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Two Aggies To Help State Death Figures

A&M will cast its votes in the death poll as two Aggies will join the parade of tragedy in holiday deaths.

State figures point toward at least two Aggies dying as a result of traffic accidents.

Fred Hickman, chief of campus security, said he couldn't give a concrete estimate but added "we have never yet gone through the holidays without an Aggie being killed."

Figuring on deaths per mile traveled, state statistics show that 6.4 persons are killed for every 100 million miles traveled.

Using the conservative rate of each Aggie travelling only 500 miles during the holidays gives the total Aggie mileage at 36 million which figures at least two students being sentenced to die on the highways.

Hickman said estimation of traffic fatalities, usually too low, was made difficult because of the many multiple deaths arising from one wreck.

The State Public Safety Department has predicted 155 persons will die on Texas highways during the Christmas-New Year's holidays.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director, said that in an effort to slice down this prediction, he would put into service all available units of Highway Patrol.

Speed too great for traffic and road conditions were the leading contributing factors in holiday fatalities.

Installment Due

Fourth and last installment fees are due before Monday, Dec. 17. Total this time is \$54.55. Room rent is \$16.65; board is \$35.10 and laundry is \$2.80. For each day late, \$1 will be charged.

5 Aggies Sidestep Death Last Night

Five members of A Battery AAA miraculously escaped serious injury or death last night as their car overturned near Hempstead.

The quintet involved in the accident were:

Jerry C. Parr, sophomore mechanical engineering major from San Antonio;

Glen Koym, junior agricultural economics major from East Bernard;

Floyd O. Hardimon, junior geology major from Roswell, N. M.;

Gary W. Hipps, sophomore building products marketing major from Dallas;

Jay B. Bisbey, sophomore me-

chanical engineering major from Houston.

The group attended a Battery party in Shiloh Hall last night which ended about 11:30. A member of the battery said the boys involved left the party about 10:30 p. m. in Koym's 1955 Mercury reportedly headed for Sealy.

As the car was rounding a curve about 3 miles west of Hempstead on the Belleville highway lights from another car blinded the driver and they swerved off the highway overturning into a ditch, victims reported.

All were hospitalized but were released with only superficial cuts and bruises.

Amount of damage to the car was undetermined at press time.

Traffic Deaths So Identical Story Is Already Written

Fill In The Blanks;

A fiery three-car crash at dusk Wednesday near _____ took the lives of _____ persons and injured _____ others.

Highway patrolmen said a north-bound car trying to pass, plowed head-on into a south-bound car driven by _____ of _____.

Driver of the passing car was _____ of _____. No one in the car being passed was injured but the car was demolished as it left the road and turned over six times.

All occupants of the car driven by _____ were pronounced dead on arrival at _____ hospital. Passengers names were _____ of _____ of _____ and _____ of _____.

Silver Taps will be held Thursday night.

Prexy Loses Chair Seat To Veep

Sam Zuckero, Civilian Council president, lost his seat last night in the Council's regular meeting.

During the Council meeting discussion of a subject on the agenda was going slow.

To speed up matters Zuckero turned the chair over to the vice president, Freddie Ryan, and proceeded to make a motion on the issue.

The motion was seconded and passed. But when an attempt was made to turn the chair back to the president, the Council objected.

So the embarrassed Zuckero sat and watched as Ryan continued leading discussion on the issue.

Senate Insurance Vote Called Off

By LELAND BOYD

A student vote to decide the Student Senate's compulsory blanket insurance fate has been called off.

Election committee member Don Weber who Wednesday night announced the election said the Senate had postponed the election to get more time to let the students know what it was all about.

The action postponing the vote was taken last night after anti-compulsory insurance public opinion began building up.

In explaining why the election was called off Weber said:

"We feel that we will not have enough time to present the complete picture, both pro and con, if the election is held Monday."

Weber is also publicity director for the joint senate committee in charge of working out details for the plan.

Student Senate President Larry Piper said he felt that "We did not get adequate information out to students."

He said that SCONA was giving too much competition for attention and that both the good points and the bad points had not been presented to students.

Piper and Weber said the plan would probably be put to a general election after Christmas.

Tommy Hennard, election committee chairman, said the "Senate didn't pass a motion like that," calling for a student election.

He said the hospital committee and the publicity committee were supposed to work on it and report back to the Senate.

Piper and Weber didn't understand it that way.

They said they went ahead with it because they thought it was supposed to be hurried through so the

policy could be put in effect next semester.

In facing the wave of confusion they switched and said there would be plenty of time after Christmas.

