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Traffic Counts: Fruits of Awareness

The vehicular and pedestrian traffic counts planned for May 13 and 17 represent the fruits of the University's growing awareness of the traffic and parking problems that have invaded the campus in recent years.

The traffic counts are a part of the overall campus parking and traffic survey being conducted under University auspices.

Walter H. Wiegand, director of the Physical Plant, has said he believes the survey may result in an alleviation of the parking problem within two years and the development of a long-range solution within five years.

The plans for the survey have been in the works for at least most of the past year. They originated in the University parking and traffic committee, headed by Wiegand.

Calvin G. Reen, professor of civil engineering, who is directing the survey, teaches the University's traffic engineering courses. It was he who directed a similar campus survey six years ago in the spring of 1951.

Reen is being assisted by a number of civil and architectural engineering professors. Twenty-eight automatic traffic counters from the State Highways Department will be used

in the survey and aerial photographs have already been taken to help determine parking and traffic trends.

With this background of planning and experience, it would seem that the survey should provide an accurate reflection of the present problems.

And unquestionably, if the survey results can be tabulated quickly enough, they should provide a relatively sound basis for the dealing with the present situation for several years to come.

But no matter how accurately the survey results may reflect the University's parking and traffic picture, and no matter how quickly they are tabulated and correlated, they are worthless without corresponding action on the part of the administration.

The very fact that the University is sponsoring the survey and is financially backing it carries, we believe, a corresponding obligation for it to act promptly and decisively on the survey's findings, and to plan for the future to eliminate any recurrence—necessarily on a larger scale—of the present traffic and parking problems.

—Bob Franklin

Why Tommy Tucker?

The Senior Ball, climaxing Spring Week events, this year will feature Tommy Tucker and his orchestra. Students have been questioning why Tucker, instead of a "big name" orchestra like Guy Lombardo or Sammy Kaye, was not selected.

The weekend of May 3 is a big college weekend all over the country and dance orchestras are in great demand. Because of this, the price of an engagement for most orchestras at this time increases by \$500 to \$700.

The Senior Ball, unlike the IFC-Panhel Ball, is not a money-making project (although IFC did lose money this year) and therefore is limited in expenses.

A "big name" orchestra for the Senior Ball would cost approximately \$4000. The senior class has \$2500 to spend.

Several months ago a committee of five seniors began checking advertisements from New York agencies. It selected a number of orchestras within the price range and, in order of preference, requested them.

If any of the orchestras are booked before the agencies receive the requests, the committee has no alternative but to accept the first choice available.

The selection of an orchestra for the Senior Ball is not one of "naming it and getting it." It is limited by expenses, time and availability.

—Judy Harkison

Clean-Cut Carnival

The majority of students participating in the Spring Carnival last night showed that they could be just as humorous with family-type shows as they could with off-color skits.

Most of the booths we took in offered family entertainment. Only one booth was warned to change part of its show.

We are not opposed to adult entertainment for adults. It has its time and its place. However, we feel that the carnival—since many small children attend, for one reason—is not the place for adult entertainment.

Few of the shows would win entertainment awards, but most provided a few chuckles and some provided some good laughs. All of the shows demonstrated the enthusiasm of the performers.

Most of the fraternities, sororities and other groups participating in the carnival deserve credit for keeping their entertainment at a family level.

—The Editor

Gazette

Today
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 105 AgE.
LECTURE: Prof. A. W. Case, 7 p.m., 104 Eisenhower Chapel.
PHI Upsilon Omicron, 6:45 p.m. in the HEC Living Center.
RIDING CLUB, 7 p.m., 217 Willard.
SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY, 7 p.m., 209 HUB.
THETA SIGMA PHI, Installation of officers, 8:30 p.m., 2nd floor lounge Simmons.
ZOOLOGY CLUB, 7 p.m., 113 Frear Lab.

Prof Receives Grant of \$4500

Dr. Raymond Pepinsky, professor of physics, has received a \$4500 fellowship grant from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

The fellowships are granted to persons of unusual capacity for scholarly research, demonstrated by the previous publication of contributions to knowledge of high merit, and to persons of proven creative ability in the fine arts.

