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No Curtain Calls

A screaming of tires, a fleeting moment of panic, a shriek, a rending crash, and then silence—dead silence.

Dramatic? Perhaps; but there will be no curtain calls or thundering applause. The leading characters will get one last press notice and then assume new roles as grim, shameful statistics. Tickets for the performance are available at any busy intersection or on any highway; the price: your life.

Each year, thousands are killed or injured in auto accidents which would never occur but for thoughtlessness and disregard. College careers are ended abruptly; homes are destroyed; bright futures are unrealized; and millions of dollars are lost because drivers, judging by the record, value seconds more highly than human lives. The tragedy, however, is that the speed demons and self-proclaimed hot-shots endanger not only their own lives, but the lives of innocent, unsuspecting motorists and pedestrians whose only crime is being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

It's unfortunate that the challenge of high speed and so-called driving prowess is felt more strongly than the challenge of courtesy, consideration and an unblemished record. Many come to recognize the merit in the latter, but only after having crippled themselves, or having lost a friend or sweetheart through their own carelessness. The lesson would be less bitter if a measure of forethought were employed.

Picture yourself facing the parents of some schoolboy you've cut down while racing through an intersection. Call to your mind's eye a vision of a widow or mother staring coldly into your eyes as you stand before a court of law to answer for your negligence. The problem would be simpler if each motorist were to compare his climbing speedometer needle to the climbing toll taken by the grim reaper on our streets and highways.

Sure brother, you're crate will do 90—but that fact won't appear on your death certificate.

—Jack Boddington

The Safety Valve

Obstacle Courses

TO THE EDITOR: One must admit that the muddy foot-paths around the campus aren't exactly attractive, but the claim that these paths are unavoidable is not satisfactory with the present layout of concrete walks. It appears to the casual observer as though the walk plans were designed by an inventor of obstacle courses.

In the course of the school day, the average student walks 2.74 miles between classes, if he follows the walks. The use of foot-paths cuts this distance down to 1.39 miles, thus permitting extra energy to be used in devotion to studies.

Instead of putting unsightly signs on the campus, let's do the adult thing, and put sidewalks where they are needed instead of where they are most decorative.

—Harris Saunders.

We claim that such muddy runways are avoidable, even with the present layout. However, many feet of walks have been laid where the need has become evident in the past few years.

The adult behavior would be to walk that extra daily half-mile, a matter of less than ten minutes, and probably beneficial from the standpoint of needed exercise. (And we'd like to see some evidence that short-cuts save that much.)

Of course there still may be some legitimate sites where new walks would be appropriate, but in front of Carnegie Hall and the Veterans Administration is not one of them.

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The Aims of AIM

Association of Independent Men, after many months of arduous work, has been born, and has begun its first, and most precarious year of existence.

During the next few months, the young organization needs all the devoted assistance its members, who will be the principal beneficiaries, can contribute.

Established "in order to foster a closer relationship among independent men, to insure equal representation in student government, and to provide better social and athletic opportunities," AIM can make a great and lasting contribution to the well-being of independent men.

Unlike former "associations" of independent men, AIM includes ALL male undergraduate students as members. To be a complete success, it requires the active support and interest of all.

For many years, the need for AIM has grown increasingly acute; its scope and program are virtually limitless. It will be as worthwhile as its members are willing to make it.

To clarify any lingering suspicions, let us consider frankly what AIM is NOT. It is not a pressure group, or a glorified "gripe" committee. It is definitely not an anti-fraternity clique, but will, on the contrary, tend to improve relations between Greek and non-Greek.

Unity is one of the primary aims of AIM. Through closer social contact, the bonds of friendship and the sense of "belonging" will be heightened.

The fiction that independents are characteristically "anti-social" or socially indifferent must be completely scotched.

Hard work is always a prerequisite for achieving lasting success; AIM will be no exception. The brunt of this work, and a heavy responsibility to all independent men, falls upon the 76 members of the Council.

