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## State Police Urge Yule Safety

### Commercialism Seems To Be Christmas Theme; Santa Is for the Birds

By ED TOMAO

Every time Christmas time rolls around people start running around in a dither, buying presents for each other and worrying about a lot of unnecessary things. Commercialism seems to have been the theme of Christmas for the past few years. All this stuff about Santa Claus and "The Night Before Christmas" is going right down the drain, where it undoubtedly belongs.

All this tripe about a little round guy sliding down a chimney and messing up people's living rooms with ashes and soot will just have to go. Besides, no one in their right mind would believe that he would fit in a modern ranch-type smoke-stack.

Of course, this bit about people getting all shook about Jingle Bells and dashing through the snow is a loser from way back. It isn't cold enough outside, but some people just have to ride in a one-horse open sleigh and freeze their whosies' off.

But then again, some people will do anything. What with all these wonder-drugs and cold cures that they have out. The world is becoming a hodge-podge of hypochondriacs. Penicillin! Take a good stiff drink and it pours out of your hip like Niagara Falls. Aspirin! What's the matter with a little head-ache? It takes your mind off your troubles.

The next thing you know they'll be injecting air-wick into salomi.

Getting back to the proper commercialism of Christmas, what about the little ditty on the night before the day when everyone opens their presents? The author of that, obviously anonymous, (who would want their name associated with such an obtuse thing anyway?), must have really been confused.

"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings

were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

Let's look this over carefully. If it's the night before Christmas, then naturally everyone is feeling a little bit high due to their over-indulgence. Then they're probably getting to sleep about two a. m. This means that it is obviously the morning of, and not the night before Christmas. In the same manner it can be shown how each part of this poem is untrue.

The whole thing is unadulterated fallacy which should be stricken from the records entirely. In its stead may I suggest that some student of literature compose something about a house party that's visited by the blue-coats and where everyone has a blast. That's definitely a better bit than all that stuff about sugar plums and new-fallen snow and night-caps. All that jive is like strictly from outer space man, like, you know what I mean.

By this time all of you people must realize that no one is this cynical, and that all this is just an abstract way of saying, Merry Christmas!



COL. JOHN P. FERGUSON

### Obey All Traffic Regulations Driving Home For Christmas

Colonel John P. Ferguson, superintendent of the Delaware State Police, has requested the cooperation of the faculty and student body of the university in making this holiday vacation period one of joy and not sadness, due to traffic accidents.

Colonel Ferguson has asked that you take it easy when driving home for your Christmas vacation.

More than 4,100 college students, from four institutions in the state, will start homeward soon.

"I request you put off starting your trip in late afternoon or evening, wait until morning after a good night's sleep," Colonel Ferguson said, "rather than trying to leave immediately after classes."

"Our Troopers have been alerted to watch for the drivers who disregard traffic regulations and especially toward the drinking driver. This means strict enforcement of traffic laws and courteous, but firm insistence on safe driving procedures."

"Students can help by behaving sensibly, by not driving too long or too far at one time, by stopping for a coffee break or other rest every 100 miles or so on long trips and by seeing to it that their cars are in good shape and fit for travel."

"While they are home, they should continue to drive carefully and with proper respect for their own and others safety."

"To students, who do not drive

while at college, but who will be taking over the family car during the holidays, you must remember" Colonel Ferguson stated, "such drivers are more out of practice than many of them realize and should drive with extra care."

"I realize, at this time of year, many families and friends will be having holiday affairs where intoxicating refreshments are served. I am not suggesting that you do not attend such celebrations, but I emphatically remind you, if you do drink, do not drive your car!"

"Unfortunately, last year during the holiday season in Delaware, there were seven fatal accidents in which seven persons died. 'Drinking while driving' was the contributing factor in five of these accidents."

"Do not ruin your life by disregarding safety officials' warnings. Obey all traffic regulations and if you 'drink, don't drive'."

"Have a happy vacation and start the New Year with a maximum of success."

