

Annual inspection a success, official says

Contrary to negative predictions, PennDOT reports no increase in accidents

The annual auto safety inspection for Pennsylvania motorists has fared well since it became law in August 1982, despite criticism that the move would create more traffic accidents in the state, a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation spokeswoman said recently.

There has been positive support from the public with the switch to annual inspections, said Joyce Tomano, assistant press secretary for PennDOT. Annual state inspections have cut administrative costs by \$1.8 million per year. Motorists have also saved \$61 million

per year in inspection fees, she added.

Accident statistics show that three factors, including state inspections, most often affect traffic safety, said Tomano.

Driver failure, which includes drunken driving and heart attacks at the wheel, accounts for the greatest percentage of traffic accidents, she said.

A second factor, she added, is hazardous road conditions because of the weather.

Finally, the condition of vehicles, which the annual state inspection is responsible for upholding, accounts for a small percentage of

traffic accidents, she said.

"For the past several years vehicle failures have been the primary cause for between 3 to 5 percent of traffic accidents," said Tomano.

"This has remained constant since we've changed to annual inspection and we are confident it has no overall effect on traffic fatalities."

Mechanic Brian Johnson of Gregg's Sunoco, 605 University Drive, said State College residents easily adjusted to the annual inspection switch.

Motorists have been bringing their cars in

for maintenance check-ups and have been more conscientious about repairs, Johnson said.

As for the business itself, he said no significant loss in revenue has been cited as a result of the inspection changes.

Roy Beman, owner of Roy Beman Auto Service, 1701 W. College Ave., said his business has not lost revenue because cars need more repairs with annual inspections. However, as a result of the additional repairs, costs are higher for the consumer.

—by Lori L. Heller

Correction

Because of a reporter's error it was incorrectly stated in Friday's Daily Collegian that Kevin Wulfhorst was elected as an Undergraduate Student Government senator representing South Halls. The senator-elect is Michael Metzgar.

Students may trade in pencils for pitchforks

By STEVE WILSON
Collegian Staff Writer

A student farm would allow agriculture students to apply their knowledge to practical problems, the head of the center for small scale agriculture programs said Friday.

At a dialogue concerning the farm, Timothy Bowser (senior-agricultural engineering) said the farm would benefit small-scale agriculture programs by presenting a place where it can focus on research completed in laboratories.

According to the agriculture student's written proposal, the farm would give students practical experience while providing regional farmers with important information from research. The college estimates that 80 percent of agriculture students have never worked on a farm.

Grant W. Sherritt, associate professor of animal science, said students have plenty of opportunity to gain practical experience through internships but do not take advantage of it.

Sherritt heads a program in which students can work on a regional farm over the summer and said only a few students have participated.

"I don't see that (experience) is a strong reason for implementation of this program," Sherritt said.

Samuel Curtis, professor of agricultural education, said he did not think the farm could be used for both research and training because the two goals would conflict.

"One approach is not going to provide experience for all students," Curtis said.

Carolyn E. Sachs, assistant professor of rural sociology, said she thinks the dialogue was constructive.

The proposal also states that the farm should be used to study economic management, ecology, international farming, and extension of knowledge to regional farmers.

Another dialogue is scheduled from 2 to 3:30 this Friday in 103 Ferguson.

collegian notes

- Energetics will hold an energetic exercise hour at 5:30 today in the Assembly Room of the Walnut Building.
- The Penn State Juggling Club will meet at 8:30 tonight in 133 White Building.
- The Nursing Consultation Center will hold a "Learn to relax" session Tuesday evenings at 5:30 beginning tonight at the Nursing Consultation Center in 111 Human Development East.
- The Penn State Science Fiction Society will meet at 7:30 tonight in 217 Boucke. The movie "Dark Star" will be shown.
- Penn State Students for Life will meet at 7 tonight in 316 HUB.
- The Division of Undergraduate Studies will hold an Education Planning Program for DUS freshmen at 7 tonight in 162 Willard.
- The College of Science Student Council will meet to plan office elections, a reception and a coffeehouse at 7:30 tonight in 307 Boucke.
- The Golden Key National Honor Society will hold a meeting for all day finding five unauthorized leads tapping into a commercial cable television system in Nittany Building 37. Police said the leads were connected to a cable hookup in the main lobby and led to several individual rooms. The students involved will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct, police said.
- Lisa Korona (junior-physical education), 188 Wolf Hall, told University police Sunday a camera valued at \$140 was missing from her room.
- The PSU Fencing Club will meet from 7 to 9:30 tonight in 33 White Building. Lessons will be given until 8.
- The College Democrats will meet to endorse a presidential candidate at 7:30 tonight in 308 Willard.
- Al-Anon will meet at 7 tonight in 135 Boucke.
- The Free University will hold a satisfying vegetarian cooking course at 6 tonight in 369 Willard.
- The meeting for the Human Development Honor Society at 7 tonight has been cancelled.
- History Roundtable will present Dr. William Duker, professor of East Asian history, speaking on events that have taken place since 1975 in Vietnam at 8 tonight in 303 Willard.
- Michele Cahill (senior-civil engineering), 219 E. Prospect Ave., told the State College Police Department on Sunday a 25-inch man's yellow Peugeot bicycle was missing from her residence on March 31. Police said the bicycle was valued at \$200.
- Terry Black (junior-speech communications), 409 E. Foster Ave., told State College police Sunday four hubcaps valued at \$280 were missing from his vehicle between March 28 and 29.
- by Leslie Thomas

police log

- Tamara Bray (junior-business administration), 5 Nittany 30, told University Police Services on Saturday she was struck in the leg with a BB pellet fired from a window in Shultz Hall. Bray was treated at Centre Community Hospital for minor injuries and released, a hospital spokeswoman said.
- Police said they have identified a suspect and confiscated the BB gun and pellets. Charges are pending, police said.
- University police reported Sunday

