

Editorial Opinion

# Student Drivers, Stop! Have One for the Road

Death is so permanent!

It's something that students must push to the back of their mind while traveling during the Christmas vacation. It's a morbid thought which doesn't blend well with the holiday spirit. But, this very spirit has made death a part of every vacation period.

Newspapers continually strive to promote highway safety, the National Safety Council never relents in its campaigns for safe driving, yet the death toll continues to rise. At best, these groups can only attempt to make drivers more aware of what has already happened, in hopes that some extra thought will be given to the tragic problem.

If 40,000 Americans were to die in one terrible catastrophe, the news would rock the world. Actually, this happened last year in one single catastrophe—traffic deaths.

However, there was a promising trend in the fatal statistics last year. Although about 40,000 were killed on the highways, there was a drop of 4 per cent over the previous year. But even so, an additional 1,350,000 were injured through vehicle accidents in 1958.

Perhaps the American public is finally taking its driving serious. Perhaps the "scare" techniques employed by traffic safety officials are finally sinking in.

But already this fall, two students have been killed in auto crashes. And we have passed over only one vacation period. We have been given a break in the weather so far, with few icy roads.

It has been said—both jokingly and seriously—that the major mechanical defect causing accidents has been in the nut behind the wheel. How true! Theoretically, this "nut" has the ability to think and reason. It is when these functions aren't being performed that accidents are likely to happen.

Drowsy drivers have been one of the major causes of accidents. The week before a vacation is filled with blue-books and term papers for the majority of students. Today is blue Friday—bluebook Friday—for many students, which means little sleep for a lot of drivers.

Follow the traditional suggestion: Make the last one for the road coffee. Take advantage of the free coffee being offered to travelers in the Lion's Den of the HUB today.

Have a happy, and safe, holiday.

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Letters

# 'Hickory' Men Are Disgruntled Over Rally

TO THE EDITOR: We, the loyal men of West Halls, wish to make known the rational views which we hold.

We feel that we do not need to challenge other people to come to our pep rallies, especially if we ourselves are not going to show up. At least when we plan something, we are prompt about it.

There were approximately 25 to 30 people in front of Old Main when the bells rang 8 p.m. Monday, however, no one was there to take charge. Being cold and having just taken a chem blue-book, we adjourned to the HUB. Approximately one half hour later several boys came running through the Lion's Den yelling, "Nitany won the cheering contest!"

We are quite sure that we too could win cheering contests if we would schedule them for 8 p.m. and not show up at the appointed time. Later, after everyone leaves thinking the entire matter a hoax, we too could proclaim ourselves "cheering champs."

We men at West Halls, however, are above such things. We find it necessary to study during the week and therefore cannot necessarily always have cheering contests, but you can be sure that we men are behind the team and that we shall yell twice as loud as the Nitany boys during the game and four times as loud when we "bleach the Crimson Tide."

—Norman Reitmeyer, Jon Boyer, George Henning, Richard Seasholtz men of Hickory House

# Nittany Gripes Said Just a Fad

TO THE EDITOR: To complain about Nittany Halls is now a fad. Many students are writing to you editors complaining about the size of the rooms, the age of the furniture, and the inadequacy of the heating system.

Our major problem in Nittany has been overlooked, however. Lack of acoustical tile is not the cause of noise in the dorms. Rather, the cause is a lack of consideration on the part of a few boisterous students. The sound of steam flowing through a radiator is not nearly as disturbing as someone banging the radiators for fun.

All the dollars the hierarchy in Old Main can muster will not solve our problem here in Nittany, until we have improved our own conduct.

—Richard Aston, '62

# Ag Students Eligible For Counseling Plan

The College of Agriculture has its own recruiting program in the form of a high school counseling plan and this year, as in the past three years, the Agricultural Student Council will conduct the program.

Each year in January, students in the college visit their high schools to discuss and explain the University's College of Agriculture to those planning to attend college and major in the field.

Any agriculture student is eligible to participate in the program and should obtain a self-explanatory invitational letter from Mrs. Robb in 211 Armsby.

A briefing meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 6 in 210 Armsby. Instructions concerning the counseling plan will be given by Dr. Russell Dickerson, associate dean and director of agriculture.

The counseling will take place between Jan. 25 and Feb. 5.

Allen LeVan, junior in agriculture education from Fleetwood, is chairman of the counseling committee.

HOSPITAL

George Baldwin, Norman Burkey, Ralph Carestria, Raymond Ford, Karen Guldner, Mary Lee Hobbs, Donald Hestley, Helen Harlow, Evelyn Koebelin, Frances Lefever, Carole Miszur, Vivian Semko, James Sacconano, Carole Sweeney, Frank Wolf.



# Collegian Gift List Melts North Pole

Now that Linus, Charlie Brown and Lucy have finally submitted their Christmas lists to Santa, it's time for the traditional Daily Collegian list.

With Snoopy singing "Lassie, the Red-nosed Collie" in the background, accompanied by Prof Wayne, the Collegian staff offers its season's greetings:

To Gov. Lawrence, a book: "The Rising Costs of Education," by Dr. Eric A. Walker.

To President Eric A. Walker, an autographed book: "Make Do What You Have," by David L. Lawrence.

To Otto E. Mueller and Albert E. Diem, a week's lodging all expenses paid in Nittany 35.

To the Corner Room, something unusual, a stabilized price list.

To Dean Dorothy J. Lipp, special permission to stay out until midnight on New Year's Eve.

To State College merchants, 15,000 students returning gifts Jan. 4.

To Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, an office on the second floor of Old Main.

To Dean Ernest B. McCoy, a ticket in the end zone for the Liberty Bowl.

To John Egli, four more Magicians.

To Ralph W. McComb, tem-

pered steel bars for the Library.

To the Nittany Area, a new TVA flood control plan.

To James Dunlop, an album: "Music to Play Football By," by George Gershwin.

To Campus Patrol, a plaque engraved with the Golden Rule.

To the Ordnance Research Lab, "20,000 Ways to Prepare Poisoned Fish," by Duncan Hines.

To the Army ROTC unit, a Geiger counter to detect missing machine guns.

To Food Service, the 20,000 fish prepared by the Ordnance Lab.

To Bud Dudley, a ticket to the Orange Bowl game.

To the Associated Press, everybody's All-American first string quarterback Richie Lucas.

To Dean Frank J. Simes, editorship of the 1960 Lemon.

To the Organization Board of Control, members.

To sorority girls, a fourth for bridge.

To fraternity men, a fifth for bridge.

To SGA Assembly, violins to fiddle while Old Main burns.

To WDFM, "Payola and You," by Mickey Bergstein.

To the student body, just a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# Ye Olde Lyberty Bowle

Take down ye olde parka—

And go on a ride—  
To watch Penn State's Lion  
Stop Ye Olde Crimson Tide—

Yes, take lots of blankets,  
And Mother's old stole  
Lest the weather be chilly  
In Ye Lyberty Bowle!

Yes, take an umbrella—  
Not just to keep dry,  
But to save your fedora  
From ye gulls flying high.

Show the boys from Down  
Yonder

We're sports thru and thru—  
But give them a beating  
Whatever you do!

Show Mason and Dixon—  
Who run that olde lyne—  
Ye boys from Mount Nittany  
Are the best anytime!

—Phillip A. Mark  
T.V.O., Traffic  
Violations Officer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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