

TTI Signs Proved Life-Savers In Use

Breakaway highway signs developed by Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute have proved their life-saving value during 27 months on the firing line, the U. S. Department of Transportation reported this week.

Federal Highway Administrator Lowell K. Bridwell said tabulations by the Texas Highway Department during the period revealed only one fatality in 117 collisions involving signs mounted on TTI's breakaway supports.

The same report noted 80 deaths resulting from Texas accidents involving non-breakaway type signs.

Breakaway supports, built with a slip plate at the base and a hinge joint seven feet above ground, are designed to move forward and upward on impact, out of a car's way.

Texas was the first state to use the breakaway signs. They have

been so successful that several other states introduced them on a trial basis and the Federal Highway Administration has since banned installation of rigidly fixed sign supports.

The same prohibition was imposed on installation of rigid light poles, another area pioneered by TTI.

The only Texas fatality involving a breakaway sign occurred when a small car, traveling at approximately 75 mph, skidded into a sign. The victim's head, believed to be outside the car window at the time, struck the support. The driver and another occupant of the vehicle were not injured.

Only two serious injuries were reported in the Texas survey and they were believed to have been sustained when a vehicle hit a wire parapet after colliding with a breakaway support.

Three Students Are Injured In Auto Mishap

Three Texas A&M University sophomore architecture students suffered serious injuries in a one-car accident Wednesday night in Bryan.

Bryan police said the driver, Robert Arthur Bueker of Dallas, and passenger Thomas Wilfred Thorpe of Corpus Christi were transferred to Methodist Hospital in Houston after emergency treatment in Bryan.

Roy W. Roundtree of Pittsburg (Tex.) was listed in "satisfactory" condition early Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. A nurse's report indicated he suffered multiple lacerations and abrasions over most of his body.

The extent of Bueker's and Thorpe's injuries was not immediately known.

Czech Enrollment Highest In Nation

Texas A&M, located in the center of a large Czech-speaking population segment, is doing its share toward instructing students in the Czech language.

An A&M Modern Languages Department survey reveals that 33 of 83 students studying Czech in reporting institutions are at A&M, according to Dr. John M. Skrivanek and Joseph J. Skrivanek, professor and instructor of Slavonic languages.

"Several religious and fraternal organizations in recent years have helped Czech students by establishing scholarship awards for those needing financial aid," noted Dr. Jack A. Dabbs, department head.

The U. S. Office of Education classifies Czech as a critical language.

As a language of convenience for residents of Southeast Central Texas and a language of

science for several fields of advanced study, the language "is of great use to Texas students," Dr. John Skrivanek pointed out. One of the nation's largest areas of residents of Czech extraction, the Texas "community" numbers some half million persons, he estimated.

Total enrollment in Czech from reporting colleges and universities showed A&M with 33; University of Texas, Austin, 23; University of California (Berkeley), 15; Harvard, 12; University of Nebraska, 11; Portland State College, 8; University of Chicago, 8; University of Washington, 3, and University of Michigan, 3.

YMCA Schedules Coffee Break

Once again the YMCA has decided to set up a Coffee Break during finals week. Last semester over 1,000 cups of coffee and 300 dozen donuts were sold.

The "Coffee Break" will open each night at 9:00 p.m. and close around 2:00 a.m. It will begin Sunday night, May 26, and continue through Friday night, May 31. Tables will be set up in the lobby for people wishing to take a break from studying. Coffee will be 10¢ and donuts will be 5¢ each. This year iced tea will also be sold for 10¢.

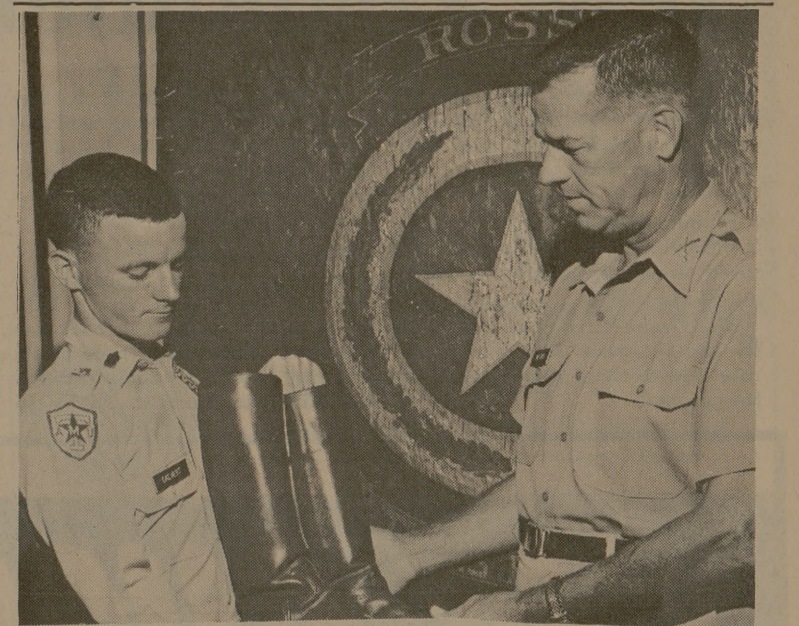
The meeting rooms on the second floor of the "Y" will also be open for anyone wishing to get away from the dorms to study.

Directory Deadline Set For Friday

Friday is the deadline for returning faculty-staff listings for Texas A&M's 1968-69 campus directory, reminded University Information Director Jim Lindsey.

Lindsey said it is particularly important that this year's directory be as complete as possible because every telephone number on campus will change August 18.

He noted information cards for the new directory were mailed to all campus offices earlier this month and should be returned to the Student Publications Department in the Services Building.



A&M TRADITION BEGINNING? Richard L. Calvert of Shreveport accept a pair of senior boots more than 30 years old that he will wear at Texas A&M University next year. Col. Jim H. McCoy presented the apparel for retired Army Col. William C. Washington of Austin, a 1912 graduate who thought an Aggie could make use of them.

New Senior Wears Grad's Gift Boots

When Richard L. Calvert steps off for the second half of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets final review Saturday, the Company G-1 cadet will be wearing senior boots more than 30 years old.

The junior industrial technology major from Shreveport, La., was presented the distinctive Aggie military uniform items this week by retired Army Col. William C. Washington of Austin, a 1912 A&M graduate.

The unique circumstance occurred when Colonel Washington was at A&M recently for a Sul Ross Reunion.

"My grandson (William W. Beard of Westport, Conn.) showed me his senior boots. They cost more than \$100," the 79-year-old Aggie-ex wrote the commandant's office.

HE FIGURED some cadet in a financial squeeze might be able to use his officer boots. They were worn the last time in 1937, before the knee-length boots were phased out by the Army. Boots became a part of the Aggie senior's uniform in the mid-1920's.

Colonel Washington's boots were made by Dehner's of Omaha. They wouldn't fit Beard.

The retired officer mailed the boots so one of next year's seniors would be able to wear them Saturday.

Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant, and Lt. Col. Robert H. Baine, associate professor of military science, immediately sought a likely candidate.

Finding a size 8D foot and small calf for the 17-inch tall boots might have been a problem, but Colonel Baine enlisted assistance of junior cadets. John McGowan of Fort Worth located Calvert.

THE CADET technical sergeant who marched with the Freshman Drill Team, Calvert will have the boots altered slightly before he wears them.

"I suggest that next year when you graduate, another junior be found that can wear Colonel Washington's boots," McCoy told Calvert at the presentation.

"Colonel Washington makes a cadet proud to be an Aggie," Baine said. "This gentleman hasn't forgotten what Aggie loyalty means."

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