

Editorial Opinion

Now Is the Time to Push For a Student Bookstore

The All-University Cabinet Bookstore committee has come out in favor—at least tentatively—of a student-operated bookstore.

Chairman Gerald Carlson told Cabinet that while the committee members still are studying a bookstore's feasibility and could change their minds, they definitely favor the proposal, based on information they have scrutinized to date.

Available evidence indicates that the committee members' judgment is a sound one.

The University has the obligation, as a land-grant institution, to provide a good education as inexpensively as possible.

This obligation should not just include fees for the cost of the education, but should cover the wide range of student expenses.

And the University now looks upon this obligation somewhat broadly. It attempts to keep residence hall and food service fees as low as possible.

But this obligation should be extended to cover books, another expensive cost toward a degree.

There is little need to tell anyone that the price tag on a college education is going to become even higher. Even with more scholarships, grants and loans, there lies the danger that many excellent students may be priced out of a college education.

As the University builds new residence halls, it must pay for them, along with the "old" ones still mortgaged. But not only does it cost more money to build a new residence hall, but more money to borrow the funds to build it. This means residence hall prices are going to keep on increasing.

And food service fees are bound to increase as food costs rise.

The University is seeking approximately \$40 million from the state for the next biennium. This is about \$10 million more than it received for the current 2-year biennium.

The state legislature probably will increase the amount of its appropriation to the University. But it seems unlikely that it will assume a much larger share of the University's budget than the 38 per cent it now carries.

The Board of Trustees undoubtedly will increase fees for next fall at least proportionately to the increase in the state appropriation. Perhaps fees will have to be increased even further if the University is to develop its program and facilities as it should and would like to do.

Certainly the University has an obligation to save the students every cent it can without cutting essential services. It is now making progress toward fulfilling this obligation. It can make further progress by establishing a non-profit bookstore (even exempt from sales tax) on campus.

And the theory of downtown merchants going broke through unfair campus competition? That old skeleton was buried in 1955 under the rising walls of the Hetzel Union Building.

Student government now is seeking to enlarge the student union building. There is no better time to push for a bookstore, quite possibly located in an enlarged HUB.

Letters

Olver Corrects Error on CD

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to your editorial opinion entitled, "It Can't Happen to Me," in the Tuesday, Dec. 2, issue, I am enclosing a set of air raid instructions. As you can see, a steady wail for five minutes does not mean to evacuate the city. It is very important that all civil defense instruction be given as simply and as accurately as possible. I felt that you would want to have this set of air raid instructions for accuracy's sake.

—Elwood F. Olver, director, Department of Security

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Collegian's information came from the Associated Press. Following is the text of the revised Civil Defense air raid instructions enclosed with the above letter:

ALERT SIGNAL

A steady blast of three to five minutes on sirens, whistles, horns or similar devices.

WHAT TO DO: Tune your AM radio to a Conelrad station (640 or 1240 kc) for emergency instructions; know your local civil defense emergency plans; obey police and civil defense instructions; DO NOT USE THE TELEPHONE; do not become panicky if your radio is silent for a short time. This is necessary to switch to emergency broadcasting frequencies.

TAKE COVER SIGNAL

Wailing tone or short blasts for three minutes on sirens, whistles, horns or similar devices.

WHAT TO DO: At home, get into your home shelter immediately. If you have none, shut all outside doors and windows and take cover in the basement or an interior first-floor room; outdoors, seek the best available cover. Stay put until you get the word to come out. Important: If you see a bright flash, take cover instantly.

Gazette

TODAY

- American Chemical Society, Central Pennsylvania Section, 8 p.m., 119 Osmond
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, 7 p.m., 112 Buckhout
- American Society for Metals, 7:30 p.m., MI and
- Angel Flight Drill, 6:30 p.m.; Armory
- Angel Flight, 7:30 p.m., 317 Willard
- Archaeology Film, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
- Board of Publications, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
- Collegian Photo Staff, 7 p.m., 8 Carnegie
- Commuters Meeting, 12:30, 41 McElwain
- Delta Sigma Pi, 7:30 p.m., Lambda Chi
- Alpha, 351 E. Fairmount
- Economics Faculty Seminar, noon, HUB dining room A
- Ed Student Council, 6:30, 204 Burroughs
- Engineering-Architecture Student Council, 6:15 p.m., 219 EF
- Froth Circulation, 6:30, 214 HUB
- Gamma Sigma Sigma, Pledges, 6:15 p.m., HUB assembly hall; sisters, 6:45 p.m., 214 HUB
- Hillel, lectures, 7 and 8 p.m., Hillel lounge, 224 Locust Lane
- Neu-Bayrischer Schupplattler, 7 p.m., 2 White
- Outing Club, 7 p.m., 317 Willard
- Panelistic Council, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- Physical Education Student Council, 7 p.m., 241 Recreation
- Plant Science Club, 7:30 p.m., 111 Tyson
- Science Institute for Teachers, 4:15 p.m., 112 Buckhout
- Speakers Bureau, 8 p.m., 309 Sparks
- Standards Chirmen for residence halls, 12:30 p.m., McElwain back study lounge
- Wesley Foundation, Communion, 5:15; Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m., Wesley Foundation
- WSGA Judicial, 5 p.m., 217 HUB

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Margaret Allen, Veronica Antrim, James Cole, William Harman, Gertrude Keimling, Marlene Neff, Gayle Ritchie, Ruth Salaman, Diane Siegman, William Spangler, David Stekol, John Taylor, Arlene Tomlich, Mary Alice Webb, Sally Wenner.

