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WHAT AM I BID!! Members and guests of the Penn State Model Railroad Club look over handmade equipment from engines to barns just prior to the club's annual auction sale last night.

# MIT Plans Cage-type Garages To Ease Crowded Parking

By PAT HALLER

(This is the fifth in a series of articles on traffic and parking problems which confront other colleges and universities.)

A multi-level garage with cage-type elevators which will accommodate 400 cars is presently under construction at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology according to Norman Sidney, captain of the MIT campus patrol.

Sidney said in a letter written to Elliot Newman, member of the SGA Traffic Code Investigation Committee, that there are plans for additional accommodations of this type in the "not too distant future." He said there is a population of approximately 14,000 and parking accommodations for a few over 2000.

MIT's parking rules and regulations, which Sidney enclosed in his letter, state that all students who need a car because of health or disability must apply to the dean for a special parking permit.

A limited number of spaces in Institute parking areas are available for the needs of student government, activities and athletics. The recipients of these permits are determined by a student committee working with the dean.

Commuting students not living near transportation lines must apply for permits by completing a form and returning it to the campus patrol office, according to the regulations.

Resident students are permitted to park their cars in any lot, except the Main Lot, only from 5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 5:30 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Monday. The regulations state that resident students parking in lots at all other times, without proper authority, will be tagged and fined.

MIT is a 115-acre campus which extends for more than a mile along the Cambridge side of the Charles River Basin facing the skyline of Boston. It is an independent, coeducational endowed school which receives no tax support from the Commonwealth, but benefits from a small annual federal grant under the Morrill Act of 1862.

## Keene Receives 4-H Scholarship

Mary Keene, junior in home economics from Christiana, was named winner of the Allen L. Baker 4-H Scholarship award for 1960.

The award was presented to Miss Keene at the eighth annual Awards Dinner recently held by the College of Home Economics in the Nittany Lion Inn.

The award fund provides two annual scholarships of \$50 each for the first semester of the current University year.

## Sams Praises New Major; Sees Intensified Courses

Henry W. Sams, professor of English, said Thursday night that the new English major, passed by the University Senate Thursday afternoon, will aid the homogeneity of the students taking literature and composition courses.

Because of the prerequisites required for the "400" courses (these are freshman English and two lower level courses in the "100" series), the students studying on the "400" level will have been interested enough to take the requirements and will have the background to do advanced work.

These two factors, Sams said, will make the level of advanced courses higher, by eliminating from these courses the student with a poor background in literature.

The end result, Sams continued, will be to make the student in the "100" level courses feel on safe ground, without the presence of the keen competition created by specialists, majors and graduate students.

On the "400" level, students will be specializing to a greater extent than they could before.

## Chain Letter Fad Has Long History

By DAVE RUNKEL

The era of the chain letter which started with money passed through stages of shoes, hair and derogatory letters before it hit the campus in its present form.

The chain letter has been popular (and profitable for some) for 25 years.

One man who had a wooden left leg decided he needed a shoe for his right foot but was without the necessary finances.

His solution? He started a send-a-right-footed-shoe chain letter, netting some 500 shoes of assorted sizes and conditions, according to an article in Coronet magazine.

Another man who was bald started a send-a-hair letter, presumably to collect enough hair to make a toupee. Another letter attacked the policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, but was quickly squelched by some of the president's supporters, the articles said.

The chain letter racket is held responsible for only one direct death — a man who broke the chain and became so afraid of what the "mob" would do to him if they found out that he killed himself.

The original chain letter involving cash was circulated in Denver in 1935. The idea for this

letter came from good luck letters which were sent during World War I, Coronet said.

In this scheme only a dime was involved but if everyone lived up to the provisions of the letter one could receive for an original investment of 10 cents, 15,625 dimes or \$1562.50.

Federal authorities did not attempt to control this until two enterprising businessmen raised the price of the letters to \$1. Then the government arrested the businessmen, but a grand jury in Denver refused to indict them.

On the morning of May 7, 1935, the chain letter hit Springfield, Missouri, like a tidal wave and by midnight everyone in the town had a letter to sell. During this day another attraction was added to the game when notary publics would "validate" the transactions for a nominal fee of 25 cents, according to Coronet.

## Placement Service Aids Graduates

The Job Placement Service, an organization designed to give students a chance to learn more about a future in their chosen careers, offers aid to graduating seniors in the keen competition for jobs. R. C. Schnelle, assistant head of the service said.

The Placement Service, located in 112 Old Main, conducts two recruiting seasons during the school year, at which time graduating students may sign up for job interviews with representatives of various companies throughout the United States.

Schnelle said that the fall season, which began Oct. 3 and

ends Dec. 16, has interviews available for January bachelor of science graduates and those who will get advanced degrees.

Students interested in having an interview with a particular company are given a week in which they may investigate the companies and their workings, Schnelle said. Files are available in the placement office for this purpose.

Students, he said, should know

pertinent facts about the companies just as the companies should learn about their prospective employees.

At the end of this time the student may sign up for an interview in the placement office. The interview, lasting about a half hour, is conducted by a trained interviewer whose main interest is finding out about the individual's personality and the plan-

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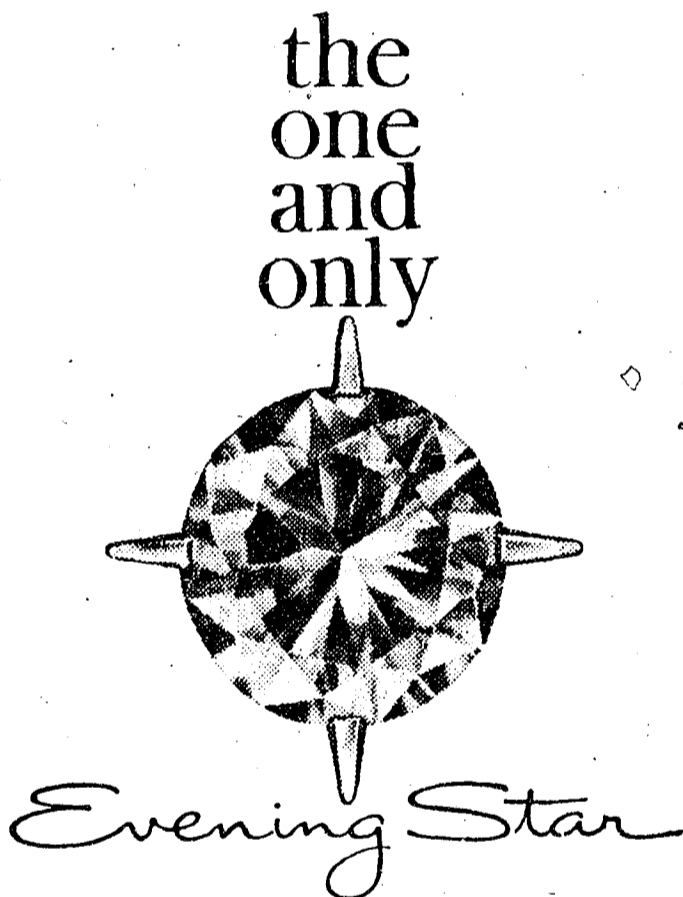
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