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Get Smart—Drive Like Adults

Everyone likes the holiday season, but perhaps it is a good thing it comes only once a year and doesn't last any longer.

The recent Christmas-New Year's holiday took a terrific toll from the American people. Many fast-moving Americans were brought abruptly to a halt in motor vehicle mishaps—many will never move again.

The death toll on the Christmas weekend reached the highest proportions ever, and needless tragedy visited many homes on what should have been the happiest day of the year.

Perhaps the stunning number of highway deaths during the Christmas period made an impression on drivers, for, during the New Year's weekend, traditionally a reckless time, the number of deaths fell short of the predictions of the National Safety Council, usually a low estimate.

But the death toll was still alarming as the New Year dawned for many in hospitals and morgues.

And young drivers were probably involved in more holiday traffic accidents proportionately than any other age group, for it is an established fact that the under-25 group is the worst offender of safe-driving rules.

Why is this so? Doesn't the younger set style itself as the "smart set" with a new, vigorous, and progressive outlook which will set the world straight?

Perhaps our elders are right when they tell us we have "a lot to learn." We certainly do

when it comes to driving.

Probably the biggest reason why young people are involved in so many traffic mishaps is the excessive speeds at which many drive.

Studies by the National Safety Council show that excessive speed is a major factor in the vast majority of auto accidents. And doctors tell us that the human body becomes increasingly vulnerable when an accident takes place.

In the face of this evidence can speeding be called "smart?" It certainly cannot. So although young people like to think of themselves as mature and sensible no one can say that speedy reckless driving bears out this thought.

But it's about time to stop acting "smart" and get smart. The National Safety Council has predicted that 38,000 Americans will die in automobile accidents in 1956.

If young people drive as maturely and sensibly as they picture themselves this awesome figure will be considerably reduced.

It can be done.

—The Editor

Voice from Nowhere

The junior senator from Wisconsin let loose with one of his now infrequent vituperative blasts yesterday and his rantings held special interest for University students.

For McCarthy's wail was aimed at Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower along with Paul Hoffman, chairman of the board of the Studebaker-Packard Corp. and Harold Stassen, President Dwight D. Eisenhower's special assistant on disarmament.

McCarthy opined that the record of the Eisenhower administration would be better if the President had not sought the advice of these men.

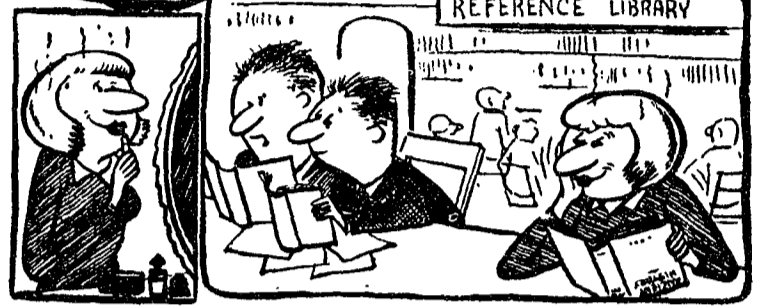
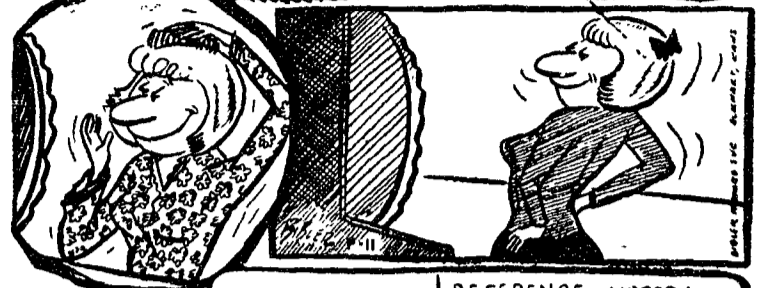
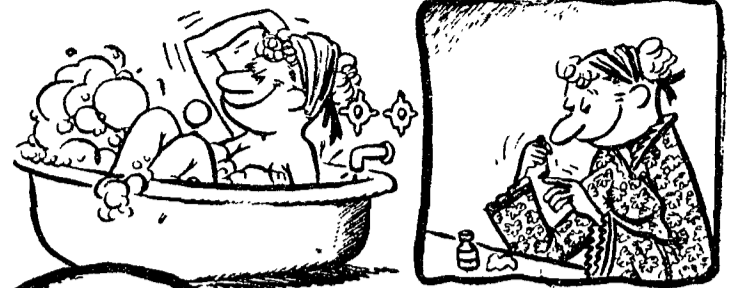
The three have all declined comment on previous McCarthy criticisms, undoubtedly the best way to react to the sayings of a man who has been publicly rebuked by the legislative body to which he was elected.

