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Auto-Sharing Begins

State College is taking another step in the right direction, now that definite plans are underway to promote car-sharing among all people who still find it necessary to drive to work. This practice has already been initiated in many industrial areas throughout the state, and the tightening of gas rationing has made auto-sharing imperative among workers needing transportation.

The local plan is still in its infancy, however, since only the first step—that of issuing questionnaires—has been inaugurated by the committee in charge of the project. The questionnaires will be useful in determining the time that the driver starts to and returns from work, the number of empty seats he will have available, and in general his attitude toward the car-sharing program.

Needless to say, the chief reason for instituting this plan is based on the conservation of both tires and gasoline. The influence of this double rationing has already been noticed on Pennsylvania highways. Tabulations made from 30 permanent traffic records indicate that traffic during the month of June was more than 31 per cent under that of one year ago.

This downward trend in the volume of auto traffic was first felt in February when the drop was 7.7 per cent under a year ago. The decline in March was 10.2 per cent, April was 16.75 per cent, and May was 22.52 per cent below the corresponding figure of a year ago. According to officials of the Department of Highways, this traffic decrease has been most noticeable on weekends, a fact which indicates that Easterners are cooperating by curtailing pleasure driving. In addition, auto-sharing has been responsible for part of volume drop, especially in the Philadelphia area where the auto-sharing plan has been in progress for some time.

For those who get some satisfaction out of knowing how well Pennsylvania's war-time activities compare with the rest of the nation, it will be interesting to note that motorists in the Commonwealth have curtailed their driving to a greater extent than those in other states. The latest figures compiled on a national basis were for the month of April when the traffic volume decline for the Keystone State was 16.75 per cent, which was one per cent greater than the national figure.

As State College and many other mid-Pennsylvania towns and cities fall in line with plans to conserve automobiles, tires, and gasoline, there will undoubtedly be a much sharper decrease in traffic volume among civilians—a sure sign that Mr. and Mrs. America are beginning to realize more fully that this war is serious business.

Ag Boys Come Through

Identity of Harvest Ball's leading lady is still a secret, but one thing is certain—the balloting which elected her was fairly and efficiently conducted.

Had the committee planning the dance followed College tradition, they would have placed a cardboard ballot box at the Student Union desk, tacked up a sign, and left for a day or two. But they didn't.

Throughout Thursday's voting, members of the dance committee remained on duty to supervise the balloting. Moreover, to eliminate "stuffing" that is all too easily accomplished in usual Queen elections, the Ball's planners required matricula-



It has been brought to our attention by various hat men—through letters and other means—that our attacks are unjustified. They contend there is no need to justify their existence. Hat societies are honor groups open to students of merit and not a service organization. In other words, the fact that they exist is justification in itself. Like the Sacred Cows of India, Penn State hat societies must not be subject to the disparaging remarks of commoners like us.

But is membership always based on merit? Let us take Blue Key's methods of selection for example. Last semester, a smoker was held for prospective members. All were supposed to have been notified by postals. On the day following the affair, several prospects received cards inviting them to a Blue Key smoker which had been held the night before. SOME OF THE CARDS HAD NO POST MARKS!! Mr. Charles Ridenour, as president of hat society council, do you call this membership based upon merit?? If you must snub, why make it so obvious?

Hoffman Defends Democracy!

Registrar Hoffman is a patriotic man, and he expects other Americans to be likewise. The other morning he spotted a certain faculty man unconcernedly strolling up the Mall while the high school kids played the Star Spangled Banner and hundreds stood at attention. Mr. Hoffman's dander began to rise.

Several minutes later while gulping his coffee at the Sandwich Shoppe, he espied the culprit. An exchange of hot words followed; a blow was struck (with a clenched newspaper); and a challenge was issued. The challenge went unheeded, however, 'cos the bloke wouldn't put up a fight—although he was the taller. To onlookers he commented, "All this Star Spangled Banner business is a waste of time."

Ninety seconds to renew your faith in democracy is a waste of time? Hitler could use men like you, mister.

Patter On The Mall

Before leaving for the Army yesterday, Phi Delt Bob Felteau revealed his engagement to Betty Barstow from the U. of Connecticut . . . Virginia Smith, Edie Smith's twin sister and former Penn Stater, will be married this afternoon in Pittsburgh to Delmar Hughes, also a former Penn Stater . . . Kappa alumna Eleanor McLaughlin is now boasting an engagement sparkler from an Ohio State man . . . Mr. Saby's Physics 232 lab in the New Chem Physics Bldg. were treated yesterday afternoon to an unannounced strip tease—thanks to two AOPi sunbathers. Bunny Bundick should be more careful of her surroundings when she applies suntan lotion.