The grants, which number 344 and in total amount to \$1,500,000, are designed to assist fellows to advance to higher levels of accomplishment in their fields through carrying on the studies for which the fellowships are awarded.

Dr. Pepinsky was cited for his studies of the crystal design of salts of complex and organic ions.

'Jim Dandy' Tickets Available for Friday

Tickets for the Players' production of "Jim Dandy," by William Saroyan are still available for Friday night's presentation.

Tickets may be purchased for \$1 at the Hetzel Union desk. Tickets for Saturday night's performance have been sold out.

Science Fiction Society

The Penn State Science Fiction Society will meet at 7 tonight in 209 Hetzel Union to prepare material for publication in the club magazine.

Chem Prof Wins Research Award

Dr. Lloyd A. Currie, assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded a 1-year research grant by the Air Research and Development Command of the U.S. Air Force.

He will study chemical reactions caused by high energy particles by using the University's research reactor. Through the project, Currie hopes to produce new information concerning the effect of nuclear projectiles on chemical systems.

Article by History Prof Appears in Magazine

Dr. Ira V. Brown, associate professor of American history, is the author of an article, "The Religion of Joseph Priestly," which appears in the lead article in the April edition of Pennsylvania History.

The paper was read in 1955 before the Northumberland County Historical Society and last year at Dickinson College.

Tonight on WDFM

6:50 Sign On and News
7:00 Telephone Bandstand
7:50 Sports
8:00 Invitation to Relax
8:30 Music of the People
9:00 News
9:15 Informally Yours
9:30 Anthology
10:00 Virtuoso
11:30 News and Sign Off

Former Editor Heads Jaycees

Thomas E. Morgan, former editor of The Daily Collegian, has been elected president of the Pittsburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A 1950 journalism graduate, Morgan received his master's degree in English literature from the University of Pittsburgh. He has been a vice president and director of Sykes Advertising, Inc., Pittsburgh, for the past three years.

As a student at the University, Morgan received a "Grindstone Award" in recognition of "the most outstanding and extensive work done for the University by any member of the graduating class." Morgan was also president of the Hat Society Council, and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Delta Chi, men's journalism professional society.

Cheerleading Tryouts Will Be Held Sunday

Cheerleading tryouts will be held Sunday for freshman men and women.

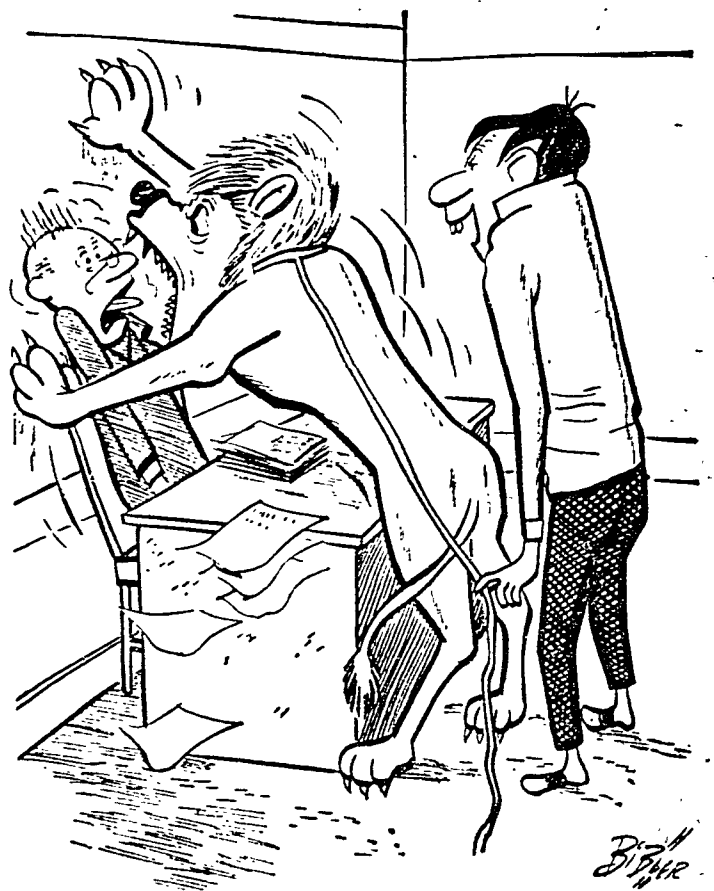
Second semester freshmen with an All-University average of 2.0 are eligible.