### Are Young Adults Really Worse Drivers Than 'Adult' Adults?

By DAVE HEEREN

Are females really better drivers than males? Are young adults really worse drivers than 'adult' adults?

The pamphlet, "Accident Facts," published by the National Safety Council, lists sets of statistics which indicate that the answers to both questions is emphatically, Yes.

But there are redeeming subtleties in the statistics for both males and youths.

In defense of the males it can be shown that their driving techniques have tended to improve in the last few years, whereas the females have shown a distinct reverse tendency.

It is true that young adults are involved in more than their share of accidents, but this is

largely the result of speeding, the number one traffic safety hazard. On the other hand, the chief violators of the number-two road hazard — and number-one road courtesy — right-of-way, are the more experienced drivers.

Of all accidental deaths, forty per cent occur on the road. The general accidental death rate over the past score of years has declined, but the traffic accident rate has risen.

Contrary to common belief, weather plays only a small part in altering traffic accident rates. Drivers are generally more careful in the most hazardous conditions, and thus accident rates remain relatively constant. Nevertheless, the hazard of a slippery road is not to be underestimated.

Drinking, on the other hand, is almost as great a cause of traffic fatalities as is speeding, statistics show. Three of ten fatal accidents involve at least one 'influenced' driver, while four of ten involve a speeder.

Night driving is also hazardous. Per number of vehicles on the road at night as opposed to the number on the road in daylight, the accident rate is considerably higher for night driving.

Pedestrians crossing between intersections present another hazard. Although many more pedestrians cross at intersections than do not — we hope — twice as many accidents involve the jaywalkers.

An interesting though deceiving statistic is: Twice as many pedestrians are killed while

walking with the lights than are killed while walking against them. Here again, however, many more pedestrians cross with the lights than against them — we hope.

The motor vehicle death rate in the state of Delaware is among the lowest in the country, but this is another deceiving statistic.

Statistics also show that fatal traffic accidents occur more frequently in rural than in urban territory because of the increased opportunity for speeding. Delaware is situated in the most densely populated section of the nation, and thus the lower highway fatality rate. However, in the northeast — including the eleven states from Maine to Maryland — Delaware's traffic fatality rate is higher than all

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THE DELAWARE MEMORIAL BRIDGE — exemplifies traffic safety. Approximately 25,000 cars cross the sixth longest span in the world every day, but only two fatal accidents have occurred on the bridge in the seven years it has been in use. Frank Horty, director of the Delaware Memorial Bridge Commission, claims

that good bridge policing and numerous signs are in some measure responsible for the low accident rate on the bridge. Mr. Horty expresses the hope that you will drive carefully on the way home — especially if the weather is bad — so that you will be able to enjoy your holiday.

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## Traffic Death

### And Holiday Cheer

I know a black-robed mistress who will sell herself to anybody. She is called Death. It is never difficult to find this horrible lass; on the contrary, among her customers last year were 38,500 drivers and passengers of motor vehicles. She'll take no holiday these next few weeks. This will be for her an occasion to drum up some business. While many of us will be sipping the holiday cheer, she'll be drinking in the tragedy of highway accidents.

If you spend 15 minutes glancing through the pages of this campus chronicle, one person will be dead and 75 will be injured while you read. It is rather a relentless situation. No matter what one can do, Death will never ease up on her efforts. The sadistic onlookers will sit by their radios during the Yule season and count the mounting toll of highway fatalities.

The reports will come in from the provinces — six more teenagers to be added to the list. The total is approaching last year's record. We need only 24 more. Kids will be exhorted to get into their autos and aid the national figures. And somewhere in Kent or Sussex the wheels will screech. The metal will resound and the instant of terror will become an eternity of oblivion.

By the week's end, the excess population will be reduced somewhat, only to be challenged by the approaching feast of the New Year. Thousands will stagger to their automobiles, haphazardly start the engine, and roar to their reward, such is ample compensation for the lady in black.