Fred Waring forgot to announce the Harvest Ball Queen, and Harold Walton was quite provoked. Questioned by a Collegian reporter as to his reactions, the dance chairman stated, "I'M MAD!" All those who attend next Saturday night's "News Collegian Couldn't Print" cavalcade will be treated to a few burlesque take-off numbers with the cooperation of a certain Theta.

The LA Council, under the direction of Don Davis, will soon present a recommendation that the present Econ 14 textbook be substituted for a more readable book. We who slept, sweat, and skimmed through the complexities of Econ 14 express our hearty endorsements.

Irvin Hall Munitions Dump

We strolled through Irvin Hall recently and came upon valuable relics of a bygone era. In the former cafeteria kitchen lay hundreds of pounds of potential munitions and airplane parts. Rusting away into disuse were dozens of aluminum pots and pans, dish-washing machinery, a stove, cabinets, and other cooking equipment made of valuable metal. These utensils have lain there since the cafeteria was abandoned 15 years ago.

What are you waiting for, Mr. Loman? How about donating the equipment to the Aluminum Scrap Collection. Some of the utensils are so rusty, they will soon be of no practical value to anyone.

—MANIAC

tion cards from all voters.

Election of a dance queen is not a destiny-shaping event. But it's still an election, and, as such, should be a fair and accurate expression of opinion.

That is where most "queen elections" failed; that is where the Ag Hill dance committee came through.

—L. T. C.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

Community service committee leaves from the rear of Old Main for Woodycrest at 1:30 p. m.

Rural service committee leaves from the rear of Old Main to milk clude Co-captains Dick Stephens

Frosh Forum and Council members leave Old Main for an overnight party at the Ralph Watts Lodge, 2 p. m.

Tennis match, Penn State vs. Colgate, College courts, 2 p. m.

Lion golf match with Colgate scheduled for 1:30 p. m.

Baseball game with Colgate on College diamond, 2:30 p. m.

One-act play presented at Hillel Foundation at 8 p. m.

TOMORROW

Dedication ceremonies in Hort Woods for the recently completed outdoor chapel, 3 p. m.

Wesley Foundation Services: Church School 9:30 a. m.; Hike and Vesper Services, 2 p. m.; Friendly Hours, 9 p. m.

First in a series of "Studies in the Gospel of Mark," at the Westminster Foundation, 9:30 p. m.

Third of the concerts sponsored by the band, orchestra and chorus school presented in front of the Library at 6:30 p. m.

Daily Collegian editorial and business board picnic leaving from Carnegie Hall at 2 p. m.

MONDAY

Important meeting Campus '44, 7:00 p. m., Old Main.

Symphony To Chapel Dedication Give Concert Planned Tomorrow

The band, orchestra and chorus school's Summer Symphonic Band will present its third concert of the Summer in front of the Library at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow.

The program released yesterday by Pierre-Henrotte, conductor for the concert in the absence of Dr. George S. Howard, director of the school, will repeat several numbers played in the band's second concert Thursday night.

Making up the first part of the program will be "Overture Rienzi" by Wagner, a cornet solo, "The Debutante" by Clarke, played by Franklin Hege. Both these numbers will be repeated from Thursday's concert.

The third number will be a march by Paul Homer of the Summer sessions faculty. He will conduct this number. The fourth will be a repeat performance of "El Relicario" by Padilla followed by a waltz by Hall.

Another new composition, "Mirage" by Samuel Kurtz of the Summer sessions faculty will be next. Kurtz will also conduct his own composition. Seventh number will be a new arrangement of "American Patrol" followed by repeat playing of "Bachanale" from Saint Saens' "Samson and Delilah."

Harvest Ball

(Continued from Page One) will meet the Red Raiders on the College course at 2 p. m.

Also scheduled for 2 o'clock this afternoon will be the Penn State-Colgate tennis match on the varsity tennis courts. The Nittany netmen are seeking to avenge yesterday's defeat at the hands of the Red Raider team.

Picnic Reservations

All Collegian staff members business and editorial, planning to attend the picnic tomorrow afternoon must make monetary reservations with McSnatch McNaull by 2:30 p. m. today. Reservations will be taken in News Room from 1 until 2:30 p. m.

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July 28 and 29

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