Dr. Eisenhower and his associates have certainly lost no stature as a result of McCarthy's comments. If anything McCarthy's opinion signifies in a negative manner that they have contributed in a worthwhile manner to their country.

—The Editor

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



Interpreting the News

Communists Gain In French Regime

By J. M. Roberts
Associated Press News Analyst

France's well-wishers are wondering what would happen to her if Premier Faure proves wrong about the possibility of a center coalition government as he was proved wrong about stabilizing France through new elections.

The nation is in a situation where anything could happen, from a popular front coalition to dictatorship. The former would mean dictation by the Communists, the latter the rise of a strong man who, however, is not yet in-sight. There was also the possibility of a grouping of Mendes-France's left of center and Faure's right of center around a Socialist premier. Faure obviously prefers a direct reconciliation with Mendes-France, but the latter's campaign bitterness made that a hard matter.

The bald fact is that the elections, emphasizing national disunity and revealing the number and depth of cross-cutting issues, have brought a grave threat to republican government itself. The talk is of electoral reforms and a strengthening executive set-up under a revised constitution, but what may happen before anything is done, if anything can be done, is a matter of wide speculation.

Great pressure is on the present leaders of moderate factions to put aside their political maneuvers for the benefit of the nation. The press is alerting the public to the danger to democracy unless they do so.

France's allies in the Western world are saying little and keeping their fingers crossed, but there is clear evidence of worry in both London and Washington. For the time being, at least, France is incapable of participation in solution of mutual problems as well as her own problems in which there is mutual interest, such as North Africa.

And the worry is not confined to the present, but extends to what France's entire future role may be.

Everyone agreed the Communists had scored a great victory whether they get into the government or not.

The extreme rightist Poujadists, a new manifestation of the disruptive spirit which so weakened France before World War II, were playing directly into the hands of the Reds.

For this moment, the initiative in saving the republic lies in the hands of Mendes-France, Faure, and Socialist leader Guy Mollet, who frequently lines up with Mendes-France. If they fail, the door is wide open for a strong man.

10 Are Initiated Into Chi Epsilon

Ten students have been initiated by Chi Epsilon, civil engineering honorary society.

New members are Robert Foreman, Benjamin Thayer, Charles Givler, Boris Stoiacheff, James Wienmiller, Lee Thomas, Vincent Paparella, George Schimmel, Byron Wetmore, and Harry Schell.

William Blackham was elected president; John W. Weber, vice president; Eugene Cassell, secretary-treasurer.

Adrian O. Morse, University provost, spoke at the banquet which followed the initiation and installation ceremony.

LaVie Promotion List Includes Bavar, Brown

Two names were omitted from the list of junior board promotions to LaVie staff published in the Daily Collegian prior to vacation, according to Paul Beane, managing editor.

Those omitted were David Bavar, junior in business administration from Jamestown, N.Y., and Betty Brown, junior in home economics from Meadville.

This completes the final list of those eligible for next year's senior board. All other candidates are automatically dropped from the staff.

Graduation Invitations

Invitations and announcements ordered by January graduates will be available at the Hetzel Union desk until noon Saturday.

Seniors may secure them by presenting their receipts.

Froth Staffs to Meet Tonight

Froth advertising staff and candidates will meet at 6:45 tonight in the Froth office.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:15	Sign On
7:20	News and Sports
7:30	Starlight Review
8:00	Jazz Club
8:30	Just Out
9:00	Call Card
9:15	News
9:30	Scenario
10:35	Sign Off

Gazette...

