



# Wheelin' around



by Charlie Moore

Introductory columns are always a pain to write, but since one seems necessary to kick off the year, here goes. For the benefit of any new people in the audience, this column is about cars and things automotive in general. The opinions expressed herein are mine and do not

always concur with those of the rest of the staff on every point.

This is the second year for Wheelin', and I am going to try and make it as relevant as possible to campus life. There will be news of the motoring world, tips, maybe a few how-tos, and anything else interesting I can find to pass on to

you.

Ray Whitley and I were trying to start some sort of motoring organization on campus last spring, but it was very late in the year and response was poor. I still feel that it is a worthwhile idea and if anyone is interested by all means, write to me in care of the Gazette. Also, if

anyone has any topics in mind that they would like to see discussed in this column, I am open to suggestions, questions and criticism.

I intend to continue my stand against Ralph Nader-style smog and safety legislation. Ralphie has been up to his old tricks again with his rabid denunciation of the VW Beetle in his Volkswagen report. Among other things he has called the Beetle "the most hazardous car in service in significant numbers in the U.S. today."

The VW report was brought under heavy criticism by Road and Track magazine in their April issue. Their critique was to my mind very fair and well documented with no Nader style name-calling and melodrama.

By going back to Nader's own original sources they found that he consistently misquoted references and altered statistic tables in order to strengthen his arguments.

Nader may have the best of intentions at heart, but I find his constant emotionalized attacks on anything and everything, and his seeming inability to admit even the possibility of his being at all wrong when proven so, very tiresome.

Even his accusations directed towards the late lamented Corvair have been refuted by a special government committee. The committee stated that "The Corvair is no more unstable than other cars of similar size and year." Unfortunately too little, too late. Four years ago this might have averted the

discontinuation of one of the most excellent cars ever to come out of Detroit.

Meanwhile, things get worse and worse for the automobile enthusiasts due to the endless stream of mostly meaningless smog and safety legislation being foisted on the general buying public by the government.

Almost all convertibles have been phased out and General Motors has dropped two-door and four-door pillarless hard-tops on their 1973 line of extensively restyled intermediates. The 1973 cars will have less power and poorer gas mileage due to the stiffer smog control laws this year. Drivability will also suffer with hard starting, stalling and rough idling being the order of the day.

Prices will also be up due to more smog-control and safety equipment, the new 5 mph crashworthy bumpers, and myriad other nauseating little bits, such as seatbelt warning buzzers and heavier interior padding which are required by the government but paid for by the consumer. Alas, my friend, these irritations are just small harbingers of what the future has in store for us.

By 1976 we will be paying roughly 50 percent more for temperamental, ugly, hard to drive, almost impossible to service and repair, but presumably 'safe' automobiles. Ralph Nader will be happy. Will you?

Keep wheelin' (while you can).

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

- Art Exchange
- African Students Association
- Biology Club
- Baha'is at Dal
- Christian Action Movement
- Christian Fellowship
- Chess Club
- Chemical Institute of Canada
- Curling Club
- Commerce Society
- Chinese Students' Society
- Cinematography Group
- Dental Students' Society
- Dental Hygiene Society
- Dawson Geological Club
- Debating Society
- Economics Course Union
- Engineering Society
- English Graduate Students' Ass.
- Film Society
- French Club

- German Students' Society Gazette (Student Newspaper)
- Graduate Students Association
- Graduate History Society
- India Students' Association
- Iota Investment Club
- International Students' Ass.
- Law Wives' Club
- Law Students' Society
- Library School Students' Soc.
- Dalhousie Musical and Dramatic Soc.
- Muslim Students' Society
- Medical Students' Society
- Movement For Christian Action
- MBA Students' Association
- Nursing Society
- Pi Beta Phi
- Psychology Club
- Progressive Conservative Ass.
- Physiotherapy Society
- Physical Education Students' Soc.
- Student Pharmacy Society

- Pre-Medical Society
- Rugby Club
- Dal Radio
- Spanish Club
- Scuba Club
- Students of Objectivism
- Student Liberals
- Sigma Chi
- Science Society
- Dal Student Movement
- Undergraduate Physics Society
- Varsity Club
- George E. Wilson History Club
- Women's Recreational Association
- Women's Liberation Movement
- Dal Students' Wives Society
- West Indian Society
- Young Socialists' Club
- Yoga Club
- Students' International Meditation Society

## AIAA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1972

Saturday 30 September	1:30	UNB at X UPEI at SMU (Acadia Open) Dal. at Mt. A.
Saturday 7 October	1:30	X at UPEI SMU at Acadia (Mt. A. Open) UNB at Dal.
Saturday 14 October	1:30	Mt. A. at UNB Dal. at UPEI (SMU Open) Acadia at X
Saturday 21 October	1:30	X at SMU Acadia at Dal. (UNB Open) UPEI at Mt. A.
Saturday 28 October	1:30	SMU at Dal. Mt. A. at Acadia (X Open) UNB at UPEI
Saturday 4 November	1:30	Dal at X Mt. A. at SMU (UPEI Open) Acadia at UNB
Saturday 11 November	1:30	X at Mt. A. SMU at UNB (Dal. Open) UPEI at Acadia
Saturday 18 November	1:00	Atlantic Bowl — at home of winner
Saturday 25 November	1:00	College Bowl — Toronto

## History 100 raps, tapes and happenings

History 00 zero. Clark Gable's Undershirt. What You Always Knew About Stopping War (But Were Afraid To Do). Starving to Death on a Government Claim.

That's what you'll be finding out about if you take History 100 this year. Undoubtedly a new way to learn at this university. Basically it's the history of the last one hundred years, broken down into ten parts or decades. But it is not the lecture, lecture, essay, exam type of study.

There are four elements to the course — the lecture, a rap session, video tapes and "happenings". Not even the lectures will be the same. Resource people will be used extensively, both from within the university and from outside. The lecture will basically be used to provide an outline to that decade, fill in the gaps, and discuss themes and events that will be portrayed by the other elements.

The rap sessions are for doing

just that, while the video tapes, or "Electric Heads", are going to give the student a closer view of the life and times of the particular period. There are individual booths with headsets to allow more complete involvement.

And there will be happenings — it could be anything from a musical presentation to a bread line.

One other thing — there are no exams or term papers. It doesn't seem at all necessary. Students who have been working with the two professors, D. H. Crook and J. F. Godfrey, say they've learned more this summer than they have from all the other history courses they've taken.

Cape to Cairo and Other Meddling. The Real Generation Gap. And Henry Hicks with an oral presentation — the Wilder Side of Oscar. All in this year's History 100.

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