

Sleeping at Wheel May Be Last Sleep

By DAVE STOKER

Battalion Managing Editor
Statistics have shown over a period of years that falling asleep at the wheel is the largest single cause of traffic accidents, accounting for 53 per cent of all fatal accidents and 49 per cent of the non-fatal type.

Falling asleep at the wheel has accounted for several Aggie deaths.

A great majority of Aggies who leave the campus Friday and Saturday will do some night driving. Sometime during the trip, the driver will probably feel sleepiness creeping up on him.

The best thing to do in such a case is to pull off the road and take a short nap or change drivers. To avoid falling asleep at the wheel and risking the uncertain results, the driver should take the following tips in mind.

He should avoid heavy foods, great amounts of liquids and so called "antislump" pills. Of course, liquor and other alcoholic beverages should never be consumed while driving.

Several light meals or snacks are better than one heavy meal when driving. Heavy, greasy meals are contributing factors to drowsiness.

Consumption of liquids should be curtailed. Drinking great amounts of soup, beer or coffee will slow down kidney functions.

Taking drugs to stay awake is not advised. Such drugs will keep the driver awake, but at the same time will slow down the driver's reactions.

Getting out of the car and stretching is also a good method to avoid sleepiness. At such stops the eyes can be rested by looking up and down, to the right and left. It is also advisable to massage the eyelids with your fingers.

Social Whirl

Wednesday

Civil Engineering Wives Club will meet at 8 in the YMCA South Solarium. A talk on "Tradition and Christmas Customs in the Philippine Islands" will be given.

Members are urged to bring their donations for the Christmas basket.

Aggies Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 in the Memorial Student Center.

Thursday

The Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medicine Assn. Auxiliary will meet in the YMCA South Solarium. The freshman class wives will be hostesses.

Even though another hour may be added to the trip by taking such precautionary measures, trained drivers have proven by their safety records that by following them they can avoid accidents.

Presentation Set By Kindergarten

The Wee Aggeland Kindergarten will present "The Toy Shop Window" in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom Thursday night at 7.

LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

HIGHLANDS, N. J. (AP) — Twin Lights Lighthouse, abandoned since 1951, is open again as a nautical museum.

The old stone towers were first opened in 1862 and housed the first U. S. life saving station.

Guglielmo Marconi conducted wireless experiments here at the turn of the century.

The lighthouse-museum's chief attractions are seafaring momentoes and a 200-foot-high observation tower.

Civilian Student

Portrait Dates Set

Civilian Students will have their portrait made for The Aggeland '60 at the Aggeland Studio between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to the following schedule.

Coats and ties should be worn. All Sophomores and Juniors (Civilian) must have their pictures taken before Dec. 17th. Civilian Senior and Graduates (Including Jr. and Sr. Vet Med.,

5th Year Architects)	
Jan. 6-7	A-D
Jan. 11-12	E-K
Jan. 13-14	L-R
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Abolish Trophy?

A series of meetings will be held in Dallas prior to the Cotton Bowl Game New Year's Day to discuss sportmanship among the schools of the Southwest Conference.

Originally these meetings of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee, composed of four student representatives from each school in the conference, were designed to select the school that had displayed the best sportmanship during the preceding year. The trophy would then be awarded to the school during Cotton Bowl halftime ceremonies.

But not anymore!

At a meeting at Texas A&M last fall, the committee decided that instead of awarding the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy to the school displaying the best sportmanship, the Battalion—originated trophy would go to the school hosting the spring track meet. That school also serves as chairman school of the committee for the coming year.

The University of Texas was principal supporter of this move. Representatives of the University of Texas claimed that with the large student body at Texas, the cheer leaders couldn't control their students as well as some of the smaller schools. They claimed this gave them an unfair disadvantage in selection of the school displaying the best sportmanship.

Under this new system of "awarding" the trophy, a school could have its student body incite a riot at each of its athletic contests and still be "awarded" the trophy as the best sportsman in the conference.

