

# AN EDITORIAL. . .

It is five to five and there is a light snow falling, not enough to amount to anything, but enough to cover the highway. It has been a long day for you; you are tired and a bit irritable. Dusk now lures the shadows from the corners making them playmates of reality.

You go to the parking lot, start your car and proceed down the hill to the highway. Very conscientiously you stop your car at the bottom of the hill—you ease it forward so you can see what is coming—NOW! As the word comes to your mind, you decide to play the game—you are going to cross four lanes of highway on which the speed limit is posted as fifty-five. (How fast did you come up that highway this morning?)

The fact that we have had accidents at that intersection is not amazing; that there have not been more, and more serious ones, is.

Right now I could relay the statistics on when accidents happen, at what type of intersections they occur, and why preventative measures were never taken. I could give you facts from the National Traffic Safety Council on what proper visual clearance is, what proper braking distance is, and what snow does to the friction between tire and road surface. I could tell you what the incline of that highway is and tell you, in feet, how far away a car is when you are first noticed crossing.

All this I could do, but will not. For it has been said that I try to lead people into my conclusions, and I know all of us here are intelligent enough to see what really is and draw our own conclusions—especially where our lives are concerned.

Our student government is presently trying to get the state to evaluate the situation and install a semi-automatic traffic light. This move is being fully supported by the administration. But administration support is not enough. It needs your support! Your support is important, and without it the job might not get done.

Support this move! By support I do not mean pat Joe Lamont on the back and tell him it is a good idea. Those of you who read this, tell your friends what is happening. Then sit down and talk it over. Find out the facts and relate them to your parents (traffic lights come out of tax money.) If you can spare five minutes, write a letter of complaint to the Traffic Bureau, Harrisburg, Pa.

Perhaps if you start talking about it now, the day will never come when you will have to sit down with the parents of your friend and try to explain to them why nothing was ever done to prevent the accident which took your friend's life, — perhaps.

George M. Kashi

## Attention All Students

The Collegian Staff is searching for recruits. Any interested students can contact the editors or our advisor, Miss Goodman, for further information.

## Belles-Lettres News

Belles-Lettres club held its first meeting of the Winter Term on Jan. 29, president John Gallagher presiding. Five new members have joined the club which demonstrates a growing interest in the group. Some of the points discussed at the meeting were the interest in introducing a literary magazine at High-acres, the plans for the Dramatic Reading Festival on March 5, and the highschool reading festival on April 24th. In addition, the scrapbook which was made by one of the club members, Kathy Gibson, was shown to the members.

Mrs. Bodenstein, Professor of German and English, was the club's first in a series of faculty speakers. She gave a chronology of historic and cultural Germany.

Mr. Alan Price, English Instructor, will give a talk entitled "Careers in the Humanities", on February 12 in Me-104. Belles-Lettres is looking forward to a good audience.

## Bell Telephone Sponsors Lecture

On Tuesday, February 13, 1968, at 1 P.M. in the Student Union Lounge, the Bell Telephone Company sponsored a lecture entitled "Language of Sight." Miss Sarah M. E. Martin, public relations representative of the Bell Telephone Company in Harrisburg, discussed vision and use of the eye. In her lecture, she illustrated the construction of the human eye, described problems of the mind, and demonstrated optical illusions.