for \$7.08, a four-person family would have to spend more than \$58 a week on canned goods, eggs and non-perishable staples available at a union food-supply station. It isn't likely that many families do that.

But the savings many families do make by this plan aren't to be



"He'd be lost without it!"

CALENDAR

Thursday, February 12

LAKONIDES, WRA Room, WH. 6:30 p.m.

WRA Outing Club, 2 WH. 6:45 p.m.

WRA Swim Club, WH. 7:30.

WAGA, WSGA Room, WH. 6:15 p.m.

NEWMAN Club Discussion Group, 104 Tem, 7 p.m.

NITTANY Lines Staff, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

FROTH Junior Editorial Board, Froth office, 7 p.m.

CAMPUS Center Club, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

SDA, 409 Old Main, 8:30 p.m.

Placement Service

Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Feb. 18, 19, 20, eighth semester men from Chem. Eng., Chem., EE, IE, ME, Accounting.

Radio Corporation of America,

sneezed at. And the point isn't that union auto workers should be criticized for trying to hold down their cost of living.

The point is that a retail grocers' "mark-up" covers a lot of things besides his profit, if any. It covers his rent, his heat, his light, clerks' wages, fixtures, telephone bills, his delivery service if he has one, his taxes, interest on borrowed capital, losses on perishable goods and all his other costs of doing business.

What's left after he pays these costs is his margin of profit. And that margin usually is so small that few groceries—except the big chain stores, which do an enormous volume of business—ever make their proprietors rich.

"Cutting out the retailer," Mr. Perkins was told at the union food-supply station he visited, is the main reason why the plan is working, which brings up some questions:

If wide extension of this plan should succeed in "cutting out" all retail grocers, who'd give the public the services union food-supply stations save money by not giving?

Who'd sell perishable foods? Who'd pay the taxes grocers pay now? Who'd operate comfortable, convenient stores in every neighborhood, keeping open all day every weekday? And who'd provide jobs for all the grocery clerks now earning wages?

THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

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Feb. 23, eighth semester men from EE, ME, IE, Phy. (interested in development work).

College Hospital

Admitted Wednesday: Roger Latham, Fred Schobert, Negley Norton, Carol Hecht, Louise Coley.

Mauro

Continued from page four time. In two more weeks, said Troxell, Penn State should be a member of the NSA

At the meeting: new parliamentarian will be appointed to take the place of Harris Gilbert who graduated in January.

Student Co-op

Cabinet will hear a detailed report on the recent Board of Trustees' meeting that decided to reconsider the merits of a student co-op from Emory Brown, chairman of the co-op committee.

This is the first meeting of Cabinet since the trustees' meeting in January, said Thomas Lannen, All-College president, and the report will be the first details Cabinet will hear officially.

Willard Agnew, IFC head, will report on the progress of the Hetzel Memorial Fund drive. The exact financial status of the drive will be given, Lannen said.

Troxell's committee on the revision of the All-College constitution will make its report tonight too. The committee, considering a change in men's representation on Cabinet, may come up with a Men's Student Government Association analogous to WSGA.

The only new business on the agenda is the appointment of three members to the Penn State in China Committee. Jim Smith, PSCA secretary, has prepared a slate of suggested names.

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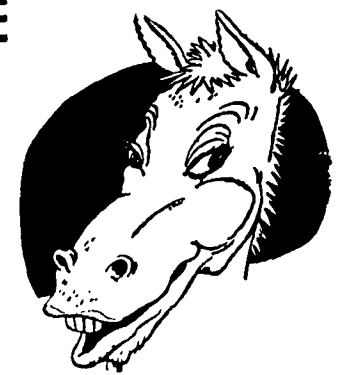
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