

Editorial Opinion

Watch Pedestrians

Thomas Kirshner, one of 32 students who earn extra money as a campus patrolman, is expected to be in the Ritenour Health Center for at least a month with injuries suffered when struck by a car Sunday night.

Kirshner received bad bruises, an eye injury and X-rays have shown two breaks in his pelvis.

The patrolman was directing the 10 p.m. traffic rush in the Hetzel Union parking lot when struck by the car.

There have been many near accidents at this spot and under similar circumstances, but the actuality of this one emphasizes the danger of driving straight through in the middle turning lane. According to officials, the car was in the turning (left) lane when Kirshner was hit.

The "no stopping" signs which yesterday replaced the "no parking" signs on Shortlidge Road should help lessen the danger, since drivers will no longer be tempted to pass stopping cars and hurry up the middle lane.

But some drivers will still insist on their "right" to use the middle lane as a throughway in order to get their dates home on time.

These drivers will have to use their heads instead of the middle lane, for foolishness could lead to similar or even serious accidents to other students who happen to be crossing the street as well as to patrolmen.

Moreover, the pedestrian always has the right of way if he has "observed all the rules of the highway," according to a decision handed down just this Monday by state Supreme Court Justice Michael A. Musmanno.

"To say that a pedestrian may not cross the street merely because an automobile may be in view," Musmanno said, "is equivalent to saying that the machine has rights superior to those of a human being."

This underscores the mandate for drivers, especially in Shortlidge Road rushes, to exercise a measure of good sense and extra care.

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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Why, yes—I have your application here someplace."

Letters

Professor Hits Pauling Story

TO THE EDITOR: One feels a great shame, to read the article on Prof. Linus Pauling which appeared in The Centre Daily Times on Monday. Pauling is to give two lectures on our campus (today). He is a University guest. I believe the readers of The Daily Collegian should know of the attack made on this man, and should understand its implications.

Pauling is not merely a brilliant scientist and a most thoughtful, fearless and friendly man; he is a leading scientist of our day.

The brilliance of mind and the penetrating thoughtfulness of this man is matched by few in modern science. His scientific achievements are blessings to humanity. Included in his best contributions to society are his very many students, among whom are some of the leading young chemists of our time. I know Pauling well, and I know him better through his students.

When a man of Pauling's scientific and personal character turns his attention to social problems, is he likely, suddenly, to become a fool, or a tool of vicious anti-social thought? Half of the article on Pauling which appeared in the Centre Daily Times is devoted to quotations which implied just that. He is made out a Communist stooge, by precisely the sort of technique with which McCarthy marked his victims.

The quotations presented to us in the Times article are irresponsible; and the conclusion, that Pauling has followed a pattern of loyalty to communism, is disgraceful. In presenting these discreditable, discrediting attacks, the editor of that paper disgraces himself, and by implication he questions the judgment of those of us who are proud to invite Pauling here. Pauling is no Communist, and he is nobody's stooge.

If an editor intends to be fair, he would present both sides of Pauling's reputation as a social thinker. In intellectual circles, where we presumably find ourselves in University Park, rehashes of old comments by the 1951 Congressional Un-American Activities Committee should scarcely be considered pertinent in a social argument. This is a chapter in our congressional history which we should study, in order to avoid its reputation.

Only ignorant persons, or bigots, or irresponsible politicians, hiding behind laws of congressional immunity, would ever dare to describe Pauling as one loyal to the Communist cause.

Yes, Pauling is a controversial character. Does the Centre Daily Times know how his theory of resonance in chemistry was mass-attacked by Soviet chemists, as recently as three years ago?

From his studies of blood diseases, and viruses, Pauling turns his mind to that most virulent of social diseases: war. Is there any law or logic or the land which deprecates or prevents a citizen from thinking, talking, writing against the idiocy of war, and the cure for this disease? Let us pray this is never the case.

Furthermore, Pauling has spoken some terrible truths about these facts of radioactive

contamination from nuclear explosions.

Are we to be told, by cowardly implication such as that we note in Monday's "news" article in our town paper, that we should not listen to this dangerous man?

