

TTI Survey Says Accident Study Needed

The need to hasten emergency activities in freeway accidents was revealed in a recent survey conducted by traffic engineering researchers of the Texas Transportation Institute.

Researchers sent questionnaires to police departments of major cities to determine the time it takes to perform the various phases of activity performed at the scene of an accident, from the time the accident occurs until the freeway is cleared.

"An average time of approximately 35 minutes was required by one of the major cities for all activity," Dr. C. V. Wooten, assistant TTI director, reported.

The survey revealed that it normally takes five minutes to report the accident. Another five minutes elapses while the police dispatcher notifies an investigating officer. The investigator usually reaches the scene in five or 10 minutes.

It takes about 10 minutes to locate a wrecker operator, and another 10 minutes before he arrives.

Frank L. Lynch, TTI researcher, offered these suggestions for reducing the clearance time.

—Have an adequate number of moving patrol cars, especially during peak traffic periods.

—There should be adequate access to communication media for reporting accidents.

—Investigators should have a thorough knowledge of street access to the freeway in their districts.

Researches concluded with a recommendation that "studies should be continued to determine appropriate methods of encouraging drivers to move their vehicles to some point off the freeway, thus reducing the effect on the traffic stream."



CORRECTIVE LEVER

An idea designed to correct orthopedic problems in children is inspected by Matilda Scarmardo, secretary in the Department of Aerospace Engineering. Ted J. Meiller, a department lab mechanic, invented "Torq-Heel." It applies directly to standard infant or youth shoes.

Engineering Mechanic Invents Orthopedic Foot Contraption

A mechanic at Texas A&M has designed an orthopedic device in his spare time.

Ted J. Meiller of the Department of Aerospace Engineering, developed the rubber-ribbed heel to aid children with leg, ankle and foot malformations.

When the mechanism goes before the annual Texas Medical Association convention in Austin April 7, three years of intensive research and design will achieve partial fruition.

Meiller became discontented with clumsiness of a brace worn by a niece. He began to experiment. The solution came to him one day a year later — a rubber

shoe heel to impart torque to the foot or leg through slanted ribs.

"Torq - Heel", the patented name applied to the mechanism of Meiller's imagination, was thus born. Department professor Charles A. Rodenberger suggested a different approach and has also applied for patents on the contrivance.

The strip, with 20-degree slanted ribs, fastens to a regular child shoe. Pressure of the wearer's weight crushes the ribs. Resulting force applies twist. Geometric variation of the ribbed areas controls the amount of torsion.

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New Parks Department Growing Fast

The new Department of Recreation and Parks is showing signs of rapid growth after only 11 weeks of operation.

The department was organized last fall and began its first course offering, "Principles of Parks Administration," with 23 students in January. According to its head, Dr. Leslie M. Reid, there have been more than 40 requests for enrollment information from graduate and undergraduate students.

Recreation and Parks is one of three departments in the also-new School of Natural Biosciences approved early in 1965 by the Texas Commission on Higher Education (now the Coordinating

Board, Texas College and University System).

Other departments in the Biosciences School are Range Science and Wildlife Science.

Reid said the Department of Recreation and Parks aims directly at the "multiple land use philosophy," which means that recreation is becoming a must in land utilization along with food, fiber and timber production.

"This area seeks to solve problems involving humans and natural environment recreation and park administration, and allocation and development of land and water resources," Reid said. "Specific problems, for example, are man's need for elbow room,

increasing population pressures, and activity preferences of people."

Such aims are proving attractive to students. The department head said 12 undergraduates are already committed to working on BS degrees in this field. Ten students are on campus now who expect to work toward a graduate degree, starting this fall, and there are about 16 applicants for graduate work from other schools.

"This fall we figure we'll have about 20 graduates and 40 undergraduates studying with us," Reid predicted.

He emphasized the importance of strong graduate activity. The

department will soon submit master of science and doctoral degree programs to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System. Approval will have a bearing on whether the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation establishes a Regional Research and Training Center at Texas A&M.

The Bureau, an agency of the U. S. Department of Interior, plans to set up 12 of the centers at various universities in the United States.

By the fall of 1967, Reid believes the department will have about 100 majors with a ratio of 60 undergraduates to 40 graduates.

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Of Mice and Men

By Herky Killingsworth

women automatically become great female cabbages with their brains and waistlines being whisked away with a swoop of an unavoidable wand shortly after their wedding day?

I have two children, and would wager that I look better in a bikini than any girl Mr. Killingsworth has ever dated. After observing the married girls I know here, I can't find any evidence to uphold Mr. Killingsworth's statement. True, there are some slob-like wives, but I'll bet that they were slob long before their wedding day.

Bryan-College Station has an abundance of beautiful wives and young mothers, so let's stop being unfair to them. I'd advise Mr. Killingsworth to wake up and look around before making any more of his assinine statements!

A wronged wife

Dear Wronged,
Last week when I wrote that column, in a sleepy stupor, I must add, I was extremely careful to put in the word "average". This gives me an out when the complaints start filing in as I knew they inevitably would. The truth is, when I say average housewife I am obviously not talking about an Aggie housewife for everyone knows that they are far above average. Otherwise they would have never landed an Aggie. It's other married women that go to pot.

I am sorry that single men have wronged the housewives but one wonders if there must not have been something to get it started. Maybe it started with your Cinderella story. If I remember my fairy tales correctly, Cinderella went to pot at the last stroke of midnight. Her fancy clothes turned to rags, the \$40 hair-do was ruined, her Cadillac turned into a Volkswagen, and those 400 horsepower turned into little mouses. Could it be that this is where the saying started.

As far as my dating goes, you have wronged me. My inferiority complex will never get over it. Five years at A&M had completely shattered my confidence and it was only yesterday that I had gotten the nerve to speak to a girl. Yes, I spoke to a co-ed.

I had really noticed the beautiful Aggie wives on campus as often as any lonely Aggie. I had always felt that Aggies were the luckiest guys in the world because they married the most beautiful girls in the world. But then again I think of how lucky the girls are to marry an Aggie. Under those circumstances I'd be afraid to let myself go to pot too.

And about those remarks about the bikini. All I can say is WOW. You've obviously got a lucky husband so follow my advice and don't let him lose you.

Herky (Abigale) Killingsworth
P.S. Next time just call me Abby.

Editor,
The Battalion:

I was enraged by an article written by Herky Killingsworth in one of your publications last week. He made the statement that all women after marriage let themselves 'go to pot'. I know Mr. Killingsworth stated that he did not want to be held responsible for this remark, but if he is going to make it and publish it, I'm afraid he will have to face the blame for it. After boiling over this for several days, I feel that I must speak up in defense of the married girls.

Why is it that single men have the mistaken impression that marriage makes the Cinderella story work in reverse, and that

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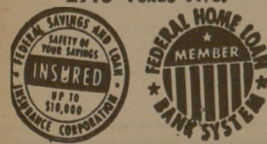


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