



# KCT REPORTER

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## PROPOSED KCT MERGER

by Bryan Hurlbut

With the impending merger of KCT and K-State almost upon us, the writers of the KCT Reporter felt the students of KCT should know some of the facts about the merger. The first section of this article explains the physical aspects of the proposed merger and the second part consists of this writer's personal concerns and feelings while interviewing and gathering the information for this article.

### Physical Aspects

The college's new name will be "Kansas State University at Salina, College of Technology" and will keep the exact same degree programs as it currently has: Aviation Maintenance, Surveying, Civil Engineering Technology, Professional Pilot, Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Electronic Engineering Technology, Industrial Engineering Technology, and Chemical Engineering Technology. However, the now existing two-year Engineering Technology program will be turned into a four year baccalaureate program.

The structure of the campus will be changing in great detail. A pre-proposal study of the campus showed that approximately 30% of the campus space was satisfactory; 20% needed minor repairs; and 50% needed major repairs. These extremely poor physical conditions played heavily against K-State in their decision to enter into the merger agreement. Consequently, a major portion of the information provided to

KCT about the merger deals with the physical structure of the school and little else.

The proposed buildings will be: a new aero center which will replace Aero East, Aero West, and the Neely Building; a College Center which will be located in the big open field in front of the Tech Center which will house the cafeteria, student union/recreation center, book store, student services / administration offices, and a 300 seat lecture room; a residence hall; addition to the Tech Center of Library space and labs. K-State, however is refusing at this point to make allowances for any type of gymnasium area.

The funding for this merger is coming from five sources: KSU foundation — \$2.0 million; Revenue Bonds/Dorm Fees — \$2.6 million; State of Kansas — \$2.0 million; Sale of south KCT campus — \$1.0 million; and Salina sales tax proceeds — \$4.5 million.

### Concerns About The Merger

After gathering information about the "merger" I have arrived at some thoughts

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| February 27 | TOT meeting            |
| March 1     | Classes will be held!! |
| March 6     | SGA meeting            |
| March 8     | Last day to drop       |

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| March 11-15 | Spring Break              |
| March 17    | St. Patrick's Day         |
| March 20    | Earth Day                 |
| March 22    | SGA elections             |
| March 31    | Easter                    |
| April 1     | Easter Break (no classes) |

## FROM THE EDITOR. . .

Believe it or not, the first issue of the Spring semester KCT Reporter is in your hands! I know that many were beginning to doubt we'd actually print one this semester. I don't blame you, I had my doubts, too.

Last semester I said goodbye to two of my closest friends, and fellow Reporter staff members: Mary Brunner and Penny Kalvig.

Penny is currently working for John Page, CDP in Salina. Many of the computer students know him, as he is also an instructor here. She was with Ray Cessna and me when the KCT Reporter was "born" almost two years ago. It's hard to believe it has really been that long ago.

Mary has left beautiful Salina to pursue a career as Programmer I for North Supply Company in Gardner, Kansas. Her goal is to be CIO for US Sprint. Knowing her, it's only a matter of time before it actually happens. I wish them both the best in their careers.

Unfortunately, when they completed their coursework in December, it left quite a gap in the staff, thus the delay in printing.

Thank goodness for the newest members of the staff: Brenda Henry, Rachelle Kelley, and Lyn Peppers. This issue wouldn't have been possible without their contributions! I just wanted them to know I appreciate all their hard work and research. I hope you enjoy this issue, and the ones to come.

So much is going on in the world, and

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All letters to the editor, stories, and classified advertisements may be sent to the KCT Reporter via on-campus mail to the Administration Building c/o Betty Cramton. The Reporter encourages student input.

on this campus. Please take time to read your fellow students' comments on the crisis in the Persian Gulf. It has affected all of us in one way or another. Have a good semester!

## THINGS YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT STUDENT SERVICES BUT WERE NOT INTERESTED ENOUGH TO ASK

by Arlene Foster

People, my boss, his boss, many and sundry students, have asked me just exactly what I do in Student Services. I do not do windows. I have been known to delete icons from windows and, sometimes, complete programs. (Bonnie wants me to clarify that last statement. I delete complete programs — she says I've never completed any program in my life.) You want information purged — just let me know. However, don't tell me you want it purged, tell me you want it saved. Computer is my middle name.

