

A&M to help Saudis curb traffic accidents

Saudi Arabia is turning to American methods of traffic control in hopes of making its roads safer.

In five years the number of registered vehicles has increased 400 percent, while traffic accidents and fatalities have increased 278 percent.

The Texas Engineering Extension Service has contracted with the Saudi Arabian government to conduct a two-year traffic safety program for 50 Arab students at Texas A&M, beginning April 1.

Dr. Fred Koestler, head of the

International Training Division of the extension service, said excessive speed, reckless driving, disregard of road signs and driving on the wrong side of the road account for most of Saudi Arabia's traffic accidents.

"Over 50 percent of Arab traffic accidents are due to excessive speed," he said, "while on the other hand, alcohol accounts for only 1 percent of accidents, and there are no DWI's in Saudi Arabia." In comparison, alcohol is responsible for almost 7 percent of Texas traffic accidents, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Koestler blamed lack of skill and knowledge for most Saudi Arabian traffic problems.

"There are too few safety officers and driver's education courses there," he said. Through education, Texas A&M's program will try to eliminate careless driving habits that lead to traffic accidents.

The program will cover 21 subjects, including traffic safety engineering, road traffic control, law enforcement and photography, so that the Arabs can start a comprehensive safety program in their own country.

To ensure success of the program, the Engineering Extension Service has worked with the Saudi Education Mission in Houston. The mission supported Texas A&M's initial bid for the contract with the Saudi Arabian government and has counseled the Arab students in preparation for their stay in College Station.

James R. Bradley, director of the extension service, said he is looking forward to the new program. He said endeavors such as this are a growing part of the extension service.

"Many of A&M's training programs have been successfully represented in other countries," he said.

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what's up

Monday

BETA ALPHA PSI: James Hamilton will speak on "What is the General Accounting Office?" at 7 p.m. in Room 701, Rudder Tower. All persons interested in pledging should attend.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: There will be an important general meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the MSC Conference Room.

JAPAN PRESENTATION: There will be a slide presentation on the architecture, arts and crafts, and landscapes of modern Japan, narrated by Inger Garrison, who was a member of the United States Delegation to the 1978 meeting of the World Crafts Council in Kyoto Japan. The presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Architecture Auditorium on the first floor of Building C of the Architecture Complex. The public is welcome.

BASKETBALL: The women's team will play Sam Houston State University in Huntsville at 5:15 p.m.

ALPHA ZETA: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 410, Rudder Tower.

PLACEMENT OFFICE: Graduating seniors who wish to interview for the following companies may begin signing up today for interviews on Feb. 19. IBM Corporation, Kemper Insurance Co., NASA Johnson Space Center, National Steel Products, Novak & Associates, San Jacinto Girl Scouts, Shell Companies (Business), Stinghouse And Xerox Corporation.

Tuesday

FRESHMAN BALL: Tickets for the Class of '82 Ball will go on sale at the MSC Box Office and the Commons today and continue through Feb. 15.

FLYING CLUB: Will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 350, Rudder Tower.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: FCA meets every Tuesday in the Letterman's Lounge of C. Rollie White Coliseum at 8 p.m.

A&M WHEELMEN: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 607, Rudder Tower.

ASME MEETING: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will present Raymond Butler of Union Carbide speaking on "MEs in Petrochemicals at 7:30 p.m. in Room 102, Zachry Engineering Center. Refreshments will be served.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 140, MSC. The first place film from the 1978 American Bar Association Convention, "Young Lawyers of Texas," will be shown.

Davis witness fears retribution

United Press International
DALLAS — Charles David McCrory, the chief prosecution witness in Fort Worth millionaire T. Cullen Davis's murder-for-hire trial, says a new name, new hometown and federal protection still have not quelled personal fears for his safety.

McCrory said he is afraid Davis, free on bond after a mistrial was de-

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clared on charges he tried to have his divorce judge killed, is trying to hunt him down.

"I'm looking over my shoulder constantly," he said in a telephone interview published in Sunday's Dallas Times Herald.

"I know he'll (Davis) try to have me killed sooner or later. Somebody with that kind of money can buy information to find where I am. Sooner or later somebody will make a mistake, me or somebody. I have to stay hid real well.

"When you fear somebody is trying to have you killed and you're worried about your family and your

name's been changed, it's probably one of the worst things that can happen to a person other than death."