Malcolm A. "Buddy" Maedgen, Senate corresponding secretary told the Battalion he understood the committee were to report back to the senate before any election.

Battalion News Editor Jim Neighbors, who was present at the Dec. 6 session of the senate reported that the senate passed by a majority vote a motion "To accept a \$1.00 coverage for accidents and loss of life and compulsory service insurance policy and put it to a vote by the student body."

He said another motion passed at the same meeting "moved that the publicity committee and hospital committee work together on the insurance deal and report back to senate."

Piper and Weber said they thought students would accept the policy if they got all the facts about it.

An insurance salesman said he did not want to get "mixed up in it."

Piper admitted he did not like the compulsory phase of the policy. But he said that is the way it will have to be in order to get

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Weather Today

Generally improving weather conditions till this evening are forecast for the area, with lowering "ceilings" predicted for tonight. Maximum temperature yesterday was 57 degrees, and last night's low, 29. At 10:30 this morning the thermometer stood at 49 degrees.

Britain Saves U.S. From World War III

British Vice Consul Admits No Advantage to Suez Move

In the midst of a SCONA II panel discussion last night James A. MacLeod, British vice consul from Denver, Colo., came out of the audience to defend Britain's position in the Suez crisis.

He admitted that "no advantage was gained by Britain's attack on the Suez Canal, but if they had failed to go into the Suez, the US would have had to go to the aid of Israel and full scale war might have resulted."

MacLeod made his statement before a panel made up of Henry Tanner, Houston Post correspondent; William G. Avirett, assistant to the president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; J. R. Aston, chairman of the World Trade Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and Philip L. Graham, publisher of the Washington Post.

Under the joint auspices of the SCONA Committee and the Great Issues Committee, the panel's topic of discussion was "The World—Dec. 13, 1956."

Tanner, speaking on his topic, "The Middle East Crisis," said according to the Arabs "the Suez crisis was created by the West as a spring-board in case of trouble."

"We haven't paid for a war since the Boer War and when the US took its moral standpoint, Prime Minister Eden agreed to begin cease fire negotiations," said MacLeod.

Most of MacLeod's remarks were made in rebuttal to Tanner's statements in his talk.

"Britain and France sought a showdown for the control of the Suez Canal because they consider it a life line," said Tanner. "We have underestimated the feelings of the European Powers about the Suez."

He continued and said Russia upset the delicate balance of power between Israel and the Arab nations in the Middle East and "Britain and France moved in to offset this balance."

His impressions of US foreign policy included the feeling that "we will never strike first but instead will strike back in case of attack." Tanner said the troops of the Arab nations will fill the vacuum of the withdrawn British and French troops in the areas where they are now situated.

25 Students Volunteer To Give Blood

Twenty-five students in dorms. 10, 11 and 12 have volunteered to give blood to help a fellow Aggie, Norman Joel Smith.

They were to leave this afternoon for Temple to donate blood to replace transfusion blood used to treat Smith.

Smith, sophomore of Squadron 12, of Temple, received severe injuries in an auto accident after Thanksgiving. Smith has been taken off the hospital critical list.

During Smith's stay in Scott and White Hospital of Temple he received at least ten pints of blood. Realizing the cost involved, a call for blood donors went out in his dormitory area.

The group had planned to go there Saturday but found that the hospital facilities for taking blood were not open on Saturday.

"Although Smith is better he probably won't be back until after the first of the year, if then," says John Euler, a friend of Smith's in Squadron 12.

Euler said Smith may be able to leave the hospital Sunday.

EDITORIAL

The Christmas holidays are almost here and the air is full of joyful anticipation.

Yet in considering what lies ahead, this anticipation quickly turns into apprehension.

Every student has to drive at least a few blocks and most have many miles to travel before reaching home. It doesn't even take a block to turn this apprehension into realization. A few feet, a flick of the eye and tragedy can strike.

Think about it as you speed down the highway, meeting cars going just as fast, with only a few feet to separate you. The tearing of metal and the tinkling of glass and the holiday season no longer means anything. It is filled with the emptiness of grief.

Will it be your place that is empty at the Christmas table? Will you be able to enjoy yourself and your family if you know elsewhere a family has been torn apart by your carelessness and thoughtlessness?

These thoughts are horrible yet they too many times come true. Usually because of lack of thought.

A little time given in consideration of others and realization of the ease with which tragedy strikes can easily mean the difference between life and death.

None of us want to take these horrors home with us. Let us be sure we don't give them to someone else.