Student Services is self-explanatory. We are here to serve the students. If you have a problem, do not hesitate to bring it to us. We, of course, will then tell you, "You think you've got a problem, let me tell you about mine." You will leave feeling thankful that you're only flunking/broke/no transportation/lost your best girl/best boyfriend or all of the preceding.

You need a tutor? You feel you could tutor? No problem. Of course, if you become a tutor, you'll have to fill out that mound of material called a contract. It's not so bad, many students have been known to get it done in 30-40 minutes. I'm exaggerating, it doesn't take a second over 25.

Next edition Bonnie will give you a complete rundown on Admissions. Now there's something we can all really look forward to. I know I am positively trembling with anticipation. I not only harass unsuspecting students, I harass fellow staff members. However, students are only harassed after they have paid their fees. Bonnie is going to make me pay for this!

FRANK & ERNEST® by Bob Thaves



## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENTS

Spring semester is here already. Time for those of us who are graduating to find that first job and start life in the real world. For those people not yet ready to escape the bonds of school, the spring semester is yet another long, hard road to which the end seems infinitely far.

This semester, Tau Omicron Tau (T.O.T.), the school's honor society, begins anew with a new president and vice-president. T.O.T. will hold its annual Bowl-A-Thon this semester to raise scholarship money. The annual Spring Banquet is another event this semester that promises to be fun. These two events are just a sample of what is yet to come this semester. Another idea in the works is a time capsule containing examples of current technology from each of the departments. This should prove to be interesting!

If you are a student with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and have completed 12 credit hours come on out and join in the fun. T.O.T. can be an asset to you in the hunt for a job, and you can have some fun times with the rest of us.

See you in the funny papers,  
Chris Murphy, President  
Tau Omicron Tau

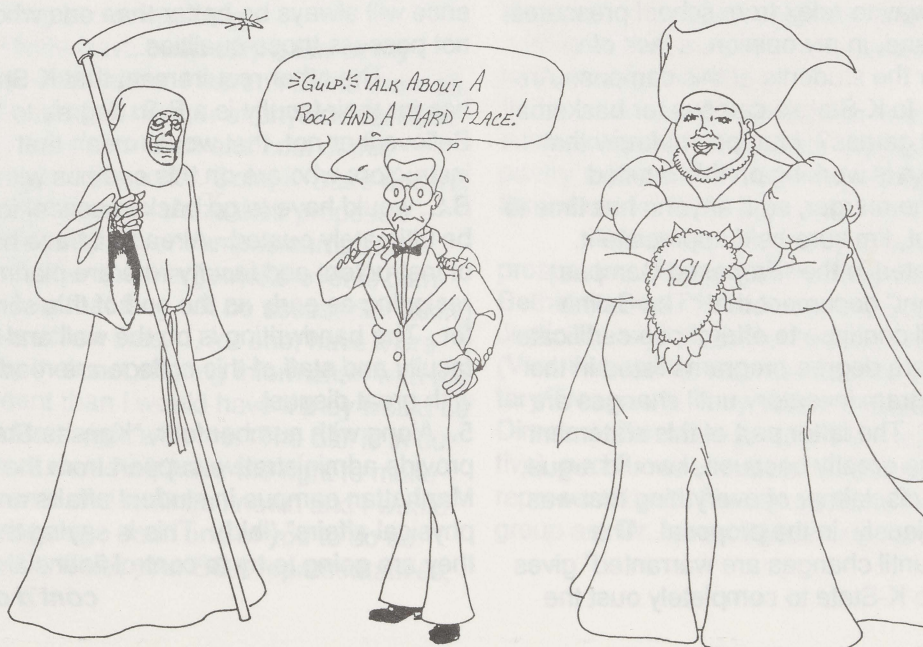
The year is slipping away, not fast enough for some, but all the same, slipping away. SGA has decided hold elections one month early. They will be in March rather than April. This will give new officers time to become acquainted with the issues SGA will face concerning the merge with Kansas State University. Nomination forms are available from Arlene in the Administration Building. Nominations will close March 8 and elections will be March 22nd in the Tech Center lobby. Get involved! Run for office! Offices are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Activities Director, Sports Director, and a senior representative from each department.

