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THE DAILY TAR HEEL

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Autos Need Safety Features An Unsafe Car May Cost You Your Life

They've finally reduced it to statistics: of four million vehicles recently inspected by the State of Texas, 43 per cent were found unsafe for today's traffic conditions.

Does neglect of car maintenance really amount to much when it comes to safety? How much of a hazard, for example, are worn tires?

Pennsylvania Turnpike officials can answer that one. For years they've urged toll booth attendants to bar autos with badly worn tires. To date, some 12,000 drivers have been told to get better tires or stay off the Turnpike. Result: Turnpike deaths from accidents traceable to poor tires have dropped from 26 per cent of all fatal accidents to less than 5 per cent.

It has been mentioned that if these hazards are now in pro-

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duced still further. But even the "mechanically the National Academy of Enment of Health cited an estimate that one-fourth of all automobiles are involved in crashes in which the occupants are either killed or injured as a result of striking the interior compartment. Dr. Haddon also mentioned that at least onehalf of all drivers killed to date received fatal injuries

NEW FEATURES

from steering assemblies.

Cars designed to combat

often are not. Yet a recent study of 242 severely injured safe" car has lately come in motorists again proves their for a probing look from ex- value. Dr. Allen N. Nahum of perts seeking to make it still the UCLA School of Medicine safer. In a recent traffic safe- estimated that 90 percent of ty symposium sponsored by these injuries could have been avoided or at least minimized gineering, Dr. William Haddon if the motorist had been using Jr. of the New York Depart- a seat belt or shoulder harness. Harnesses, which are standard equipment on at least one foreign car, are preferred by some safety authorities because they restrain the upper part of the body from falling forward and striking the instrument panel in case of acci-Even the best safety equip-

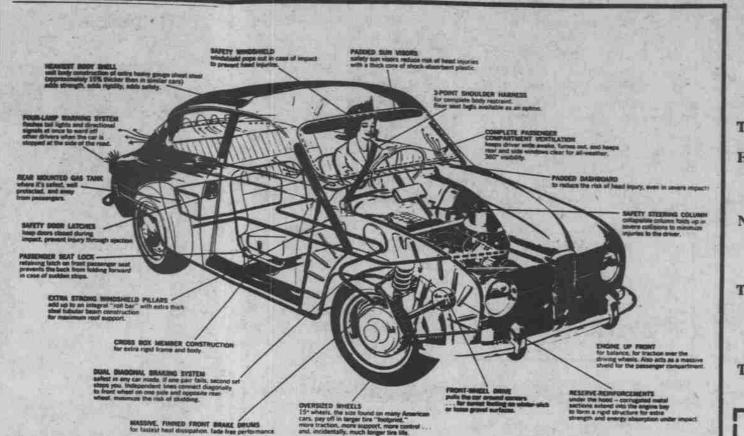
ment, however, is no substitute for an alert and responsible driver. Although good car design may minimize accident damage, it's still true that people, not cars cause most ac-

Psychological causes of traf-

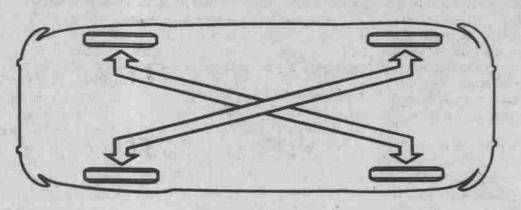
difficulty with loan agencies.

But not all drivers with ac-

granted that pedestrians, other drivers, and the driver's own car and reflexes will all



clude some of these features as standard equipment on their products.



Campus Calendar

TODAY The Carolina Political Union

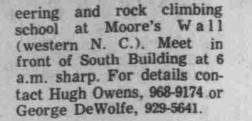
will meet at 7 p.m. Mr. Alberto Ciria, visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, will speak on "Contemporary Argentina: The Coup, the University and Peronism." Members and invited guests only.

The Elections Board will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Hillel will have a Sunday Supper Social at 5:30 p.m. Call 942-4057 between 4-5 p.m. for reservations.

National Merit Scholarship Committee meets upstairs in Lenoir Hall at 5 p.m. Attendance is mandatory.

The Communications Committee will meet at 5 p.m. in the Grail Room. All members are urged to have interview forms completed. The UNC Outing Club is sponsoring a beginner mountain-



The Newman Apostolate will have a party to honor Father Zorn, the new student chaplain. Be at St. Thomas More at 5:30 p.m. for rides to the party location. Sandwiches and liquid refreshments will be served and plans for the coming elections will be discussed. Call 929-5225 to confirm attendance or ask questions.

MONDAY

Interviews for six delegates and six alternates to the Carolinas - Virginia conference on Educational Reform sponsored by NSA will be from 3-5 p.m. in Roland Parker II.