Today

DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF (senior board), 6:15 p.m., 111 Carnegie
FROTH ADVERTISING STAFF AND CANDIDATES, 6:45 p.m., Froth office
HILLET HOUR, 7:30 p.m., WMAJ
LAVIE JUNIOR BOARD, 7 p.m., 413 Old Main
NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union
PENN STATE DEMOLAY CLUB, 7 p.m., 102 Willard
PENN STATE OUTING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 121 Sparks
RABBI'S COURSE IN BASIC CONCEPTS OF JUDAISM, 7 p.m., Hillet
RABBI'S COURSE IN BIBLE TEXT AND INTERPRETATION, 8 p.m., Hillet

University Hospital

Orrean Chew, Patricia Dolinsky, Robert Hanson, Elaine Kloures, Richard Phelan, Elaine Shaffer, and Marilyn Seltzer.

Safety Valve...

Opposes Federal Aid

TO THE EDITOR: I disagree with Jackie Hudgins' recent editorial on federal aid to education ("Aid for the South," Friday, Dec. 16) for the following reasons:

1) Federal aid means federal control, federal regulation. When school money comes from Washington, teaching restrictions or directions usually come with it (Militarism, for instance, in the case of Penn State and the Land Grant Act).

2) If a demagogue were to assume a powerful position in the national government, how much harder it would be for him to influence what is taught our youth if he were forced to deal with, instead of a federally supported school plan, 48 separate, sovereign school systems, all completely independent of federal control!

3) All money for education eventually comes from the same place: the taxpayer. It has been proven time after time that a state or local school district can collect and spend this money much more efficiently and with a greater awareness of the needs of the district's schools than can the federal government.

Perhaps these are a few of the reasons why a subcommittee of the recent White House conference on education declared against federal aid. Perhaps it explains why one of Penn State's ablest political scientists recently stated: "One of the saddest spectacles is the current drive on the national government for federal aid to education!"

—William L. MacClay

Toward Spiritual Growth

TO THE EDITOR: The University in endeavoring to improve the moral and spiritual climate of the student body; yet through a lack of imagination and initiative, it is not providing the opportunity where the demand is strongly in evidence. The case in point is the Candlelight Service on Saturday night, Dec. 17, 1955.

Hundreds of students and townspeople were turned away from this service even though they had arrived 20 minutes before the program was scheduled to begin. With only a modicum of imagination, this program could have reached out to those who wished to hear it:

1. The service could have been broadcast over one of the two available radio stations.

2. Two programs could have been given by the choir on the same evening. (This is the procedure followed at other universities).

3. Recreation Hall could have been used. The

Hits WD Dress Rule

TO THE EDITOR: There has been a recent flurry of discussion concerning the constitutionality of a certain dress rule applying to the proper costume for the Sunday noon meal in the University's dining halls. Although the ruling was declared unconstitutional, the West Dorms deemed it advisable to effect immediately an identical bit of legislation. We have been informed of two reasons for this decision:

1) It is "nice" to dress up for Sunday noon meals.

2) We live on the "other side" of the Jordan fertility plots.

We agree that it is indeed "nice" to dress up for Sunday meals. It would also be nice if we all owned Cadillac convertibles, or were all to be smashing successes in our respective careers.

We are extremely proud to be able to associate with people who judge an individual's potentials by his geographical location on campus. It is pleasant to know that superiority and inferiority are so easily established.

Or perhaps we are trying to prove to ourselves our "superiority" by dressing "nicely" for our Sunday dinners. We are trying to prove what cultivated gentlemen we are. If such be the case, perhaps we could continue this proof through somewhat more polished table manners and through dinner conversation of a somewhat higher caliber. Perhaps it would be "nice" to be served by waiters, to eat caviar from the finest porcelain-ware with the finest sterling. Perhaps legislation could be passed to this effect.

We might do well to realize that good breeding cannot be forced on anyone by laws. Poise and courtesy are attained through individual growth, not through executive activity.

—David L. Schleicher
David D. Houghton
George B. Brown

setting may not seem appropriate, but it should be remembered that a House of God depends upon the spirit of those who worship and not on the shape of the building.

4. Lastly, a loud speaker system might have provided those standing in the cold some small reward for their pains.

In short, this lack of insight seems inexcusable.

—Edwin W. Biederman, Jr.