Should this macabre female decide upon a freak in her satanic activities, she could claim every student in four Universities of Delaware. For example 8,000 students died in auto accidents last year. It would take a decade of Freshman Classes to make up the loss and bring the enrollment back to zero.

Death has been relatively easy on this university, however. Only two students have died in auto collisions. Only two students — who by now could have been successful in their careers and parents of a half dozen children.

Strange it is that in her quest for more customers Death doesn't have to be a particularly good saleswoman. Most of her partakers seem to clamor for her. Eighty-eight per cent of the people who died in highway accidents last year broke a law in the process.

It would be a sad thing for the man with the white beard and red garb to have to make a futile trip to your home. I hope that you will take the caution to be there to receive him. In our house we used to leave a bottle of beer and a piece of fruit cake for Saint Nick. Not really a thoughtful gesture. Santa has to drive further than anyone to reach his destination. Like most everyone, he has his human side too. Better not to tempt him. For, it is rather a "thinking driver than a drinking one" who gets home.

Else the red of his cap will blend with the liquid red in his beard, a slimy sanguine scarlet to accompany a Christmas carcass.

RSW

## Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,

Since we are presently living in the Home Management House, we would like to present a clearer picture of life here.

To begin with we are not "playing house;" we are efficiently managing a home! Based on the scientific knowledge obtained through our basic and advanced courses, this experience is not only beneficial to us as homemakers but as professional women as well.

Through these activities, we are achieving and maintaining high standards of living by managing our resources—both human and material. This is a laboratory experience in which we, as Home Economists, are accomplishing many of our goals by living and working together in a realistic situation.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte Rhodes  
Ginny Paul  
Jane Doran  
Jan Hedreen  
Ruth Boice



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## Offstage Notebook

By GEORGE SPELVIN

The lights came up again in Mitchell Hall last week, this time on E52's second major production, "Ring Round the Moon." Thursday's opening nite performance played to a very small but anomalously responsive audience. Among those opening niters was the usual Wilmington newspaper critic who, the following day in his review of the play, prefaced the article with "this is a rave notice." Thus, in the same manner your local critic Spelvin will forward his remarks with: this is NOT a rave notice.

Jean Anouilh's "Ring Round the Moon" adapted from the French by Christopher Fry in an innocuous comedy, only a new twist to the conventional Cinderella fairy tale. With tongue in cheek Anouilh anatomizes romantic love via a muddled plot, ridiculous but amusing characters, and outdated theatre clichés. The play is very talky constantly harping on life, love, and money; but all in a very inane fashion with no real serious overtones. It is a play of many moods: wistfully romantic, occasionally fantastic, often satiric, and at all times spotlessly moral.

"Ring Round the Moon" is not a conventional comedy. In fact, Christopher Fry suggested that it be called a "Charade with Music." In any case it is not an actor-proof play. It has been said that Anouilh is not a poet of words but a poet of words acted. This statement appears very true and, I think, points to the ultimate shortcoming of this E52 production. The cast, with few exceptions, is not up to the play, and if Spelvin may dare to stick his neck out further, the play itself is not of enough value to worry about in the first place. Anouilh has written several great plays, "The Lark" which starred Julie Harris, and just recently "Time Remembered" with Helen Hayes and Suzan Strasberg. In this country, "Ring Round the Moon" has never enjoyed the same success as did many of his better plays.

Bernard McInerney Jr. who who plays the double role of Hugo and Frederic—identical twin brothers of opposite personalities—is to be heartedly commended. Despite the rapid entrances and exits of one brother right on the heels of his twin, Mr. McInerney's constant and clear distinction between the two is always evident. With a polished professional delivery, Mr. McInerney consistently captures the quality of the writing so necessary to keep this mediocre play alive. Joanne Dietz and Daniel Lanning were also entertaining as they danced a comic tango while simultaneously discussing their love affair. This dance scene has a great deal of potential, and by all rights should have stolen the show. However, it didn't. Gretchen Berguido was adequate as the typical ingenue. Despite being a leading role, her part didn't seem to have much to offer, and she in turn hardly enhanced it. Previous roles have shown her in a much better light. Peter Wilson, a freshman, was at times very funny. Though his acting is somewhat inconsistent, we have, nevertheless, a vastly improved actor since we first saw him in a bit part in "Lady Precious Stream."