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Johnstown

Industrial city struggles for survival once again



Photo by Paul Chiland

The city of Johnstown has three times been devastated by floods. Today the city faces another problem — a sliding economy — which may be even more menacing because its effects are not as easily seen.

Johnstown's people face one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. Most of Johnstown's economy is centered on the steel industry. Both Bethlehem Steel and United States Steel corporations operated major works in Johnstown. The Bethlehem plant curtailed some of its operations while U.S. Steel (below, left) announced it would close its Johnstown plant last Sunday. However, U.S. Steel later decided

to keep some of its crews working until present orders are completed.

The community has responded by creating organizations to help those affected by the drastic unemployment. The groups have set up funds and services for individuals with expired unemployment benefits or needs not covered by benefits.

This past weekend, Daily Collegian photographers Paul Chiland and Eric C. Hegedus went to Johnstown to spotlight some of the people and sights of this struggling city. In the accompanying photos are images of a city fighting back against what one Johnstownian calls an "insidious thing."



Photo by Eric C. Hegedus



Photo by Paul Chiland

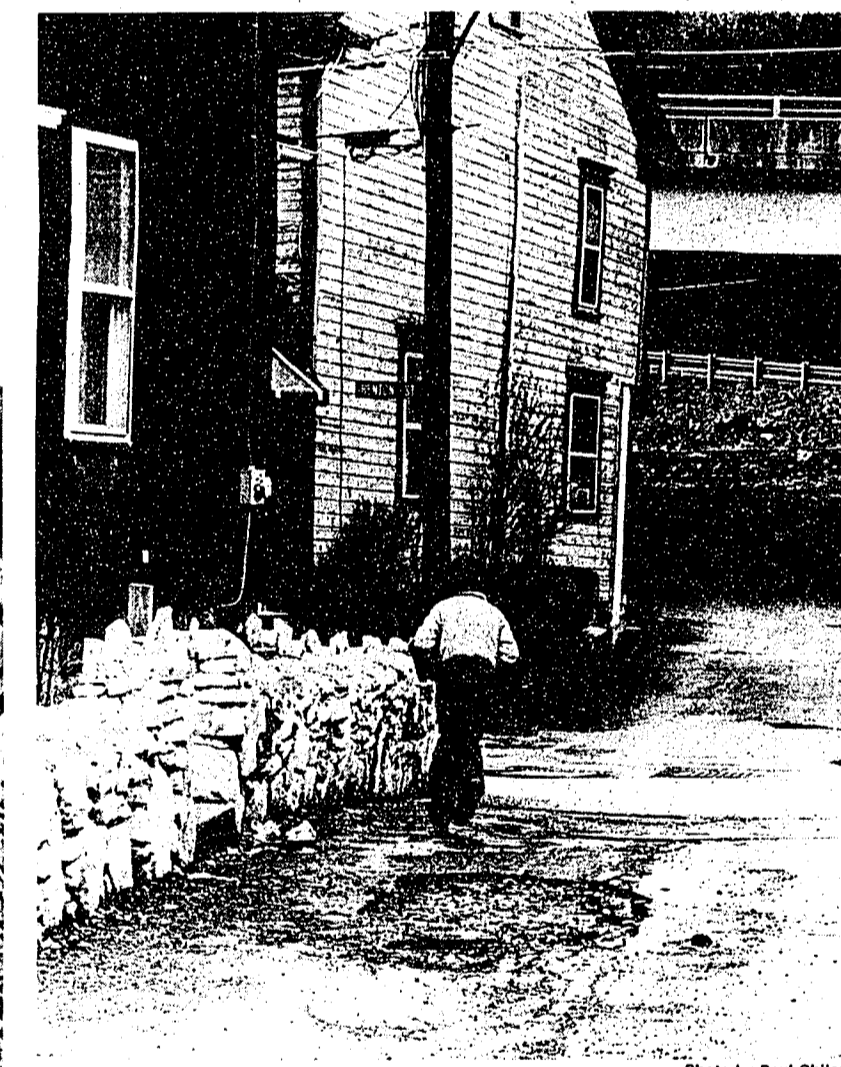


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On Monday, April 2, at 8 p.m. in the HUB Main Lounge, Donald Barnes, a former military researcher at Brooks Air Force Base, will tell the whole story of how primates are tortured and killed to learn how to kill humans. Mr. Barnes' presentation will include an underground training film by the military.

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