

Batmobile on selling block

RICHMOND, Va. — Patrick McLynn has the perfect Christmas gift suggestion for the person who has everything, including a car that works: a Batmobile that doesn't.

It won't be cheap. The college student, who won the "Batman" movie car and \$25,000 in an MTV contest, is hoping to get \$125,000 to \$330,000 for the sleek, black car and is seeking sealed bids from around the world. The deadline: Dec. 20.

"My accountant thinks it's going to be more lucrative if we try for somebody in California," he said. "Somebody who's going to want to sit on this thing for an investment or just for laughs and has that kind of money ..."

The Batmobile, a prototype that was one of three cars built for "Batman," has another drawback. It doesn't have a working engine.

McLynn already has received two bids from Hollywood Productions Inc., which built the Batmobiles.

The company initially offered \$4,000, then upped that to \$25,000 or a brand-new Corvette — with an engine. McLynn's main form of transportation is a motorcycle.

Estimates of what it cost Hollywood Productions to build the vehicle range from \$16,000 to \$60,000.

McLynn's uncle, Andy Grimes, has been handling most of the inquiries about the Batmobile.

"We're now in the process of weed-

ing out the people who bid just to get a hand in it so they can tell people they had a shot at the Batmobile," Grimes said.

Father and son revive old vehicles

McKEES ROCKS, Pa. — One-horse open sleighs are rarely seen dashing through the snow these days, but they're being preserved in the workshops and

storage sheds of a suburban father and son.

Anthony Police, 47, of Stowe Township and his son, Mark, 22, also are restoring 19th-century buggies, hearses, wagons and a Civil War cannon.

The oldest is a surrey sleigh once owned by President Rutherford B. Hayes that dates to the early 1800s. The most modern is a 1905 glass enclosed

Riddle hearse.

The Polices have restored more than 50 vehicles during the past six years, including a Canadian carry-all sleigh built in the late 1890s.

Anthony Police bought it from a junk dealer for \$20. After restoration, its worth was estimated at \$3,200 to

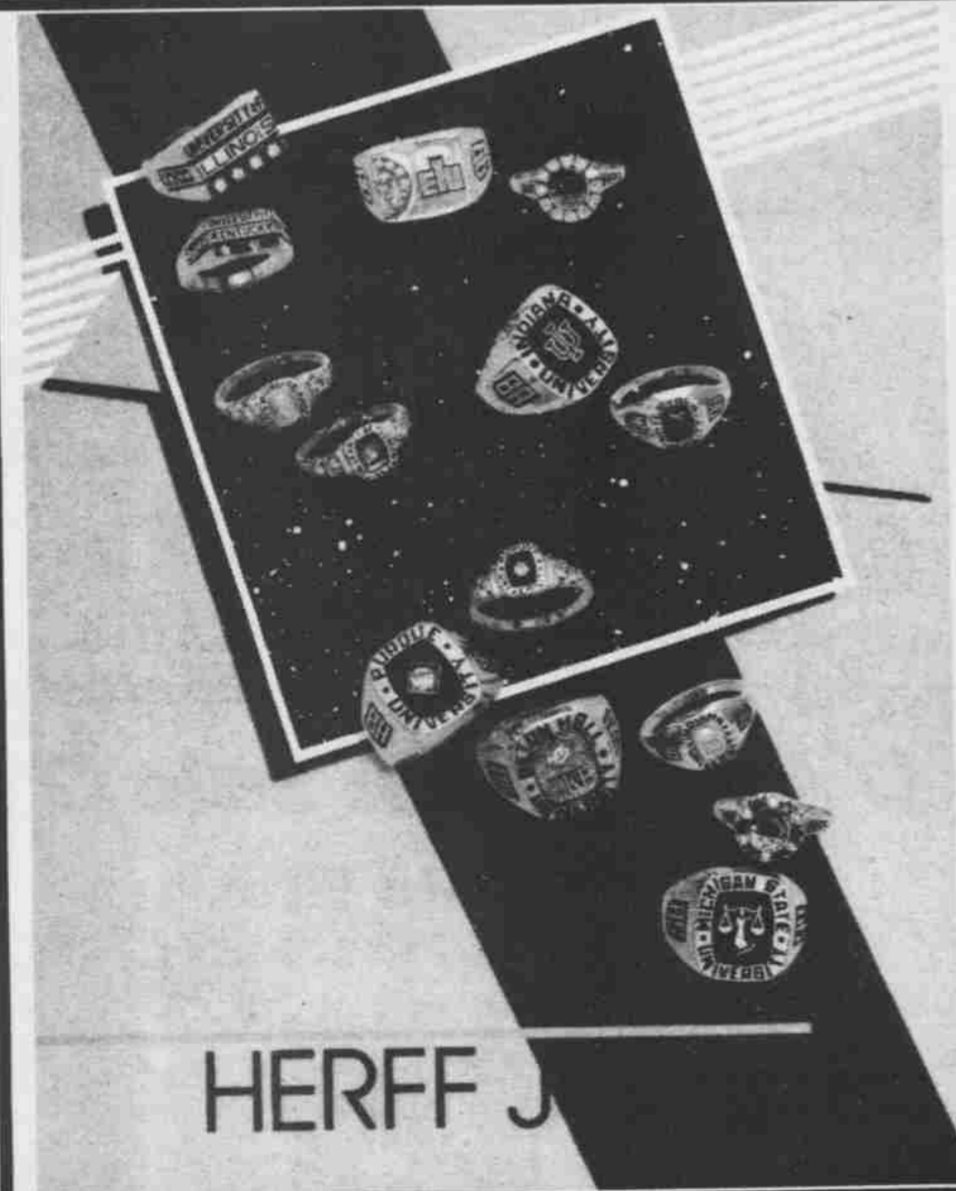
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