Chalk up one more success for Thomas Watson, scene designer and technical director, whose setting received vigorous applause as the opening curtain went up.

It is the considered opinion of this column that E52 has been coasting on the successes of last year. We sincerely hope that you will pick a good play for your production next spring.

## SILENT EXIT

They say money talks, but most of it seems to sneak off without saying a word.



## Christmas Tide in Germany

BY KLAUS T. GUENTER

In Germany the celebration of Christmas begins with Advent four weeks before the festival of the Nativity. Then you will find all over the country the Advent wreath, made of branches of fir entwined with bright red ribbon and serving as support for four candles. One candle is lighted on the first Sunday, then each succeeding Sunday another candle is added till on the Sunday before Christmas all four shed their mild light over the little festive ceremony taking place in the evenings.

Then, on December 6th, Santa Claus goes from house to house admonishing and punishing the naughty children, assisted by "Knecht Ruprecht," the incarnation of the devil, and rewarding the good ones with apples, nuts, and ginger cookies. During the preceding night he has already filled with toys and sweets the shoes and stockings hung by the children alongside the door.

Another exciting and pleasant event with this season is the Christmas fair, fascinating to adults as to children in many towns and cities. The most famous of all fairs is that of Nuremberg, the old town of Albrecht Durer. Besides charming paper dolls and angels and many other ornamental trinkets there are booths filled with the entrancing and proverbial Nuremberg toys ranging from tin soldiers to sugar plums, those tiny comfits or little Biedermeier figures made of nuts and dried fruit. There is an atmosphere of eager anticipation on all fairs in the dim glow of petroleum lamps, and no electric lights destroy the tone and mood of fairland.

In Germany, in contrast to many countries, Christmas Eve is the principal fete, when families gather together, exchange gifts, sing ancient carols and attend the midnight service at church. There are numerous customs connected with this night. In the Black Forest, the cradle of the candle-light Christmas tree, a plate is laid out on Christmas Eve to show Our Lady that she has not been forgotten as it once happened in the past.

In the vicinity of Pulver Lake, between Moselle and Rhine, a candle is kept burning all the night in every house, in token of the Saviour's birth.

In other parts of the country the peasants believe - and tell it to their children - that on this holy night one can understand the language of the animals: a superstition that recalls the presence of the ox and the ass in the stable of Bethlehem.

And in Oberammergau, famous for the "Passions Plays" taking place before Easter, every 10 years every family plants a little Christmas tree, aglow with tiny tapers, on the graves of their dead, thus including them in this great annual feast.

For several years now people from West Germany have lighted Christmas trees along the Soviet-occupied zone to show their countrymen on the other side of the dividing line that they are not forgotten.

No German home, be it ever so humble, is without its Christmas tree. The custom was then carried to the New World by German immigrants.

In Germany Christmas is a true family feast. While, the celebration may differ locally, the underlying thought is ever the same: light and love to all men everywhere - the outward expression of which is the exchange of gifts, the traditional feast and wassail bowl or, the singing of carols. Most of the German carols derive from ancient hymns. But one of the widest known carols is a modern one: "Silent Night." The words were written on December 24, 1818 by Father Franz Mohr, parish priest of a little village near Salzburg. During the evening his friend Gruber, organist of a nearby church, dropped in and was so pleased with the little poem that he immediately set it to music, and the two friends sang it together - the first performance of the work which is now known in every quarter of the world.

Christmas Day is set apart for visiting friends and neighbors and partaking of the Christmas feast, the highlight of the day.

The Christmas season closes on Twelfth Night, the feast of the Epiphany. In Bavaria and the Black Forest little children dressed as the three Magis go from house to house, singing carols and carrying lanterns or lighted tapers and usually a paper star, representing the star of Bethlehem, whence the name "Sternsingen."