SGA is coordinating the recommendation of candidates, one from each department, for Most Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year. Get with your department representatives to help select and support your favorite one. For more information, please come to our next meeting, March 6th. Deadline for nominations is March 15.

Regular meeting dates are the first and third Wednesday of each month, at noon, in the Shuttle Room of the Student Union. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Keep your eyes open for announcements from our Campus Activities Council. Spring Olympics is right around the corner, possibly at a lake, with live music, games, food, good friends, and good times. Come to SGA and get involved in the planning and fun.

Dave King, President  
Student Government Association



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and concerns which I feel need to be conveyed to the students of this school, keeping in mind that it's not too late to make a difference.

1. Our student government is not guaranteed to be the same and we may not even have descent representation at K-State. Currently, we are a self-standing campus with our own SGA and seats on the Student Advisory Committee (a state level board where we are able to influence inter- and intra-college relations greatly). However, after the merger, we will have only two of approximately 40 representative seats on K-State's student government board and will lose our representation at the state level. KCT student Kevin VanMeter went to Topeka for the opening committee meeting and presented an SGA approved proposal to amend the current Senate Bill 22 (on the K-State/KCT Merger) to allow us representation at the state level. Authorities at KCT felt that Kevin's message was received well and that the committee members had interest in what he was speaking about. When you see Kevin in the halls, please thank him for his efforts to this point.

2. Part of this proposed merger was to slant this college's image toward the traditional student. However, if the college does not support any type of sports activities there is a major part of college life missing. The students' ability to become acquainted and involved with one another and the promotion of school spirit, not to mention a safe and enjoyable way to relax from school pressures, is omitted and, in my opinion, a lack of concern for the students of this campus. Are we to drive to K-State's campus for basketball or baseball games? I happen to know that Mr. Homolka is working on this omitted aspect of the merger, so if anyone has time to help him out, I'm sure he'd appreciate it.

3. They stated in the "Proposed Campus Development" document that "The Salina campus will continue to offer those certificate and associate degree programs listed in the current program inventory until changes are warranted." The latter part of this statement bothered me greatly because, I would argue, it acts as a disclaimer of everything that was stated previously in the proposal. The phrase "... until changes are warranted" gives free reign to K-State to completely oust the

current curriculum at their convenience.

4. "Kansas State intends to reorganize the administration and faculty of the Salina campus to emphasize cost efficiency through the achievement of economies of scale and the need for more faculty and less administration" (ibid). I went to talk to Dr. Jerry Cole, Academic Dean, about this idea and he explained to me that when the "merger" takes place, few if any employees of this school will be transferred into the new organization. Instead, each person (faculty and staff) will be given the right to re-apply for their position or any other position just like any other outside applicant. This, I feel, is unfair to our existing staff and faculty and will greatly hurt the morale of this school. This school is what it is because of a group of faculty and staff who are caring, personal, and who have EXPERIENCE and they should not be ousted or replaced by anyone unless they are proven unfit as employees.

On that note, I would like to add that we have had students from KCT graduate and go to K-State to finish their four year degree and you can easily verify by asking your advisor or any other instructor on this campus what their reply was when those students came back to visit. In a tremendous number of cases, their reply was that they had covered more technical information and had more technical training in the two years at KCT than their Junior and Senior years at K-State. Let's get real — an instructor who is willing to spend time with you, who knows you by name, and who has practical experience will always be better than one who does not possess those qualities.

The other requirement that K-State has for their faculty is a B.S. degree to teach. Believe it or not, that would mean that instructors who are on this campus without a B.S. would have to go back to school for it or be ultimately ousted. Already, I have heard of instructors and faculty who are planning on resigning as early as the end of this semester. The handwriting is on the wall and the faculty and staff of this college are reading it with great disgust.

5. Along with number four, "Kansas State will provide administrative support from the Manhattan campus in student affairs and physical affairs" (ibid). This is saying that they are going to try to control financial aid,

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admissions, fiscal affairs, and purchasing from K-State. While there will probably be a staff of personnel here at the campus, the main support for these departments will be in Manhattan. The repercussions of this are already being seen as our president and one of our vice presidents have already turned in their resignations effective July 1, 1991, and many others have spoken of job hunting.

