

Lawrence, Kansas
1230 Oread Street
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To Councilman Forrest C. Allen,
Dear Sir:

We wish to call your attention to a pressing problem which exists in Lawrence. We believe that about the time of the last election the slot machine problem was given consideration. Perhaps some action was taken along this line, but the situation definitely still exists.

It may be true that boys under 18 years of age are supposedly being barred from playing these machines, but this has had no effect upon the "take" because boys over 18 are still losing heavily and nothing is being done about it. As a group of students of K.U. and High School, we wish to voice our opinion. Our opinion is that all such machines should be barred. Their influence upon a great portion of the youth in this town should be broken.

Is it not true that all citizens, including the professors and teachers, should give some consideration to stopping this situation? Many people have seen some such professors and teachers and one certain K.U. Speech professor in particular, operating these machines quite regularly. This in itself is, perhaps, of no significance to speak of. But it is without a doubt in our opinion an influence upon the students in both schools. Perhaps this and other professors do not realize this and do it for enjoyment, but the fact remains that they have been seen often in these places and operating these machines. Many students therefore may think that it is more or less a perfectly proper thing to do, which it is not in our opinion.