Nowadays the star singing is mostly found in the Rhineland, where it originally arose. In 1164 the Emperor Barbarossa presented to the city of Cologne the relics of the Magi, the first worshippers of the new born Christchild.

On January 6th the tree is then lightened for the last time and the curtain falls once more on the holy tide of Christmas.



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# Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday

Tomorrow the university doors will close for the holiday season and everyone will be directing their full attention to the Christmas holiday that lies ahead.

Some will be making that short trip home. Others will be making that long, dreaded haul. Long or short, the Delaware Safety Council has urged students to be on the alert for traffic hazards, and when they get home and get lost in the frivolous pace that they set for themselves in shopping, in decorating the home, with parties, in helping prepare the holiday feast, and all other activities, the Council urges that they do everything the best way — the safe way.

What should be the happiest

season of the year is all too often the most tragic. Year after year, Christmas Eve is the most dangerous day of the year, accident-wise.

Longer hours of darkness, heavy shopping - district traffic, drivers traveling much too fast for winter road conditions, the last minute rush to buy presents, shoppers' arms piled high with packages, and drinking drivers and pedestrians, all contribute to this mockery of Christmas.

In warning against driving after drinking, the Council points out that one-fourth of all fatal traffic accidents involve a drinking driver or pedestrian. The conviviality of the holiday season probably increases this

percentage.

More fatal traffic accidents, including more pedestrian deaths, happen each Christmas Eve than at any other comparable time of the year.

## DEADLIEST HOUR

And the Council, which compiles holiday statistics, says that 6 to 7 p. m. on Christmas Eve is the deadliest hour both for drivers and pedestrians.

Darkness, bad weather, speed, alcohol and pedestrian errors are the causes of the high toll.

The Council fears the season's highway toll may hit an all-time high unless drivers, pedestrians and enforcement officials take extra precaution.

The national figures showed that during the 1956 Christmas-

New Year holidays, each of four days, traffic claimed 706 lives at Christmas and 409 during New Year's.

## 384 DIE

Last year, when most persons had only a one-day holiday, the traffic toll was 224 for Christmas and 160 for New Year's.

Council surveys of last year's toll show that 72 per cent of the fatal accidents involved speed too fast for conditions.

Drinking drivers were involved in 55 per cent of the fatal and non-fatal accidents.

The Council holds that everyone can, and should, practice common sense accident prevention safeguards over the holiday season.

## HINTS FOR SAFETY

In traffic, remember:

1. Use extra care for the extra holiday hazards.

2. Put the Christmas spirit of "good will" into your attitude toward drivers and pedestrians.

3. Don't let Christmas packages obstruct your vision when you are walking.

4. Don't drive if you drink—and vice versa.

5. Start in time and take it easy. Allow for winter weather and extra holiday traffic.

Christmas is a season of gaiety, to be sure, but gaiety to be enjoyed only if you resolve to protect yourself from accident and to "Be Your Brother's Keeper." We sincerely hope this reminder will help you to keep safe for a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

## 'Don't Gamble' Hocutt Urges

Dean of Students John E. Hocutt has urged students to drive carefully during the holiday season.

In wishing students a safe and happy holiday, he said:

"It is a reasonable, albeit gruesome, prediction that during the coming Christmas vacation period several young people from colleges and universities about the country will be killed and countless more will suffer serious injuries in automobile accidents. Unfortunately, University of Delaware students have been involved in such tragedies in the past. Two Delaware students have been killed and a number critically injured during the last few years in automobile accidents resulting from speeding or careless or reckless driving.

"The Review deserves the thanks of all members of the university community for the series of articles it has published on highway safety. Should no more than one student resolve to avoid taking chances in favor of sane driving as a result of this series, the time and effort in publishing these articles will have been worthwhile. I hope these articles will cause every student who feels secure in the belief it cannot happen to me to realize that the loser who gambles with death on the highway only loses once."

## Females

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of the states but those of Vermont and New York.

