If it can go wrong, it will

"Anything that can go wrong will." Everyone has beard of the often quoted Murphy's law. As you probably have already experienced first hand, Murphy's law can apply to automobile ownership as well, eays the Automotive Information Council (AIC).

Automotive writer Tony Swan drew up a list of automotive Murphy's lwas a few years back and AIC reprints them here:

- The likelihood of someone doing 50 mph in the fast lane is directly proportional to how late you are for work.
- Traffic always flows faster in the other lane.
- the chances of someone making a right turn from the left-turn lane are a constant one in three.
- Chances of the individual making this turn while flashing his left-turn signal are a constant one in six.
- The windshield wiper on the passenger side always works better,
- The windwshiel wipers will disintegrate only when you turn them on during the worst rainstorm of the decade.
- The chances of the spare tire being flat are in direct ratio to the distance from the nearest town.
- A tire will never go flat unless: (a)the grade is at least 10 percent, (b)the tool kit in covered by at least 87 pounds of luggage and (c)you loaned your jack to a friend.
- The only point under the car from which oil will drip is directly above where you will be lying
- If there is any possibility of installing a part backwards, that's the only way it will look correct.

AIC hopes you find them amusing, but reminds car owners they can help prevent unscheduled auto breakdowns by properly maintaining their automobile.

THE TERM "aftermarket" doesn't mean much to car owners, but without the aftermarket it would be difficult to keep cars running.

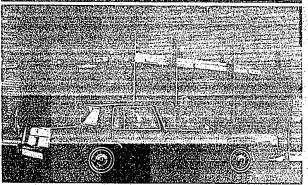
The aftermarket, in simple terms, refers to the vast network of those who supply replacement parts and service for the nation's nearly 125 million cars and 35 million trucks.

This system — which includes car dealers, independent repair shops, the stores, warehouse distributors, parts jobbers, service stations, department and discount stores and small parts stores — provides almost around-the-corner access to a source for parts, accessories and service.

Back when gasoline was sold at grocery stores (a trend which is repeating itself today) and auto parts were not readily available along the road, motorists carried spare parts with them and sometimes had to hand-fashion repairs alongside a muddy road.

Maintenance was almost constant and each owner had to know how to be his own mechanic.

The aftermarket probably was born the day after the first car was sold, when some smart entrepreneur decided that the car should have a warning device, so a horn was sold. Then came removable tops, simple windshields, gasoline headlights and other items. Soon someone hung out a "renair" sing.



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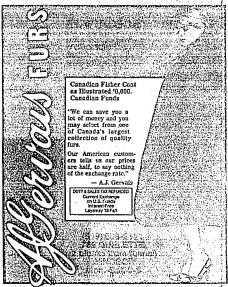
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Oakland University's Senate has approved a new general education program that requires all undergraduate students to complete at least 32 credits in non-major consense. The change is probably the most elnificant move OU has made in undergraduate education in many years, said kelth B. Hickaner, senter vice prodent for university attairs and provers









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