Each representative has an obligation to the approximately 50 men in his dormitory or ward, far greater than that of regular attendance at meetings.

A still greater duty, especially in town wards, is that of organizing his constituents, and instituting a constructive social and athletic program for them. The job is a challenging one, but a successful conclusion will be richly rewarding.

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Monday, December 8

AIM COUNCIL, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

College Placement

Joy Manufacturing Co., December 13 and 14, eighth semester in EE and ME. Should have inclination for design and development in heavy machinery.

Long Island Lighting Co., December 16, eighth semester in EE and ME for public utility field.

Piaseck Helicopter Corp., December 17, eighth semester men in AE and ME.

Army Security Agency, December 13 and 14, eighth semester students in EE.

Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co., eighth semester students in Chem Eng, IE and ME, and eighth semester students in C&F and A&L.

S. S. Kresge Co., December 6, eighth semester men in C&F and Arts & Letters.

Calvert Distilling Co., December 6, eighth semester men in ME, IE, Chem Eng, Commercial Chem, Chem, and Physics.

Boy Scouts of America, December 7 and 8, eighth semester men interested in working as field executives.

Naval Ordnance Lab., December 7 and 8, fifth and sixth semester men for summer employment in CE, EE, IE, ME, Chem Eng, Chem, Physics and Metallurgy.

Institute of Textile Technology, December 10, seventh and eighth semester men in Chem Eng, Chem, Commercial Chem, Physics and ME.

Owens-Corning Fiberglass Co., December 13, eighth semester men in Arch Eng, EE, IE, ME, and Chem Eng.

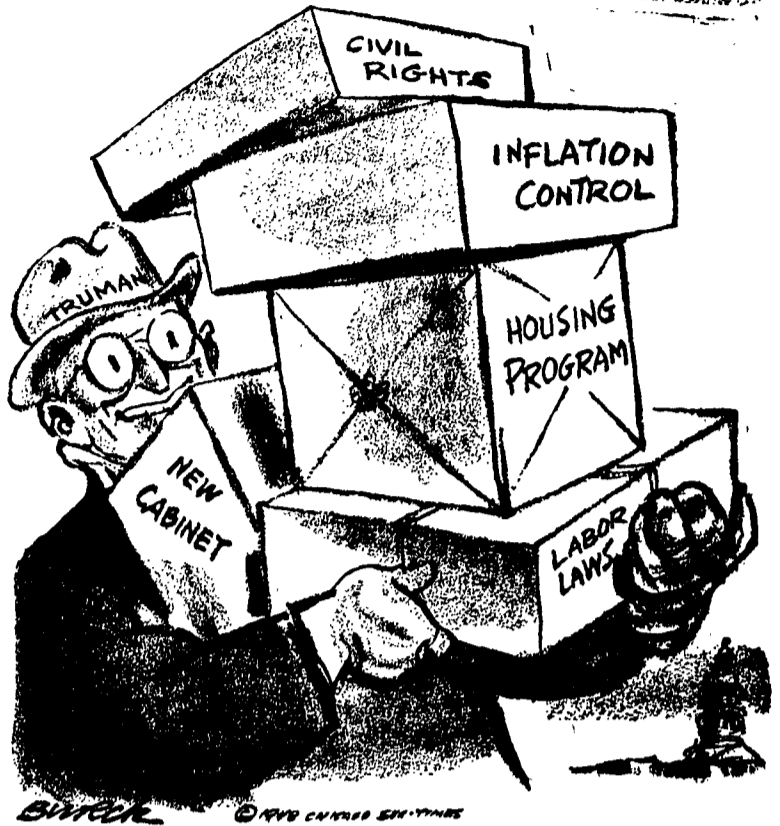
E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., December 14, eighth semester men, accounting.

Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., December 14 and 15, eighth semester men in CE, ME, Arts and Letters and C&F.

