



Best Coffee

Donkey

Presented for your consideration: A recent headline from the front page of the *Athens Messenger*.

**POWER OUTAGE STOPS
COMMUNITY COLD
For many, quest for coffee
dominates morning**

That right there tells you something, doesn't it? The power goes off, and forget grandpa's iron lung — I need some wake-up juice!

Best place to get it, say our shaky-handed, short-tempered readers, is **Donkey Coffee**

and Espresso over on State Street, which takes home the winner's cup for Best Coffee. The Donkey is striving to bring back the great days of the 18th Century, when coffeehouses were associated in the public mind with free-thinking, subversive political movements, and sexual hijinks. That's funny, Mrs. Olson — Bill never has a second cup at home.

Second-place honors go to Perks, for whom coffee is their very *raison d'être*. (That is a French term that only smart people know. It means "raison debtor," i.e., one who owes his creditors a large number of raisins.)

Third place goes to Full Brook's Café in Nelsonville.