Lung Injury Sends Student to Hospital

Jacob (Sam) Kready, junior in industrial arts from Lewistown, was reported in satisfactory condition with a punctured lung membrane last night in Lewistown Hospital.

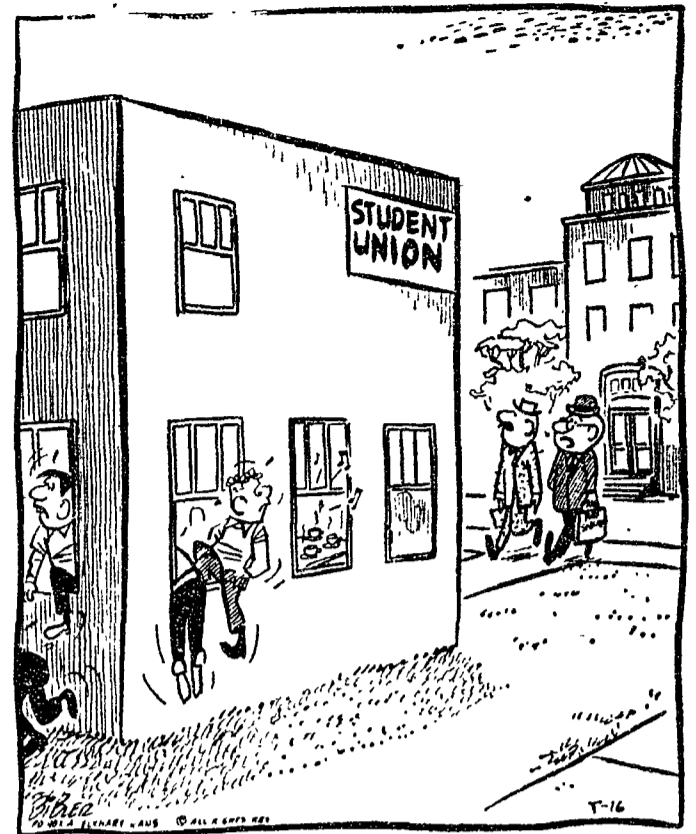
Kready was taken to Lewistown last Thursday morning from the University Hospital where his condition had been diagnosed.

Before going to the University Hospital, he had complained of a pain in the chest and shortness of breath which he at first believed was caused by a sprained muscle. A hospital official said he should be discharged by the end of the week.

Film on Egypt Scheduled

"Ancient Egypt," an hour-long color film on archaeology in Egypt, will be shown at 7:30 tonight and Thursday night in the Hetzel Union assembly room.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bible



"Lotta absences—must be some kind of sickness 'round."

Fishing Around

Pickets, Prices Pinch Paunches

with Dick Fisher

It's getting pretty tough in the world when the food is around but stores won't sell it to you.

Seems that stores located as far apart as Argentina and Pittsburgh just won't open their doors. Of course, there are reasons.

Butcher shops in Buenos Aires and its suburbs have shut down in a protest against retail price controls while wholesale prices mount, according to an Associated Press release.

In the Pittsburgh area, seven chain grocery stores were shut down by Teamster union pickets as a result of a contract dispute with the chain's Youngstown, Ohio, warehouse.



FISHER

It has taken less than this to start a revolution in the South American countries and the Argentinian government seems to realize this. The AP went on to say that the government hastily set up meat stalls at strategic street corners in the capitol.

But look in the papers for word of the fireworks — most housewives went home empty-handed as the supplies were snapped up immediately.

With the Latin American temperament as it's supposed to be, Argentina may be in for a country-wide cattle round-up.

After all, if you're a beef-loving Argentinian and can't buy the meat, it's just natural to expect you'll get it some other way.

It looks like open season on the Pampas!

Meanwhile, the populace in the section around Pittsburgh is not as aroused as are some of the employees. Since the strike in the area is only affecting seven stores it is not exactly affecting total purchase of foods by consumers.

According to the AP, members of Food Employees Local 590 respected the lines of the roving Teamster pickets from Youngstown. But the local is said to be bringing in the chain's top officials to iron out the trouble.

The reason the Food Employees local is so distraught is that it had just completed ratifying its own contract.

Speaking of the once-Smokey City, it is now in the midst of its bicentennial celebration, which started on Thanksgiving Day with the Pitt-Penn State football game.

After 200 years of progress it would be a mighty blow to the city's pride to have a revolution over food.

But then Pittsburgh's not Argentinian.



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