An interesting and telling fact concerning traffic fatalities is that seemingly small variations in speed cause great discrepancies in stopping distances — proportionately greater with greater speeds. For instance, the difference between 60 and 70 miles-per-hour in terms of life and death is not ten-miles-per-hour, but 77 feet.

Economically too, speeding just doesn't make any sense. Are the 25 minutes the speeder saves on his 300 mile journey worth the extra wear and tear on his car, or the eleven per cent more gas it consumes, or the fifty per cent more or — most valuable of all — his life?

Yes, 'tis fun to challenge death — unless the challenge is accepted.

## Classified

LOST: A tan suede jacket with a Hercules Sportswear trademark in the Student Center coatroom about noon Sat. Dec. 6. Another coat was left by mistake which I allowed to remain in the coatroom with hopes that someone would realize their mistake and swap back. It has also disappeared! Contact Jim Milliken, 208 Colburn.



Merry Christmas

## Witness Recounts Severe New Jersey Auto Accident

By DAVE HEEREN

Heads humming from the shock of the explosion, neither my friend nor I moved.

As our minds cleared, the fading but distant sound of metal distorting and wood splintering made us aware that the blast had occurred nearby.

Recovered from the shock, we raced across a field and between two houses in the direction of the sound. Fifty yards from us, beside New Jersey Highway Route 4, we saw the top half of a telephone pole swinging back and forth with only the precarious support of the wires, and prone on the ground below, the other half of the pole. The smoking remains of the wrecked car were a considerable distance down the bank from the pole.

As we got closer we noticed a large metal road sign lying on the ground near the wreck, about 100 feet from where it had stood upright a moment before.

The car was completely disfigured. Its front was crushed, miscellaneous pieces were strewn all around, and gasoline trickled from the tank which no longer was part of the car.

The driver, a man of about 25, was wedged between the half-torn-off front door and the body of the car. He was unconscious and moaning, and blood poured

from his wounds. Another passenger had been thrown clear in the same direction as the gas tank, and the pool of gasoline he lay in was stained red.

My friend knew better than I what to do and, more important, what not to do. He bent over the saturated man and told me coolly that the man was in too bad shape to be moved. He was: There was a deep clean-cut hole in the back of his head.

A passerby stopped as we bent over the wounded man on the ground, and began tugging at the driver's coat, trying to dislodge him from the door. It took quite a bit of calm persuasion (some of it forceful) to convince the guy that he was doing more harm than good.

By this time the police were arriving, so my friend and I decided to leave the stubborn man, and the rest of the gathering mob, for them to worry about.

## NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT

Next day we read in the local newspaper an account of the accident.

There had been three men in the car. One whom we hadn't noticed and who was almost overlooked by the police, had been pinned under the dashboard and was more badly hurt than the other two, though all three were in critical condition.

The cause of the accident had

not been difficult to determine.

For one thing, the car had been speeding — the broken speedometer registered 65. And the driver had become conscious long enough to tell the police that another car, apparently decided at the last minute to make a turn, had cut in front of him, causing him to swerve and lose control.

