

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"There's a definite relationship here. When we raise a pole that's the same type used for a Bonfire, it rains!"

TTI will study auto design safety

Could redesign of automobile exteriors reduce the number of pedestrian injuries and deaths, or would a change in design simply alter the type of injury and perhaps be more lethal?

These are some of the basic considerations in a study being initiated by the Texas Transportation Institute with a \$168,000 grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

TTI officials note the latest national surveys show pedestrians are being killed at the rate of 10,000 annually and account for 17 percent of all motor vehicle deaths.

The study will be headed by Dr. Hayes E. Ross Jr., principal investigator, and Dr. Ronald D. Young, both of whom hold joint appointments in TTI's Structural Research Division and the university's Civil Engineering Department.

Joining in the interdisciplinary project are Dr. Adil M. Mayyasi of the Industrial Engineering Department and Dr. Paul H. Newell Jr., head of Texas A&M's Bio-engineering Program.

Objective of the research is to supplement currently available pedestrian accident data with information derived from carefully controlled computerized simulation of the vehicle-pedestrian crash event.

Special consideration will be given to any significant patterns which develop in the causes of injuries and the effects of vehicle configuration on such patterns.

Friday temperature sets date record

Weather that held mid-afternoon temperatures in the mid-70s and low-80s over the weekend set a record for maximum temperature on July 30.

A Texas A&M climatologist said the Friday high of 75 degrees was the lowest ever for that date or any earlier between July 13 and September 6.

Similar records were also set in other parts of Texas.

John F. Griffiths of the Meteorology Department noted that accurate records are available here since 1914.

Griffiths said the 75-degree Friday reading was 22 degrees below normal for the date. In this area, mid-July to mid-August is generally the hottest part of the year with 95 to 97 afternoon temperatures.

The climatologist said the 57-year records show only two below-80 maximums for the July 13 to Sept. 6 period. A 76-degree high was recorded on Aug. 2, 1925, and Aug. 7, 1944. Both also were associated with heavy rainfalls.

Griffiths said trends indicate an end to the unseasonably cool weather. Saturday the mercury climbed to 84 and Sunday it reached 86.

Records also indicate more summer. In 1925, all but one of the 20 days preceding the 76-degree Aug. 2 had 100 or higher afternoon temperatures. By Aug. 23, 1925, the high was well over the century mark again, Griffiths reported.

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Exchange programs active

A&M hosts students from around the world

Texas A&M could almost raise the United Nations flag at its colorful front drive during August.

Students from throughout the world will be at the university for campus visit and homestays.

Eleven Japanese coeds arrived this week for homestays and tours through the Experiment in International Living (EIL). Stefan H. Johansson of Sweden has bio-engineering research underway until mid-August through the International Association for the Ex-

change of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE).

Cornelis E. (Kees) Oosters of Zwindrecht, Netherlands, has civil engineering work in progress at the Texas Transportation Institute under supervision of William B. Ledbetter. A&M's College of Engineering arranged work-study programs for the IAESTE visitors.

Three more special international students will arrive next week from the Netherlands, El Salvador and Iran. They will be here two weeks in the EIL cultural

exchange program before going to U. S. universities to begin fall studies.

Host families are needed for Jose Orlando Altamirano of San Salvador and Behrooz Barizmani of Teheran, Iran, noted Jim Summers, Memorial Student Center Travel Committee chairman who has arranged visits.

Altamirano, 23, will enter UT-Austin for graduate chemical engineering work. He taught a year at the University of El Salvador. Jose's father is a journalist, his mother a social worker. He is in-

terested in Latin American literature, music and poetry and has traveled in Mexico and Central America.

Also a chemical engineering major who will enter Pan American College, Badiuzzamani is the son of an Iranian physician. Behrooz has traveled in Europe, has a brother in New Jersey and is 28.

Both EIL participants speak English and have been in the Putney, Vt., area making visit preparations. Persons interested in hosting the students should contact Summers or MSC director J. Wayne Stark.

Jan Nagengast of Heiloo, Netherlands, will stay with the Henry Alsmeyer Jr. family. Jan has stud-

ied business at Stichting Nijerode in Breukelen and plans to complete his bachelor degree at the University of Houston. His mother manages Nagengast's deceased father's printing office.

The Japanese EIL participants also will visit in Houston, staying in the homes of former students of A&M.

The university and MSC committee has 11 students overseas this summer as Experimenters. They are with families in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Greece, the USSR and Yugoslavia.

EIL enhances intercultural understanding through person-to-person interaction at the family level.

142 Spanish-speaking firemen here for training school

Texas A&M took on an added international look this week as 142 Spanish-speaking student firemen from 18 Latin American countries assembled for the one-week Spanish section of the Texas Firemen's Training School.

Chief Instructor Henry D. Smith of A&M's Engineering Extension Service reported Monday first day registration totaled 218, including 76 instructors and man-

ufacturing representatives.

Student enrollment is up 28 from 1970's record enrollment of 114. "We have about a 25 percent increase over last year," Smith noted, "and it's a little better than we expected."

Smith said this year's program, with all instruction in Spanish, emphasizes protective equipment, breathing equipment, chemical and petroleum fire-fighting and hotel fires, rescue and evacuation.

Both municipal and industrial firemen are attending.

Films of the Tucson, Ariz., hotel fire last year will be used as a training aid. Roundtable discussions will accent use of chemical agents, foams and emergency programs such as hurricane and natural disaster work, Smith added. A special equipment demonstra-

tion is scheduled Wednesday evening, followed by a watermelon party hosted by Pete Rodrigues and members of the Bryan Amigos Club.

A buffet dinner will be held Thursday night and classes end at noon Friday.

Smith said the Houston Fire Department is assisting through the use of three buses, equipment and several Spanish-speaking instructors.

The Spanish school is the final session for the three-week Texas Firemen's Training School. A municipal school was held July 18-23 and the industrial section was last week.

Total registration for the three schools is 3,104. Each session has been a record for the 42nd annual school.

Latin American students to get U.S. orientation

Mexican, Central and South American college students entering U. S. universities this fall will be assisted by a Texas A&M University official.

J. Wayne Stark will conduct an orientation program on how to visit in American homes.

The Memorial Student Center director will work with 45 to 50 students Monday in a program conducted by the International Office at UT-Austin.

Two, or three Texas A&M students who have participated in foreign travel programs will assist Stark.

The Latin students are entering graduate studies in institutions throughout the U. S. They are participants in Latin American Scholarship Programs of American Universities. LASPAU students return to their countries and teach.

Texas institutions in LASPAU are UT-Austin and the University of Houston.

To become culturally acclimated before starting studies, the students participate in the Experiment in International Living (EIL), which arranges homestays with American families. Three will visit in Bryan and College Station.

The MSC's Travel Committee has participated in EIL several years. It sends students for foreign homestays and arranges area accommodations for visiting students. Jim Summers of Shreveport is the 1971-72 committee chairman.

NSF awards \$102,900 for pollution study

Texas A&M has been awarded a \$102,900 National Science Foundation grant for deep-water pollution studies in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean.

Texas A&M will cooperate in the study with the University of Puerto Rico and the University of Texas at Austin, with both institutions also receiving NSF grants. Similar research is being conducted in the Atlantic and Pacific by other institutions.

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