6. Here's one for the **pilots**. The new aero center which is to be built was mentioned like this, "The aeronautical center has been approved for construction by the Board of Regents but not funded by the Legislature. The building will cost \$2.0 million and the state of Kansas has responsibility for its financing" (ibid). What is being said here is that although the building has been approved it has not been funded and K-State is waiving any responsibility for its funding; they are tossing it in the lap of the legislature of the state of Kansas. This is known as 'a definite maybe'. In other words, don't get your hopes up until you see the building there.

7. Another interesting thing I found in this proposal was the following statement that KCT would be classified as a subagency and that "this will clarify the distribution of resources and prevent future reallocation from the main campus to the Salina campus, or vice versa, without careful planning, clear rationale, and board approval" (ibid). Although this does place stipulations on their moving the goods and resources from KCT to K-State, it does not rule it out. This statement also fails to specify whose rationale is to be considered clear and who's doing the considering.

These have been only a few of my concerns, and I know I haven't found them all. Students, this is a merger of physical facilities only and not of the heart and soul of this school. According to Dr. Cole, K-State doesn't have the privilege to share their proposed organizational chart or campus/curriculum plans until after the merger/take-over is complete for fear that they will be accused of taking over before their time. I, for one, have more doubts by their not sharing information with me as a student than I would have if they would be open and forthright with me. The ball is in our court; as students we have the right to make our concerns and feelings known and I would like to encourage each one of you to do so. Speak to Dr. Cole, your SGA representatives,

Dave King — SGA President (the one with the Harley jacket), Dr. Keist, Kevin VanMeter, Mr. Homolka, and any one else that you feel will listen to you. The committee is going on the assumption that what has been given them as far as a proposal is what the two campuses want and unless we tell them otherwise, they will assume that is what the students want also. Dare to care — jump in and get your feet wet!

I would like to thank Dr. Cole for the help he offered in understanding the proposed merger. Dr. Cole spent a good amount of time with myself and others in hopes of conveying to the best of his ability his understanding of the current proposal. This article does not necessarily represent the feelings and/or opinions of KCT, its staff or faculty, or Kansas State University. Any remarks or opinions may be directed to the editor of the KCT Reporter.

## GAMMA PHI DELTA

by Lyn Peppers

A new honorary chemical society has been established on the KCT campus. Gamma Phi Delta, the first Greek chapter of its kind in the area, was founded late in the fall semester by students Justin Boswell and Bruce Harrison.

It is a social organization and currently has about 15 active members. Anyone enrolled in Industrial or Chemical Technology is eligible for membership, yet a professional attitude and above average GPA are stressed. Harrison remarked "It is not to be considered a fraternity, because we do allow women to be members."

Gamma Phi Delta has helped with such events as the Science Olympiad, the poetry reading by William Trowbridge, and the lecture by M.I.T professor Herb Gross.

Efforts are underway to establish prospective chapters at Bethany College and Bethel College. Officers for this year are: Justin Boswell (President), Jesse Kalvig (Vice-President), Rhonda Suenram (Secretary/Treasurer), Tony Goble (Activities Director), Tim Meitl (Senior SGA representative), and Bruce Harrison (Freshman SGA representative). Faculty advisors for the group are Dr. Loren Riblett and Tom Creech.

## Trowbridge Entertains as part of 25th Anniversary Celebration

by Lyn Peppers

The General Studies Department and General Technology staff recently sponsored the poetry reading of William Trowbridge. On Tuesday, February 19, a crowd of about 50 students and faculty was treated to a variety of poems, most of which Trowbridge described as "darkly comic."

Consequently, such poems as Mort the Dork, Having Thought Better of a Shoot-out Kong Consents to Rhumba Lessons, and Baseball Been Not so Good to Kong drew many laughs as they were read. When asked about his visit to KCT, Mr. Trowbridge responded "This was a fun, hip crowd. I really enjoyed it."

