

Editorial Opinion

# Trustees' Challenge

The Board of Trustees did not say yes on a bookstore but it did not say no and it did not pigeonhole it in a committee. The trustees did ask for a comprehensive report on needs, facilities and costs from students and the administration.

President Eric A. Walker gave a bookstore qualified approval.

The board meeting and Walker's comment gave Penn State students an encouraging, if not approving, sign; and after 24 years of unheeded requests for a University bookstore, it was certainly welcome.

The trustees' decision has indirectly given a floundering Student Government Association the chance to prove itself. It is up to SGA to find out exactly what the students want in a bookstore and compile an intelligent report for the Board of Trustees' summer meeting.

Perhaps next year or the year after, SGA members could point with pride to its role in the establishment of a bookstore and campus cynics would have a harder time dismissing it as a do nothing organization of status seekers.

It is also up to students to help SGA members compile that report by giving them intelligent and prompt answers on questionnaires or other queries. We cannot afford ridiculous requests or attempts at humor.

SGA must show the trustees and the administration that it has the support of the majority of the students on the bookstore issue.

We would like to suggest that SGA take steps to make sure the bookstore issue will not be lost during the usually confusing spring elections. It should also be prepared to pass the bookstore report on to a new organization in case the SGA system does not pass the review of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs this spring.

Old SGA members and new members must be watching the progress of the report and out-going seniors ought to be very concerned about it. An active role in making the bookstore a reality would be one of the most outstanding senior gifts in the history of Penn State.

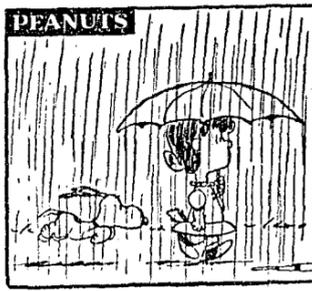
Another history-making event would occur if the students, through SGA, could work with the administration on this project; and this is not as ridiculous as it sounds. The reports from the students and the administration must complement each other. SGA can submit its report on the inadequacies of the downtown stores and the needs of the students while the administration considers facilities and costs.

President Walker said his idea of a book store was one like those of Cambridge and Oxford and not one selling sweatshirts.

The book stores at Cambridge and Oxford provide, in addition to required textbooks, other books dealing with subjects in every field and serve as adjuncts to the universities' libraries.

This type of store is almost an ideal for the University but its development may take a long time.

It is up to the administration and the students to discover the best way to establish the bookstore before its fate again comes under the trustees' consideration in June.



LSU Daily Reveille Says

# So You Think You Got Troubles

(We hereby dub Leroy J. Colter, managing editor of the Louisiana State University's Daily Reveille, author of the "things we wish we'd said.")

The editor of the Daily Reveille succumbed to public demand recently after constantly being bombarded with queries rather pointedly designed to indicate that (1) the editor is a nut, and (2) the Reveille sure could use some improvement.

So the editor's question and answer column is given here for your edification and possible use, if you find time. Here's the educational effort from the Reveille:

Q. Why don't you have funny papers?

A. We think we have the funniest paper in Baton Rouge now.

Q. Why don't you have an "advice to the lovelorn" like Abby Lane?

A. None of our readers have such problems.

Q. Why do you have all those misprints?

A. They're the most entertaining part of the whole paper.

Q. Why do you always say we when referring to yourself in the paper?

A. We want our readers to think they're outnumbered.

Q. Why do you make so many grammatical mistakes?

A. Because we ain't never learned no better.

Q. Why didn't you publish that poem I sent you?

A. It wassa lousy poem.

Q. Why don't you print weekly sermons?

A. Why doesn't the preacher run the newspaper?

Q. Why don't you print recipes?

A. We did and left out a line. Twenty people got sick and had to leave school, thereby cancelling their subscriptions.

Q. What would you give me for writing a daily column of moral homespun philosophy for the Reveille?

A. A poke in the eye with a sharp stick.

Q. Last week I brought you a detailed factual story about the new initiates of Tappa Kegga. You printed one short paragraph and you stuck it on the bottom of an inside page. How come?

A. Because nobody but you ever heard of Tappa Kegga. The people had been initiated for eight weeks when you brought it in. The main reason we cut the length of it was because we lacked the courage to throw all of it in the wastebasket.

Q. Why don't you write an editorial and tell those guys on the SGA what they can do to improve the University?

A. Why don't you go to the next SGA meeting and tell'em yourself.

Q. Why don't you print more letters to the editor?

A. Why don't you write me one? And sign it with your name, please—don't be chicken.

Q. Your paper's got too much advertising. How come?

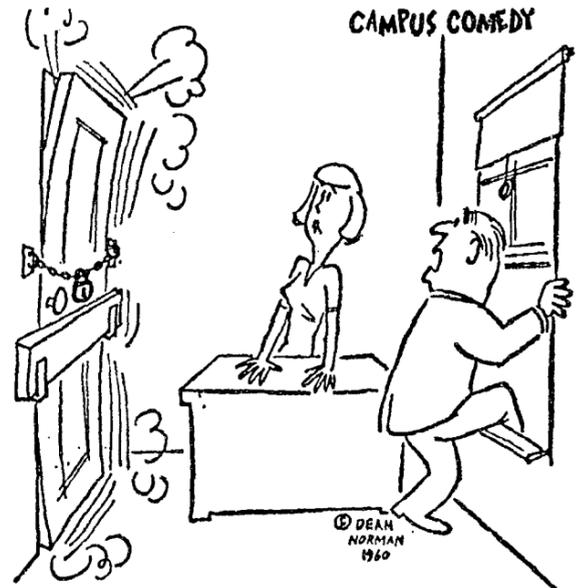
A. Little envelopes with windows in them.

Q. Why don't we go have a cup of coffee?

A. Why not?

## Gazette

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Interpreting

# Algerian Referendum Not Decisive

By J. M. ROBERTS  
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President Charles de Gaulle's referendum on Algeria has not proved to be the decisive step toward settlement for which he asked.

The voters in France are willing to go along with his proposal for self-government pending establishment of autonomous institutions and what De Gaulle hoped would eventually become an Algerian republic within the French Union providing guarantees for the minority French colony.

A majority of voting Moslems in Algiers take a similar stand. But vast numbers of them didn't vote—as per rebel instructions—giving clear testimony to the rebel

demand for complete independence.

Many in France did the same. The French leftists voted against De Gaulle, and so did the Algerian French. Under heavy pressure from the Army in Algeria, the Algerians nevertheless voted no in the districts of Algiers and Oran.

Now this division makes one thing clear. The rebel forces hold the negotiating power for Algeria, and De Gaulle for France. It is just as well to speak of them separately, for they are separate except in word, and negotiations can only determine how separate they are going to be in the future.

In this respect, it may turn out that the strength of the so-called rebel government has been increased by the referendum, and certainly the lines of the opposing forces have been drawn more clearly, instead of being diffused around De Gaulle.

The very fact that the army exerted so much pressure in

the Algerian districts which voted for De Gaulle will serve to weaken the meaning of that vote for the outside world. And this will be linked to the fact that the vote in the cities, where the army has less control, was so different.

This raises two questions. How much more time will the world be willing to grant for attainment of De Gaulle's program—a vague one at best—before it turns away from hope of a French solution and begins demanding a world solution?

How much longer will De Gaulle be able to command the middle of the road against the onslaughts of the French right and left?

For it is not only the future of Algeria that lies in the shifting scales, but also the future of France, where the left has risen and fallen but remained virile ever since the revolution, and where the recent Communist manifesto claimed a new opening was being created.



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