McCrory said Davis's investigators have spent \$100,000 to find him, a charge Davis's attorney Richard "Rack" Haynes said is "absolutely, unequivocally wrong."

"We've not spent one dime looking for him," Haynes said. "I feel sorry for the folks of the community in which he is residing."

McCrory said his new life in the Federal Witness Protection Program was confining but secure.

Neither he nor his wife is allowed to work, nor can he leave the area where he has been relocated, said.

Despite the program, McCrory said he inspects his windows in his new home and placed bolts on his doors.

He described as "absurd" a jury's 8-4 deadlock in the trial.

"I can understand the jury believing me," McCrory said. "I think he (Haynes) could put me on the stand in the country, make the jury believe what he says, but a pack of lies, the made up by people expecting paid by giving false testimony."

Davis has been out on bail pending a second trial, since a mistrial was declared two ago.

Want to learn and earn at same time?

Colleges to explain co-ops Feb. 14

By STANTON RAY
Battalion Reporter
The Office of Cooperative Education and eight colleges of the University plan a "Co-op Fair" Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The purpose of the fair is to inform students about the cooperative education program at Texas A&M University, which allows students to go to school and get on-the-job experience.

The colleges of agriculture, ar-

chitecture and environmental design, education, engineering, geosciences, liberal arts, science and veterinary medicine (biomedical science) will set up booths around the campus. Students can get literature and ask questions about the program in the individual colleges at the booths.

J. Malon Southerland, director of cooperative education at Texas A&M, said a booth in the main corridor of the Memorial Student Center will distribute general in-

formation about the cooperative education program. Most of the other booths will be in the buildings where the main offices of the individual colleges are located.

The cooperative education program is a program that allows students to alternate semesters working and going to school. That way, students can see what they learn in the classroom applied to real work situations. Each college has its own program suited to the curriculum of the different courses of studies.

Students in the cooperative education program must have a 2.50 grade point ratio, a minimum of 30 hours, and some colleges require 60 hours. They must also be free of scholastic or disciplinary penalties.

Students enrolled in the cooperative education program earn an average of \$850 a month and professional contacts which give the students an edge in the market after graduation.

A&M prof Donaldson exhibits art in Rudder

An art exhibit of Texas A&M University Professor Joseph Donaldson will begin in Rudder Exhibit Hall and will run through Feb. 28.

"A Limited Retrospective" features a sampling of Donaldson's art from 1940-1979. Among the 80 works in the exhibit will be his latest piece "Three Faces with Vine," subtitled "The Hollow Men," which Donaldson completed Jan. 30, his 65th birthday.

Explaining how he titled the work, Donaldson said, "While I was painting, I had three big heads in mind with vines all around, and that made me think of T.S. Eliot's poem,

"The Hollow Men." The brown black ink painting was done with wood sticks and fiber sticks."

Joe Arredondo, coordinator of the exhibit, said, "Donaldson's art are very expressive of him. I look at a Joseph Donaldson painting, you know Donaldson."

Donaldson will retire from teaching Aug. 31 after 23 years at A&M. He said he plans to continue painting and complete a book of poetry after he retires.

A public reception opens the exhibit Sunday in Rudder Exhibit Hall.

64-count indictment charges 21-car theft

United Press International
NEW YORK — A 51-year-old man was indicted on charges he stole 21 cars from a Manhattan car rental firm and used the vehicles to open a rent-a-car business he ran from his home.

Giuseppe Terranova, of Brooklyn, was named Friday in a 64-count indictment obtained by the Brooklyn district attorney's office. Terranova, who was released on bail, will be arraigned on the charges Feb. 6.


The indictment charged Terranova stole 21 late-model cars from Olins Rent-A-Car from April to August 1978 and used them to open his own car rental business, run from his Brooklyn home.

He also allegedly stole rental cars from the Olins firm and used them as his own.

In addition to the loss of the valued at \$100,000, Olins said they lost \$15,000 in rental business because of the thefts.

The cars were later recovered because they were abandoned on streets when they broke down. The abundance of parking tickets on the vehicles led to the investigation by the district attorney's office.

Terranova faces up to seven years in prison if he is convicted on the counts of grand larceny, 21 counts of possession of stolen property, 21 counts of unauthorized use of vehicle.



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