Mr. Trowbridge has a PhD in English from Vanderbilt University and is currently a Distinguished Professor of English at Southwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri. He has published two books, Enter Dark Stranger and The Book of Kong, and also 124 poems.

## GROSS MOTIVATES, ENTERTAINS

by Rachel Sanchez

Plane Trig, Calculus, limits, and instantaneous velocity. These words seem ominous to some students, but fascinate others.

As part of General Technology's feature in the 25th Anniversary Celebration, Dr. Herb Gross, a motivational speaker from Boston, lectured to students, faculty, staff and guests on Friday, February 22.

Dr. Gross is a Professor of Mathematics at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, senior lecturer at M.I.T. Center for Advanced Engineering Study, and the President of Grassroots Education, Inc. Prison Education Consultants, Inc.

He has written four major math textbooks, and has given motivational speeches at highschools and colleges from coast to coast.

High school students from the area were invited to listen to Dr. Gross' unique style of lecturing.

Many were asked if they thought they were good students, and after nodding their head, were told that "when you're used to

being on top, it's hard to find out you're an average student" referring to students at M.I.T. who have received their first "B" or "C".

So in other words, be willing to learn from others you come into contact with. Because no matter how great you are, there is always someone better.

While speaking to a student, Dr. Gross remembers asking this student if he was in the top half of his class. The student replied he was "in the half of the class that made the upper half possible." Dr. Gross said this student "will make it", as he knew where exactly he stood, and where he was going.

Numerous anecdotes made students think about their attitudes toward school, mathematics, and life in general. They are all related in one way or another, you just have to see it and recognize it for what it is.

Just remember, "Right now is the oldest you've been, and the youngest you'll ever be." - Dr. Herb Gross.



An F-14 Tomcat aboard an aircraft carrier in the Gulf. photo courtesy of Rachele Kelley

**DESERT STORM AFFECTS MANY****by Rachelle Kelley**

Ken Day (PF) is a KCT student in the National Guard. It is believed he is currently involved in Operation Desert Storm. There are also reports of two other KCT students, Ken Marsh and Dan Wurtz, who are thought to be involved in the war. The following people are friends and relatives of students and faculty of KCT involved in Operation Desert Storm.

Kim Clark, Air Force; Terry Kelley - cousin.  
Mark Ernst, Marines; Cherise Larson - cousin.  
Wesley Gould, Army; Bob Bingham - son-in-law.

John Heidrick, Air Force; Karen Reidel - friend.

Wally Holmes, Navy; Rachelle Kelley - friend.  
Adam Lopez, Army; Dan Riggs - cousin.  
Scott Nichols, Army; Lois Nichols - son.  
Jerry Reese, Navy; Rachel Sanchez - cousin.  
L.Cpl. Robert E. Rhodes; Jerry Claussen - nephew.

Steve Sommers, Army; Brenda Henry - brother-in-law's brother.



A flight deck in the Persian Gulf.  
photo courtesy of Rachelle Kelley

One of the issues concerning students at KCT is the war in the Middle East. Here's some comments of students, faculty, and staff:

**Bev Kissick** "War is political failure."

**Vera Barker** "Hussein needs to be stopped. I think Bush is taking a stand and the war seems to be necessary in order for him to do so."

**Russ Green** "Kill them all! Let God sort them out."

**Amy Becker** "I feel that we should support our country and our soldiers. But I also feel that we sometimes butt in where we shouldn't be. It worries me that if this goes on long enough, I may, as well as others, lose people very close to me. And if carried on long enough, maybe even my husband."

**Sam Sparks** "It's great. Saddam Hussein needs to be taken care of."

**Ross Bolejack** "I hope our boys are treated better than the ones in Vietnam."

**Ann Gaines** "I support the troops because they are fighting for freedom."

**Bob Bingham** "I don't know whether it was right or wrong to get involved in the war, but I think we should support our troops."

**Brenda Henry** "I believe that we should support the troops in the war. I think it's the only thing we could have done, and I hope our troops come home soon."

**Caty VanMeter** "I'm glad we didn't just let them take over, but no one wants to see people killed. I think it's really sad."