Hagan Corp., December 15 and 16, eighth semester men in EE, ME, Sanitary Eng, Ceramics, Chem Eng, and Chem.

Supplee - Wills - Jones Milk Co., December 17, eighth semester men in Dairy Husbandry.

Doing his Christmas shopping early



Service Frat Holds Initiation

Officers and advisors were installed and approximately forty pledges were initiated in a formal initiation ceremony at Grace Lutheran church Wednesday, marking the official reactivation of the Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity here.

Officers installed were: Russell Hironimus, president; Lee Enright, vice-president; Frank Stewart, secretary; William Zeller, treasurer; Robert Hepburn, historian, and Barton Cahan, sergeant-at-arms.

A team from the fraternity at Lehigh University conducted the ceremonies, following which Dr. Ray O. Wyland, National Director of Relations for the Boy Scouts of America, addressed the group at a dinner at the State College hotel.

Installed as scout advisors to the group were J. H. Klose, scout field executive in the local council, and E. J. Rittenhouse; as faculty advisors, E. J. Anderson, Norton Cope, and Leslie McCracken.

Among the guests present were Dr. Charles Indal, president of the Nittany district, Juniata Valley council of Boy Scouts; Charles Steele, deputy regional scout executive; John A. Veldhoven, scout executive of the Juniata Valley council, and John A. Madore.

Design Contest Offers Prizes Totaling \$250

Architectural students at the College are eligible to compete for prizes totaling \$250 in a national contest, just announced by the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design, in cooperation with the Tile Council of America.

The contest calls for the designing of an elementary school and kindergarten in which special attention is given to the use of clay tile. First prize is \$100, second \$75, third \$50 and fourth \$25.

Soc Club Slates Round Table Talk

Ernest Friday, chairman of the newly organized Sociology Club, has announced that the group is sponsoring a round table discussion on social research in 105 White Hall at 8 p.m. Monday.

Four members of the sociology department will participate in the round table. They are Prof. Jessie Bernard, Prof. Luther L. Bernard, Prof. Robert E. Clark and Prof. O. Dudley Duncan. All students interested in joining are urged to attend.

Recently elected officers of the Sociology Club are Ernest Friday, chairman; Don Marvin, vice-chairman; Sally Hill, recording secretary; and Helen Etter, corresponding secretary.

Committee chairmen are Carol Hecht, program; Mary Jane Sheiner, membership; Bill Schiele, publicity; Harold Waltzer, social and Jean Abrams, fundraising.

Faculty Lunch

Dr. Stuart A. Mahuran, associate professor of journalism at the College, will entertain members of the Faculty Luncheon Club at the Hotel State College on Monday noon with a program of magic.

Alpha Rho Omega

Initiation of new members will be held in 304 Old Main at 7 p.m. tomorrow after which there will be an opportunity for anyone interested in learning Russian folk dances.

\$25. The competition closes December 20, and will be judged between January 4 and 8.

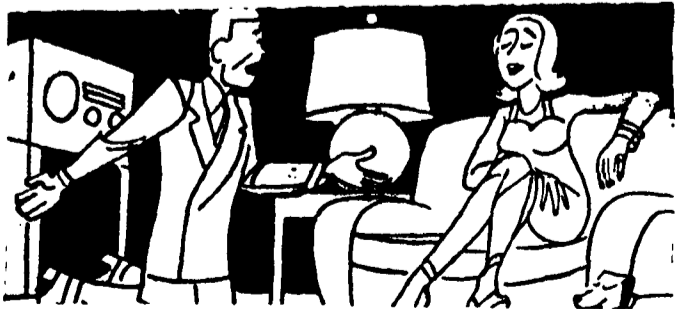
Students from universities and colleges in the United States, Canada and Cuba have been invited to submit entries in the current contest.

But, Honey? — — —

What if I am askin' at the last minute! It's going to be a swell dance TONIGHT.

HARVEST BALL

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