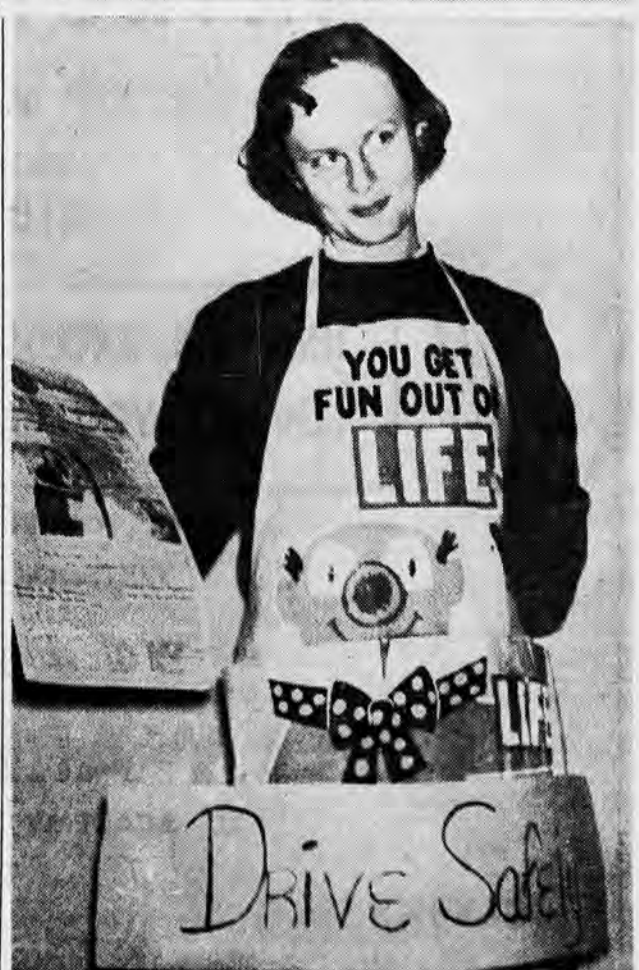
It was never determined who was driving the other car. Whoever it was hadn't bothered to stop.

## DISTORTED ACCOUNT

In the same newspaper story there was another account of the accident of facts. It was given by, "the first person to arrive on the scene after the accident." We supposed he must have been the guy who had grabbed the driver's coat and contested with the car in a tug-o-war, using the injured man as a rope.

The accident entailed some irony too, but it wasn't humorous. A woman, passing by in her car a few minutes after the crash, had remarked to her companion, "I don't see how anyone could live through that."

The woman was wrong. All three men survived, but one suffered permanent mental damage and the other two were crippled for life. The irony? One of the crippled was the woman's son.



'DRIVE SAFELY' — You may possibly have seen 'Little Miss Safety' in the Student Center reminding you that you can get more fun out of life if you drive safely. Remember traffic safety on your way home for the holidays.

## LEVY LEVELS

### On Sports

By Ernie Levy

Sports Editor



Inconsistent, to say the least. The Hen quintet seemed embarrassed to hold on to the very elusive basketball against an underdog Washington College.

Traveling music was heard throughout the game, as the Hens walked nine times. Couple these violations with inept ball handling and you have a lost ball game.

Criticism of the team just can't be too severe this week, though, because of an outstanding performance against highly ranked St. Joseph's team.

**The absence of butterfly ace, Dick Cheadle was felt as the Blue Fish dropped a decision to Dickinson College. The Fish were also victimized by the University of Pennsylvania, by only three points.**

**Barring unforeseen incidents, the Hen swimmers should field a healthy squad when they are entertained by LaSalle on Jan. 7.**

Turning now to varsity wrestling, we can start on a cheerful note with the victory over Albright. But, again illness and injury have plagued the team.

"The season was just not meant to start," offered Coach "Whitey" Burnham. The night before the match against Lafayette (which the Hens dropped), 177 pound sophomore, Ralph Kurland, scheduled to start, was taken ill and has been hospitalized ever since.

Kurland's fate was shared by heavyweight sophomore, Hank Duus, also scheduled to start, who was injured in practice. He too has been unable to wrestle since the injury.

An inexperienced but game Don Osmun has "come off the bench" as he did so ably in football, to emerge with a 2-0 grappling record. Osmun replaced Kurland, formerly a valuable frosh grappler.

Sophomore Chet Dickerson moved up a class to take over for Duus, also a former freshman wrestler. Dickerson dropped the first decision, but came back to pin his second adversary to break a 13-13 deadlock and gain the victory for Delaware.

**On Dec. 9, Taylor Gym was the scene of the intramural wrestling championships. We had the opportunity to look in on the proceedings and couldn't help wondering why some of the grapplers didn't come out to help "Whitey's" cause . . . just some more individuals who won't don a Hen uniform.**

## Blue Fish Lose Meet to Penn; Drop Another

Delaware's swimmers lost two meets last week. The University of Pennsylvania swimmers defeated the Blue Fish, 44-41, a week ago on Wednesday and Dickinson's powerful team defeated Delaware, 54-32, on Saturday.