The new method appears to us to be a complete farce.

Why should a school be presented with the trophy before a nationwide television audience at the Cotton Bowl Game, if the trophy doesn't mean that they are the best sports?

Maybe we don't have the insight that some of the representatives of the other schools in the conference do, but we don't think the Sportsmanship Trophy should be something to rotate annually among the schools in order that every school can have possession of the trophy at least once every three years.

We don't believe the Men of Aggeland need a trophy as incentive to display good sportmanship, but we do believe that if the Southwest Conference is going to have such a trophy, should go to the school that does display the best sportmanship.

As The Battalion has a representative on this committee, we would like to have the opinion of the Men of Aggeland on this matter before attending the meeting in Dallas.

For our part, we are going to move to have the trophy abolished unless a more equitable method of awarding it can be established.

If no such method can be found, there is certainly no need in having a Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy.



"... first aid kit, gauze, crutches, identification of next of kin, insurance policy, safety belt, crash helmet What else do we need when we leave Friday?"

On Other Campuses

By Alan Payne

TCU

An editorial suggestion in the TCU school paper suggests that frat pledges need to work together on projects to help build morale. Looks like there wouldn't be any sense in even having fraternities if they have to get out and do something like that to build up morale. But, oh well — you know how those frat boys like to do things.

U of H

The vice-president of Columbia, in a speech down at Cougar High indicated that he felt a fraternity system offered great opportunities in leadership and an insight into the responsibilities of self-government. Wouldn't this world be quite a mess if we had to depend on leaders with such "substantial" backgrounds?

Cougar High also had their bon-fire burned prematurely. It was scheduled to be burned on a Wednesday night but was burned instead early Tuesday morning. It was so small that they had enough time to rebuild it and have it ready by Wednesday. The Army ROTC unit, some frat volunteers and some downtown merchants managed to have it back up in only a little more than one day.

TU

TU had a "fussbudgeting contest" last week. It seems that it's no more than an opportunity to

kill time with senseless discussions. Some of their "intellectual" topics included: "The Inherent Dangers of Signing Something Unthinkingly," "We Need More Pencil Sharpeners," "The Student Health Center Regards Patients as Statistics, Not Patients," "We Should Abolish Final Exams," "The Daily Texan is Inaccurate and Uninteresting" and "There Should Be no More Frat Hazing."

TU's Aqua Carnival, a 25-year old traditional event, has been done away with because it is too much trouble. The Tea-sips apparently take hardly little interest in the event, the attendance is even poor.

CHS Places Eight On Regional Band

Eight members of the A&M Consolidated High School band will travel to Rockdale Jan. 30 after being named to the Region 3 Band in tryouts at Belton.

The College Station members of the band are Judy Rasmussen and David Bailey on clarinets, Tommy Ledbetter and Leslie Brusso, saxophones; Jay Pruitt, cornet; Pat Ozment, baritone horn; and Furman Isbel and Richard Rasmussen, trombones.

Letters To The Editor

The Battalion welcomes letters to the editor but reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, clearness and accuracy. Short letters stand a better chance for publication since space is at a premium. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Editor,
The Battalion:

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the fine publicity which you have given to our Christmas Seal Sale this year in The Battalion. It has helped to make the sale a success and we appreciate it very much.

We also want to publicly thank L. A. Duewall and Mrs. Cecilia Prihoda for their help in getting the A&M students' names for our mailing list.

We appreciate, too, all the contributions sent in by the A&M students. Many have sent in more

than the \$1 asked by the TB Assn.

To those of you who have not bought Christmas Seals—we will welcome any donation which you care to give. The TB Assn. has aided Aggies in the past and will probably be called on to aid many more in the future. When you buy Christmas Seals you help protect yourself and other Aggies.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs. I. W. Rupel, chairman of Seal Sale
Mrs. Otis Miller, executive director
Brazos County Tuberculosis Assn.

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