

Editorial Opinion

A Sophomore Car Ban Is Not Necessary Now

The University is considering drastic steps to alleviate parking problems.

These steps include closing Pollock Road between Burrowes and Shortlidge Roads; prohibiting students from having cars anywhere on campus; charging a fee for campus parking; prohibiting sophomores from keeping cars.

Certainly the campus parking problem is drastic. Certainly it will become more drastic.

But the parking situation was at least serious four years ago, when approximately 5500 vehicles sought parking at different times during each day in the 3000 parking spaces on campus.

This congestion was indicated in a parking and traffic survey taken in 1954 by the State Highways Department and again in a survey taken in 1957 by the University.

And the problem has overflowed into the Borough of State College, which, four years ago was described as having the traffic and parking problems of a town of 50,000 population.

The State Highways survey, which was released in 1956, said the main parking problem was one of too few places near the center of campus, where there is the greatest demand. The survey indicated an oversupply of spaces in outlying areas.

A number of suggestions have been advanced to correct this situation.

Under one of them, peripheral parking, little-used cars, such as those of students living in residence halls, would be kept in outlying areas, thus making available more central campus parking.

This plan was favored by student leaders as early as two years ago, when All-University President Robert Bahrenburg called it the only alternative to the further banning of students' automobiles.

At that time Bahrenburg warned that, while banning sophomores' cars might not be under consideration at the moment, it would be inevitable unless a peripheral parking plan were adopted.

Banning sophomores' cars in only one of the serious suggestions now under consideration. Action on all of them should be deferred unless conclusive proof is presented that no other methods—including peripheral parking—will accomplish the same ends.

One of the arguments used for banning freshmen's cars was that it would help first-year students to adjust to college life. This can hardly be said of sophomores.

Considering the difficulties in travelling to and from State College by public vehicle, the lack of weekend social and recreational facilities within convenient walking distance and the physical layout of the University, a further ban on students' cars would have many harmful effects.

There is no need to withdraw sophomores' driving privileges at this time.

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Letters

Hatman Fights For Motorcade

TO THE EDITOR: In response to your editorial opinion (of yesterday), "Good Intentions, But . . .", I would like to make a few comments.

When I first started reading the editorial it made me glad to see that the motorcade had been given such a prominent space as the editorial section. However, as I continued reading, I was surprised at the apparent lack of understanding its writer must have possessed.

First of all, Androcles is composed of junior men and not women. I must admit that such an error as this was one of a typographical nature or just plain oversight; however, if any portion of a newspaper should be free of oversights and careless writing, it should be the editorial section.

Secondly, in virtually all contests someone could be said to have an advantage. Penn State had a distinct advantage over Marquette in that we played harder, better and in general had a much superior team. Was this an "unfair" advantage? Certainly not!

A fraternity or any other sponsor is not the holder of an "unfair" advantage by having the initiative and enthusiasm to search about town to find vehicles which will add to the betterment of the pep rally and school spirit in general. The trophy to be won and the rushing that may be obtained are indeed secondary and merely serve as incentives to insure a successful project.

—Vince Marino, '60 member of Androcles

Gazette

TODAY

- Agriculture Extension, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
AIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Alpha Lambda Delta, 5:15-5:45 p.m., 212 HUB
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Christian Fellowship, 12:45-1 p.m., 218 HUB
CPA candidate meeting for distribution staff, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Cwens, 7:30 p.m., 215 HUB
Dancing Class, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Hillel Foundation, Intermediate Hebrew class, 7:15 p.m., Zionist Committee, 7 p.m.
Judicial Board, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
Penn State Grange, 7:15 p.m., 100 Weaver
Phi Mu Alpha smoker, 9 p.m., at Phi Mu Delta.
Slavic Club, 7 p.m., Chapel lounge
UCA Social Service Committee, 7-8 p.m., 214 HUB
Wesley Foundation, S.T.E. chapter meeting, 7 p.m., S.T.E. pledge meeting, 7 p.m., Kappa Phi Model meeting, 7 p.m.
Women's Choir, 6 p.m., HUB assembly hall
WRA Bridge Club, 7 p.m., for advanced and intermediate players, White Hall
WSGA, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Joan Ackerman, Ruth Brandon, Judith Douglass, Pamela Emender, Andrew Funk, Robert Horn, Joan Hamilton, Jane Hunchar, Wanda Knepp, Michael Koss, William Kross, Martin Lane, Joan Mozingo, Nancy Osborne, Rosellen Pasternack, Lynnette Sabre, John Sedam, Marilyn Singer, William Surgnier, Richard Taney, Marilyn Trimble, Kenneth Williams.

AM Station--

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cal questions which would come before the Federal Communications Commission would be operating hours and proof of financial responsibility.

Walker explained that this implied a responsibility which the trustees were reluctant to accept "unless they are very certain we possess the ability and know-how to operate efficiently."

Fresh Men to Learn About Fraternity System

The University fraternity system will be explained to freshmen students tonight in the men's residence halls.

The meetings will be held at different times from 10 p.m. until midnight. The schedule of the meetings is posted in the residence hall units. Fraternity rushing chairmen will speak in general to the freshmen about the fraternities.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I take it you've never had fencing lessons?"

from here to infinity

You Think You Have Troubles!

by bob thompson

So college students think they have trouble with the service in the local eateries!

According to a New York Times report, over in Poland things are really bad. In fact, in order to get decent service at the local equivalent of a restaurant it's a good idea to be a member of the Central Committee.

Maybe being on the Board of Trustees would help here!

On the home front, one has difficulty in catching the attention of the waiter. Over in Poland, this problem is simple, only the waiter always claims yours isn't his table.

Management in Poland tried everything to relieve the situation. It even resorted to paying the waiters a percentage of the customer's check. Here we call it tipping.

Even this met with its difficulties. Waiters spent so much time trying to get the customers to buy high-priced drinks, that the rest of the customers who didn't drink were completely neglected.

Once a customer manages to get hold of a waiter, he meets with another problem. After ordering, he gets the same old line: "We haven't got it."

This is often the case here.

Only here one may wait so long for the waiter in the first place that the particular dish is out of season before he gets a chance to order it.

Actually, we shouldn't complain about the service here. Getting a cup of coffee is a lot easier than going to Brazil for the beans. Sometimes, however, we think this method would be a lot quicker.

All this reminds us of the restaurant we ate in recently. When we complained about the fish not being as fresh as what we had a week earlier, the waiter came back by telling us that it was strange to him. It was a piece of the same fish.

Maybe the waiters could be paid bonuses in vodka. The only trouble with this situation would be the slightly inebriated ones.

Can't you picture a potted waiter making his way across the floor with a tray full of cups of coffee? It wouldn't be long before the customers would begin to eat at home.

Then again, maybe the food minister could solve the shortage of seasoning. He could ship the non-workers off to the salt mines!