**Lyn Peppers** "I believe every diplomatic effort to solve the crisis was exhausted and sanctions couldn't solve the problem either. Operation Desert Storm is a just cause and our only option. The troops should be fully supported."

**Scott Farmer** "It's a shame we are losing American lives for George Bush's ego trip. I can't even imagine the mental suffering of the friends and families of the soldiers. I do support our decision since it is too late to change our minds, so I would like to see us leave the ground troops out and bomb them (Iraq) until they leave Kuwait."

## Classified Ad Policy

Classified advertisements can be submitted to the KCT Reporter either by using the on-campus mail or delivering your ad to one of the newspaper staff members. The KCT Reporter has mail boxes in both the administration building and the General Studies building. The classified advertisements are FREE to all faculty, staff, and students of Kansas Tech. Please limit the advertisement to 20 words or less, and the deadline for ads to be submitted to the Reporter is Wednesdays by 1:00 p.m. The staff of the KCT Reporter reserves the right to refuse or edit all classified advertisements.

Are you graduating this May? If you want a video of commencement, you will have the opportunity to purchase one for \$17.50. Contact the Business Office if you are interested.

## KCT MAY LOSE VOICE IN S.A.C.

by Rachelle Kelley

On February 6, Kevin Van Meter (AM) traveled to Topeka to discuss the future of student government at KCT with the state legislature. This stemmed from action taken to exclude KCT from active representation in the Student Advisory Committee (SAC), a statewide organization which monitors student activity on campus.

On December 14, three SGA officials attended an SAC meeting where they learned of the plan to eliminate their vote in the SAC. The Board of Regents feels that Kansas State's student government could adequately represent the interests of KCT once the merger becomes effective. Under this situation, KCT representatives would be allowed to sit in on SAC meetings, but would not be able to vote on the issues discussed.

There are several reasons why SGA is concerned about this proposal. First of all, the opportunity to attend and be a part of the SAC meetings is beneficial not only to the representative, but to the student body as a whole. Also, since KCT will remain geographically isolated from Kansas State and is predicted to grow dramatically, SGA believes

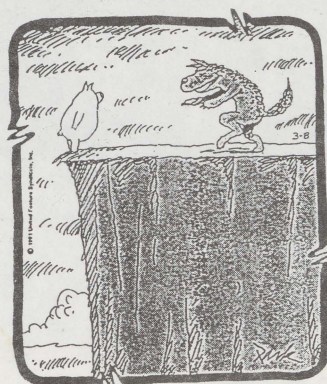
"direct representation" would be the fairest option. In addition, there is the example of other universities with branch campuses which allow those campuses their own representation. SGA also points out that KCT differs from K-State in certain aspects, such as KCT's two-year curriculum, which would make it awkward for K-State to provide for the interests of both.

SGA has taken its recommendation to the Senate Education Committee (SEC). They are expected to act on it during the week of February 25th. If passed, the recommendation will then go to the floor to be debated by the legislature.

Students who wish to become involved in SGA's struggle to retain KCT's vote should contact Dr. Richard Keist or the SGA officers. They can also call or write local representatives and the members of the Senate Education Committee. Copies of addresses can be picked up in the Administration Building from the KCT Reporter advisor, Betty Cramton.



Farmer Fred finally found out why the milk had been tasting bad lately.



Mack thought he was done for until the wolf's beeper went off—there were three pigs trapped in a nearby house.

## CLARIFICATION

The feature article, page four paragraph four, reads as follows: ... "I went to talk to Dr. Jerry Cole, Academic Dean, about this idea and he explained to me that when the "merger" takes place, few if any employees of this school will be transferred into the new organization. Instead, each person (faculty and staff) will be given the right to re-apply for their position or any other position just like any other outside applicant. This, I feel, is unfair to our existing staff and faculty and will greatly hurt the morale of this school."

This needs to be replaced by: ... "I went to talk to Dr. Jerry Cole, Academic Dean, about this idea and he explained to me that when the "merger" takes place, the administrative staff will have to re-apply for their or other positions; this being due to a currently top-heavy organization. The repercussions of this could be felt down to the department head level. Our current organization has administrative staff to support a college of 5,000 to 7,000 students, which we do not have." The rest of the paragraph reads as printed.