Against Penn, Delaware won the 400 yard medley relay opening the meet and the 400 yard free style relay concluding the meet, but in between, Penn piled up enough points to win. Only Fred Freibott (50 yd free style) and Don Bruner (400 yard free style) were able to take first for Delaware in the individual competition.

Bob Warrington, Jack Fisher, Newt Wattis and Art Webber took seconds for Delaware.

The Dickinson meet was another story. Only once in the meet did Delaware pull even (8-8) as Dickinson piled up an impressive lead and held to it.

Dickinson swimmers won both relays and five of the eight events. Winners for Delaware were Jerry Harrison in the 220 yard free style, (with Bruner a fast finishing second), Ed Bacon, in the backstroke, and Bruner in the 400 yard free style.

Webber was a close second in the 400 freestyle, Freibott took second in the 50, and Don Grant finished number two for Delaware in the 200 yard breast stroke.

Dick Cheadle, who usually swims in both relays and the butterfly for Delaware, was unable to swim against Dickinson and was sadly missed by the Blue Fish.

The next meet is not until Jan. 7 at LaSalle, and the next home meet is Jan. 10 against Lehigh.

## St. Joe's Ends Streak Whips Blue Hens 81-65; Washington Wins Also

By JAY GORRY

Delaware and St. Joseph's put two young winning streaks of 2-0 on the line as the two teams faced each other in Philadelphia's Palestra a week ago last Wednesday.

The favored Hawks came up with an 81-65 victory but only after a very close first half in which Delaware led until the closing minutes.

## Wrestlers Win Via Comeback

Delaware's grapplers chalked up their first victory by decisioning Albright on Dec. 13, 18-13. The Blue Hens lost their first match to Lafayette, 27-5.

The meet with Albright provided more thrills than a T. V. western. From the short end of an 11-0 score, the Hens came back to knot the count at 13-13 when Don Osmun decisioned his opponent, 5-0. Chet Dickerson then pinned his opponent in two minutes, fourteen seconds, to give Delaware its first victory. Other winners for the Blue Hens were Jim Pappas and Leon Saufley.

The grapplers go after their second consecutive victory Dec. 17, when they meet Swarthmore in Carpenter Field House.

### The Summaries

123 lbs. Chavey (A) pinned Peirce (D), 2:50; 130 lbs. Green (A) decisioned Taylor (D), 5-2; 137 lbs. Humphrey (A) decisioned Hatuszeski (D), 5-0; 144 lbs. Pappas (D) pinned Murray (A), 2:41; 167 lbs. (D) drew with Roesner (A), 7-7; 157 lbs. Saufley (D) decisioned Moineaux (A), 10-4; 177 lbs. Osmun (D) decisioned Vogt (A), 5-0; Heavy wt. Dickerson (D) pinned Regan (A), 2:14.

Life may be short, but that is no reason for you to believe that your good resolutions will outlive you.

St. Joe's coach, Jack Ramsey put his Hawks into a full court press. Delaware was unable to cope with the new defense as the Hawks scored eight straight points to leave the floor with a half time lead of 38-30.

Delaware came back early in the second half and narrowed the margin to 48-44. At this point, however, the Hawk shooters hit with great consistency and pulled away with a 16-point victory.

The Blue Hens' Frank Wickes was high scorer on both sides with 21 points. High scorer for the Hawks was Joe Gallo with 18; however, five men hit in double figures.

Bob Schilliro held Bob McNeil to 13 points. McNeil in two previous games had scored 45.

Last Saturday night underdog Washington College scored an upset victory over Delaware 56-55 as the Hens seemed to fall apart at the seams.

Frank Wickes was high with 23 points but nothing could overshadow the general sloppiness displayed by the visiting Hens.

### CHECK NOTICES

L. G. Clark, acting dean of the school of engineering, has reminded students to check bulletin boards for announcements.

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