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Book Store Idea Misrepresented

The controversy concerning the possibility of a book store in the proposed student union building has recently been receiving publicity in the local daily paper that makes it plain to us that the true desires of the students have been misinterpreted. Apparently this misinterpretation has stemmed from the statement which appeared in an earlier issue of the Leader stating that "still under consideration is a student book store similar to the ones at the University of Kansas and other state colleges."

Kansas University officials are currently under fire because the campus store is offering items of general merchandise for sale, in addition to textbooks, and has a catalog service for merchandise not in stock. This is the type of establishment which those not directly informed of campus activities have supposed us to desire.

Any such confusion over the type of campus store that we desire should have been clarified by the wording of the petition signed by 734 college students which was also quoted in the Hays Daily News. That petition stated clearly and specifically that what the students wish is a bookstore dealing in "both new and used books, as well as any other associated items." We are quite sure that no student possessed the far-fetched intention of interpreting "associated items" to mean sports equipment, clothes, or any other such general merchandise. We neither intend nor desire to make ourselves a campus unit in-

dependent of the businesses of Hays.

However, in our opinion, the general student body will be satisfied with nothing less than a real book store. According to a news story in the local daily, an agreement has been reached "between 735 students who signed a petition for a bookstore in the new building and the college authorities." That article also stated that there would be a book exchange in the building, later implying that only used books would be handled in that exchange. It is our sincere desire that an agreement will be reached, providing for a store as described in the students' petition. However, it is impossible that that agreement should have already been reached, as the building committee has not yet met to consider the problem, nor has any other official action been taken. In fact, the petition does not even have any official standing as yet, since upon its being offered to President Cunningham it was not accepted. Interested students have taken steps to have it introduced to the student council by the student council president for reference to the college authorities.

The book problem is not a new one. Any student who has been on the campus in the past several years has come up against it and should realize the full extent of the existing situation. With the dreamed of student union building now in the planning stage, an opportunity has finally arrived to do something about the problem.

School Spirit Needs A Big Boost

A perennial subject for editorial discussion, and one that certainly needs to be mentioned again now, is that of school spirit and team backing.

Our basketball team has struck

a losing streak and every time the team's score comes out on the short end our team backing becomes less enthusiastic.

A fact that most of us seem to have lost sight of is that, whether

The Little Man On Campus

Dick Bibler



"Try to forget for a moment I'm your professor and let's talk your problem over man to man."

our team is winning or losing, it remains OUR team. And it deserves to be supported as such.

The student body's lack of enthusiasm at sport events was quite caustically and justly criticized in the local paper not long ago. We want to be accepted on equal par with the other local schools and expect the Hays townspeople to attend our games and help support the team. Yet we, ourselves, do nothing constructive to show that we are interested in helping the team to win.

A few of the organizations on campus have been attending the games in a body to help show the team that we are behind them, but it might be a good idea for other organizations to adopt. This does not necessarily mean that we should all take cowbells and other noise makers and annoy everyone at the game. But we can go and support the team with genuine enthusiasm.

It is often surprising how a team can pull a seemingly lost game out of the fire when the student body demonstrates that they are firmly behind them, win or lose.

The basketball team is representing our school in the games it

plays and we want it to show as well as possible, but the players need our support to do it. So let's get in the spirit and show them that we do care what that final score is, and that we want to help.

The Home Economics Club held its first meeting of the semester last Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the dining room of the Applied Arts building.

Mrs. Ruth Morrison was guest speaker. She spoke on the subject of silver and crystal; how to choose it, its care and how to use it.

Ila Newbecker, assistant professor of home economics, is the club sponsor.

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