

Ag Cadets Drive Well

Texas A&M students have above average driving records, a graduate student's master's thesis research reveals.

Only 67 of 950 Air Force ROTC cadets surveyed by Lt. Col. Thomas W. Comstock for his master's in industrial education had received more than three traffic violations.

"Almost half—46.6 per cent—were never given a traffic citation," noted the AFROTC instructor. Approximately 50 per cent have automobiles and 96 per cent indicated they drove regularly.

"This must be considered an indication of good driving habits," the Air Force officer suggested. "It surprised me to find that the kids really have pretty good traffic records."

Statistical evidence reveals more students lost their lives in accidents on other campus holidays than on Corps Trips, in which the entire military student organization travels en masse to Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and Austin for a parade and football game, Comstock said.

"The student interested in staying alive can gain," the 1952 A&M graduate encouraged. "The sample shows 1,097 total violations, including parking. Almost half of that number, 505, were for speeding. No other category of citation even approached it."

Comstock said combining citations issued for failure to stop at lights or signs, negligent collision and accidents accounted for 155 of the 1,097 tickets.

He noted that the figures are substantiated. Cadets are required

to report all infractions of laws to enter the officer training program. Traffic violations are validated by the Texas Highway Department through corroborative statements.

The officer feels his survey represented a true cross section of A&M's male, unmarried student body. He was assisted in gathering data on auto traffic fatalities by Larry Graviss, senior

of San Antonio, studying industrial technology.

The thesis reveals that from 1955 to 1968, 40 Texas A&M students were killed in automobile accidents. Four lost their lives in 1966, eight in 1967 and three during the last school year. Ten of the 40 were from Corps Trip travel. Of the other 30, seven were taken in Christmas holiday travel accidents.

New Clubhouse Worth The Wait

Texas A&M University's \$83,337 golf clubhouse is about one month behind schedule, but course manager Luther Harrison says the new snack bar facilities will more than offset the disappointment in the delay.

Harrison reports it will be at least five weeks before the 4,000-square-foot metal building is

completed. The snack bar, operated under the direction of A&M's Department of Food Services, will be an "outstanding addition," Harrison said.

The groundbreaking was held in April, following A&M Board of Directors approval in February.

Only 70 Seats Left

Texas A&M students have placed 128 reservations for the senior charter flight to New York for the A&M-Army football game, the Student Finance Center reports.

Seventy seats are still available. Further reservations will be taken at the Memorial Student Center office until the 198-passenger jetliner is full.

Jimmy Dunham of Baytown, senior class president, explained the senior-class-sponsored trip is open to any A&M student, male

or female, and the student's wife or husband. New freshmen are also eligible to make reservations, Dunham noted.

A \$30 down payment must be made with each reservation and students have until Sept. 23 to pay the total cost of \$120, which includes all transportation and two nights lodging in a Manhattan hotel.

The flight will leave Houston Friday, Oct. 3, and return Sunday, Oct. 5. Students will travel to West Point by chartered bus.



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Need Permit For Disposal

Refuse disposal at Texas A&M University's sanitary fill will be by permit only after Sept. 1, Physical Plant Director Walter H. Parsons Jr. announced.

Applications for permits are being accepted in the A&M department.

Changeover to controlled operation has been in process since August, 1968. The landfill now meets federal and state anti-pollution laws and sanitation codes, Parsons added.

Supt. O. O. Haugen said a schedule of monitored operating hours to be observed after Sept. 1 is being arranged. The A&M sanitary fill south of the main campus will be locked at other times.

Traffic will be monitored before Sept. 1, but no one will be turned back.

"At present and until Sept. 1, anyone can use the fill at any time," added the official.

Haugen pointed out that change to trench-type fill has resulted in better conditions. To maintain them, dumping must be controlled, he said.

"It will cut down on scavengers," Haugen noted. "Also, I don't believe any rats or flies will be found at the facility. And there is no odor."

Only permit-bearers will be admitted after Sept. 1. Haugen said a nominal charge per load based on vehicle size will be made on a monthly basis. He said the change will not affect the present City of College Station disposal operation at the A&M facility.

Haugen noted land returned to pasturage after sanitary fill operation is considerably improved. Sanitary fill practice levels, stops erosion and removes mosquito-breeding marches on land used for fills.

He said 16 acres presently in land fill use by A&M is going back to pasture and the Animal Science Department is turning over 11 acres adjacent to the site for a new fill.

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