Practices will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday in front of Old Main.

People of the United States, Italy and Great Britain all have about the same per capita consumption of tobacco.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"One of Disney's boys—now will you call off the bluebook for tomorrow?"

Interpreting the News

United States Not On Brink of War

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

The United States is not yet on the brink of war in the Middle East.

Despite the talk by people not responsible for policy about the American military potential and its possible uses, what has been done merely establishes a political position.

The State Department, in discussing the movement of the 6th Fleet to the eastern Mediterranean, was very careful to let the act stand on its own. Official statements said the United States was vitally interested in a stable Jordan. The fleet was a reminder of the power America could muster behind its vital interests in extremes.

Through a combination of the warning of King Hussein's firmness and surprising adroitness, and of the trouble which Arab nationalist and Communist forces could see themselves getting into, the situation is better than it was 10 days ago.

Whether it will continue to improve, or whether Hussein has merely slowed the skid temporarily, cannot be told now.

The last thing the United States can afford in the circumstances is to give any appearance of recklessness.

When Army Secretary Brucker says the United States can airlift troops to Jordan, and probably would do so in case of aggression by Egypt or Syria, it produces alarm. It keeps alive a fire which the State Department is trying to put out.

When an officer with the fleet says the Marines were ready last week to shoot their way into any trouble spot if necessary, it can be read two ways. First, such readiness is no more than the nation has come to expect of the Marines at any moment. But taken as an indication that shooting was actually being contemplated last week, the impression goes far beyond the position of the State Department.

Russia isn't trying to make the Middle East a cockpit for world war. She is trying to create as much chaos there as possible, in the hope that one state after another will slide into the arms of international communism.

The United States is in the midst of a great campaign to win the confidence of the Arab states. She doesn't want to fight them or anyone else, and she doesn't want them to fall to the Communists.

The United States is an old hand at conducting military police actions. She has done it in Latin America, China, Korea,

the Barbary Coast, the Spanish Main and elsewhere. She doesn't want to get into it again.

In any inflammatory situation, where nobody knows what tomorrow will bring, war is a word to be whispered, not shouted as a threat.

Patyk Named To Presidency Of Eng Group

Daniel Patyk, junior in electrical engineering from Plymouth, has been elected president of Sigma Tau, national honorary society for engineers.

Other chapter officers are Donald Willson, junior in electrical engineering from State College, vice president; Robert Horst, junior in electrical engineering from Rothsville, secretary; William Buckley, senior in aeronautical engineering from Scranton, treasurer.

Blanche Eckert, junior in electrical engineering from Lock Haven, pyramid correspondent; Frank Morris, junior in chemical engineering from Somerton, historian; and Edward Headington, junior in engineering science from Havertown, representative to the Engineering Student Council.

Initiates of Sigma Tau are John Bashista, Henry Bieber, Gerald Biesecker, Arthur Bixler, John Bolen, Robert Bone, Ronald Book, Harley Cloud, Thomas Davis, Michael Donegan, George Dushack, Jr., Blanche Eckert, George Erb, Edward Fochler, William Griffin, Martin Gutkin, Richard Hand, Robert Horst, Alan Jones, Karl Kirk, Jr., John Luther, Carroll McDonnell, George Miller, Frank Morris, Richard Noll, Daniel Patyk, Donald Patterson, John Pavlick, Jr., Harry Pfeifer, Jr., Joseph Proske, Eugene Rowland, Armand Sanders, Joseph Sarcinello, George Schimmel, Robert Schneider, Edward Scott, George Selders, Ronald Sibbey, Lee Strawbridge, Samuel Swanson, Paul Tarris, Theodore Thomas, Jr., John Trotts, Melvin Weaver, Kendall Weir, Ronald Wertz, John Williams, Donald Willson, Richard Wilson, David Wood.

Correction

Stanley Hopkins, He-Man contest finalist, is sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi, not Pi Kappa Alpha, as according to erroneous information printed yesterday in The Daily Collegian.