Many courageous scientists, speaking out as Americans should, and—God help us—as they ever shall, have brought criticism on themselves. The favorite attack of bigots is the accusation of Communist associations. I think of the response of another courageous American scientist, so attacked: Nobel prize-winner professor Harold Urey. When his views on Franco's insurrection in Spain were criticized, he replied: "I can't help it if the Communists fellow-travel with me on the Spanish line. I don't fellow-travel with them."

All science is controversial; controversy is its life blood. I don't believe that the editor of The Centre Daily Times resents that fact. I suspect he does not even understand it. It is the consideration of the second controversy, the social one, which causes the warning to us: that Pauling is disliked by reactionaries; so, by implication, we must beware of what he says.

I, for one, am delighted to live in America, where I can listen to both lectures; and that is what I shall do, despite the Centre Daily Times. I hope all of you feel the same way.

—Ray Pepinsky

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Centre Daily Times received a great deal of unsolicited information both favorable and unfavorable to Pauling. Editor Jerome Weinstein said the newspaper printed some of each type of information in an effort to present all points of view in the news columns.

Reorganization

Lacks Controversy

TO THE EDITOR: Those connected with student government reorganization would like to know why there is little if no interest in the plan. Gentlemen, you are at fault—not the student body.

Looking down your noses at the students, you (The Collegian, IFC, AIM, Cabinet and other student organizations) have declared this new plan to be almighty and righteous; yet you wonder why not even one student bothered to come out to the first open meeting of the committee—in so many words you called the students a complacent mob.

Why shouldn't we be complacent? Was any issue of the plan brought to light and called wrong or bad? No! You, gentlemen, are the complacent mob. I find more fault, stupidity and complacency in that only a few scattered articles appeared against the plan rather than the fact that not one lone individual came forward from the mob or "the herd" and "mooed" in almighty approval of your work and then desired to be "enlightened" by it.

Gentlemen, there must be some fault with the plan, even if the only problem is the mess that it makes out of bulletin boards. Who are you trying to kid? The plan has long been passed.

—Alan Pollon, '62

EDITOR'S NOTE: The student

government reorganization plan was opposed hotly when first presented and upon subsequent presentations, especially by representatives of six of the college councils. The protests were reported in The Daily Collegian during the entire presentation of the plan. Further, the protests were carried not only to Cabinet, but were aired by the college councils with student observers present.

These letter columns as well as the Cabinet meetings are always open to Pollon and other students for protests, complaints and compliments.

Voting Is Urged As Aid to SGA

TO THE EDITOR: The editorial of April 13, stated that apathy doesn't exist on this campus, and that "students will continue to vote by personal interest . . . in each campaign . . ." According to the "Collegian," 31.3 per cent of the student body voted in the last Spring election. Certainly the students voted by their personal interest. That is, those who voted followed this method. And those students who didn't vote also expressed their interests, although indirectly; they expressed indifference to student government.

It appears that this apathy still exists. Throughout West Halls, a substantial center of student population, one hears such remarks as the following: Why should I vote? The parties really stand for the same thing. The SGA doesn't do anything. Why should I support it? These comments indicate a misunderstanding of the SGA.

Firstly, it is quite evident from the party platforms that the parties do have different planks. Each party places special emphasis on its planks. The parties are the same only in the respect that both support legislation which is in the best interests of the student body. It may be said that students' welfare is the primary concern of both parties, but that they differ in ways to effect it.

Secondly, the SGA has made significant progress in fulfilling the desires of the student body. The Hetzel Union Building, Book Exchange and Used Book Agency are excellent examples of positive action taken by the SGA, which has greatly influenced the entire student body.

Only when the student body supports the SGA, as it did in the formative years of the HUB, will the administration grant concessions which the students feel are necessary. The SGA has given much to the students. It is now time for the students to support the SGA.

—Earl Gershenow, '62

Alpha Fire Co. Praised by AEPi's

TO THE EDITOR: The brothers and pledges of Alpha Epsilon Pi would like to thank the men of the Alpha Fire Company for their very efficient service in extinguishing a fire in our kitchen. Their speed and competence prevented a small fire from turning into a tragic blaze, and for this we are very grateful.

—Morton Gulak President

Gazette

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AIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
AIM Judicial Board of Review, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
All-University Elections, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB gameroom
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Chess Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB
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WRA Bridge Club, intermediates and advanced, 7 p.m., White Hall
WSGA Senate, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB

