

Editorial Opinion

The Case for a Bookstore

The young man was standing in a long, long line. Both his arms were loaded with heavy books. He had been standing for about 45 minutes when he decided to put the books down and try to unbend his arms.

Just then the line moved up two inches and someone crowded in ahead of him. He muttered a few indistinguishable words and then stretched his arms knocking books out of the hands of a student in the line next to his.

He was already too late for his next class but then he hadn't been able to get the book for it anyway.

One might think he was having one of those frustrating days when everything goes wrong but this was not the case. He was just a Penn State student going through the normal routine of buying books at the beginning of a semester.

That book he could not get might not be in until a month of classes and even the first bluebook were recorded in his professor's grade book.

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Penn State students want a bookstore and need a bookstore run by the University. The student bookstore committee reports that 87 per cent of the state universities with over 10,000 students have a bookstore.

Penn State's other campuses and centers have their own bookstores and, so far as we can determine, there is literally no reason why the main campus could not have one too.

The three bookstores downtown, Metzgers, Keelers and the 'A' Store, cannot adequately handle the number of students already on campus and by 1970 25,000 students are expected to be enrolled at the University.

It would be several years before a

bookstore, if established, would be fully operating and by then there will be enough students to keep everybody rich and happy.

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The one objection, if it can be termed an "objection," is that students would only be able to save 10 to 15 per cent on books. For some students that 10 to 15 per cent could mean a lot and in three or four years those per cents add up.

If a cooperative store is run, students, professors and administrators would get part of their money back in the form of patronage refunds in proportion to the amount of buying they had done at the store.

Even if the administration is not interested in making sure students get books and supplies at the lowest possible prices, it could run an institutional bookstore in which profits go to the University.

One school, according to the bookstore committee report, even paid for a student union building out of the profits from its book store. Penn State could certainly use such profits for some worthy causes like the Pattee Library or (heaven forbid) an auditorium.

Penn State's bookstore should and could be set-up in the new addition to the Hetzel Union Building. Students could work part-time in the store under a full-time manager.

There is an employment agency, run by the National Association of College Stores, for bookstore managers

All 36 colleges and universities, which answered a questionnaire sent out by bookstore committee chairman Ted Simon, said their bookstores were completely successful and some were planning to expand.

Penn State students have been asking for a bookstore since 1937 and the Board of Trustees should grant the request today.

Observations at Assembly

Observations at last night's SGA Assembly meeting indicate that Campus Party may be joining the ranks of other political groups which have departed from the scene at Penn State.

The party did not place any of its Assemblymen in nomination for the all-important Rules Committee.

University Party maintained control with five members elected to the committee. The other two spots on the seven-member committee were filled by political independents.

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The SGA presidency took on shades of the SGA assembly when the office of

executive assistant to the president was created to give Richard Haber a personal cabinet of one.

Creation of the office appears to be a good idea to help relieve the president of the administrative burden as student government has indicated it intends to carry out a more vigorous program in representing the students.

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Another point that should be well taken was Secretary Sue Sherman's suggestion to the Assemblymen that they dig out reference material from SGA files on issues that reappear periodically before Assembly.

Interpreting

Cuba, An Example Of What's to Come

By J. M. ROBERTS
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Cuba and Laos are just samples of the situations which the International Communists hope to present to the world this year.

The two nations, along with the Congo, were specifically listed for trouble in the manifesto recently issued by leaders of 81 Communist parties meeting in Moscow. But the entire areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America were also listed. So were spots in Europe.

Heretofore, going back to the early days of the Soviet Union, the Communists have struck here and there, at points where they considered the free world to be weakest.



First it was Mongolia, with the world hardly knowing or caring. Then the Baltic states, Eastern Europe.

They failed in South Korea, but got a bit of Indochina and are now moving again in Southeast Asia. They played a game of opportunism, backing away from adventures which seemed too costly.

Now they consider themselves able to fight an all-out economic and political war, and are reaching far beyond their periphery.

They lost their early postwar opportunities in Italy and France, but now list those countries among the places where they are prepared or preparing to move, along with Spain and Portugal.

They are going to play on

racial prejudice, nationalism and resentment against past and present colonialism everywhere in the world in an effort to cut the Western industrial nations off from raw materials and so produce the atmosphere for revolution. They mention racial tension in the United States as worthy of their prime attention.

What is happening in Belgium as a result of the Congo fiasco is a good example of the Communist objective.

Reshipment of Communist arms through Cuba to dissident forces in Latin America probably will result this year in establishment of an international blockade in the Caribbean which will profoundly disturb Latin-American relations. The whole Communist campaign in Latin America focuses strategically on the Panama Canal, in reminder of their intent to hold hot war in reserve in case cold war should fail.

Every emerging country is to be made a battleground in this new type war, which will involve Great Britain more directly than ever as a number of countries under her wing come to independence.



It's Happening Elsewhere

From the Intercollegiate Press

The College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida is considering adding to its courses a two-semester senior seminar for students with at least a 3.2 average, offering an integrated picture of the development of modern mind.

According to Dr. John A. Harrison of Florida's history department, the course will not be a survey or great books course, but a discussion "of the events which make us think the way we do."

"Students are to be stimulated to think—not just to be taught that certain books are good," he said.

In Madison, Wisconsin, the state coordinating committee for higher education, studying the possibility of a trimester plan for State College and University of Wisconsin students, came up with this set of pros and cons.

Advantages:
1. Fuller utilization of building space (if enough students

attend the summer trimester).

2. Lower annual operating costs.

3. Longer periods of employment for students taking the summer trimester and acceleration of study for students enrolled in it.

Disadvantages:

1. Curtailment of activities in the summer such as conferences and short courses.

2. Financial difficulties for students enrolling in summer trimesters.

3. Less vacation time for faculty members.

Dean John G. Palfrey of Columbia College, New York City asserts that the emphasis on fundamentals may prove to be more important than changes in the content of education or flexibility of curriculum.

He says, "everywhere there are signs of renewed applications of essentials. The dean of the Law School at Columbia recently complained that colleges had not trained students to write an English sentence."

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Interlandia, 8:30-10:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
I.V. Christian Fellowship, 12:45-1:10, 218 HUB, 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke
Newman Club, first Friday Mess, 6:15 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
Schuhplattlers, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom
HOSPITAL
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WDFM Schedule

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8:50 News and Weather
9:00 Critic's Choice
9:00 Three at Five
9:00 Studio X
9:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Album Review
7:30 Portrait of a City
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 Starlight Review
9:00 Light Classical Jukebox
9:45 News, Sports, Weather
10:00 Ballet Theatre
12:00 Midnight Mood
1:00 Sign Off