

TTI proposes ways to lower fatality numbers

Today Texans are walking away from accidents that almost certainly would have meant death or serious injury a few years ago.

New types of bridge rails and guardrails are considered responsible for cutting certain fatal accidents by more than half in the state, report TAMU researchers from the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI).

"Guardrails, curbs and dividers are structures present on or near bridges that account for half of the fatal accidents with fixed objects," said Dr. R. M. Olson. "The percentage of fatal accidents occurring at the end of a bridge rail has decreased in Texas probably because a number of new smooth, structurally sound transitions between guardrails on bridge approaches and the bridge rail."

Their report also noted the majority of fatalities occurred at night on dry, good pavement and 80 percent of them at speeds of more than 50 miles per hour.

Olson noted they are recommending higher barriers with breakaway devices and elimination of curbs.

Crafts classes to be offered at local school

The Community Education Program is adding sections in four courses currently offered.

A five-week session in macramé will begin Monday at South Knoll Elementary School. Sessions will run each Monday night from 7 to 9 and registration is \$5.

A section of needlepoint will also begin on Monday at South Knoll with a session to be offered from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 10 and 17 only. Registration fee is \$2.

A six-week session of auto maintenance will start March 13 with a \$5 registration.

Beginning March 27 at the high school is a session of woodshop. Registration fee is \$6.

Reservations can be made by calling Ernest Harvell, the Community Education director, at 846-3820.

bulletin board

TODAY

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS meets at 5 p.m. in room 7 of Zachry Engineering Center for yearbook picture and a business meeting.

ALSO HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in Lounge B in the Corps Area.

PREVET SOCIETY meets at 7 p.m. in room 203 of Zachry for yearbook pictures and a short meeting.

SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 502 of the Rudder Tower.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT hosts a graduate lecture by Prof. Kenneth J. Klabunde of the University of North Dakota at 4 p.m. in room 231 of the Chemistry Building. Topic is "Organic Chemistry of Metal Vapors."

METEOROLOGY SEMINAR features Dr. J. J. Stephens of Florida State University at 1 p.m. in room 210 of the O&M Bldg.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS DEPT. will present a seminar by Dr. A. F. Spilhaus titled "Potential Food Production from the Sea and the Growth in Population" at 1:15 p.m. in rm. 226 of the Library.

ECONOMICS DEPT. will present a seminar by M. O. Reynolds entitled "A Model of IQ, Occupation, and Earnings." The seminar will be at 3:30 p.m. in room 209 of the Harrington Center.

CHEMISTRY DEPT. will present the following seminars: 11 a.m. Faculty recruiting seminar in rm. 102 of the Chemistry Annex. 2 p.m. "Approaching Enzyme Models with Crown Ethers" in rm. 102 of the Chemistry Annex. 4 p.m. "Organic Chemistry of Metal Vapors" in rm. 231 of the Chemistry Bldg.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY seminar on "The Role of the Manufacturer's Representative" will be at 3 p.m. in rm. 305 of Ferris.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING will present a lecture entitled "Applications of acoustic Emission in Evaluating the Stability of Geologic Structures and Materials" in rm. 102 of Zachry.

GRADUATE LECTURE will be presented by Dr. Walter Rundall at 4 p.m. in rm. 204 of the Harrington Center.

THURSDAY

MARINE BIOLOGY ASSOCIATION presents Dr. Thomas Bright discussing the marine life of the Gulf of Mexico at 7:30 p.m. in Library room 226.

DR. F. B. VISSCHER will speak on "Time-Correlation Functions and Chemical Reaction Rates" in room 146 of the Physics Bldg. at 4 p.m.

WATER SKI CLUB is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in rm. 225 of the MSC. Dues and a club outing to Lake Canoe will be discussed.

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