

To reduce accident rate

TTI studying younger drivers

The TAMU Texas Transportation Institute TTI is conducting research to help lower the accident rate among younger motorists.

"It's generally accepted that drivers under 25 have more crashes and more citations and as a result are more 'dangerous' than other age drivers," said TTI researcher Dr. Mark Edwards.

"Official reports indicate that young drivers have more crashes

that involve reckless behavior like excessive speed or following too closely," he said. "Twenty-two percent of the drivers under 25 have nearly 36 percent of all fatal accidents."

"The behavior of these youngsters in the auto and on the highway is part of their more general behavior," Edwards said. "A study showed that those with repeated accidents were more in-

involved with cars, drove more miles, were more aware of social pressures and tensions, and more likely to use driving as an outlet for such tensions.

"The results suggest that tensions surrounding this time of life spill over into driving behavior," he said.

"Part of their problem is a lack of knowledge of common sense driving techniques, but the biggest problem is their attitude toward the car and where it fits in the driving environment," Edwards said. "They don't see themselves as an integral part of the traffic around them — they are often self-centered

in their driving behavior. This is the type that speeds, doesn't yield the right of way and runs through stop signs."

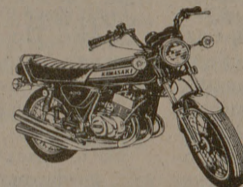
"The solution we've formulated is based on transactional-analysis," he said. "It's an eight hour tape-slide-motion program taught by the Texas Department of Public Safety. It's a very positive, supportive, face-to-face program where the instructor and participants operate as equals. There's no place where they're treated as the bad guys or even referred to as habitual violators or problem drivers."

"We start out by defining at-

titudes and then showing them how their attitudes affect their driving," Edwards said. "We also show the driver that you can change your attitude if you want to."

"So, the result is, we're taking this training program and putting it into operation in the field for two years," he said. "We'll work out the details of who should teach it, who should take it, when and why it should be applied, how effective it is in reducing the number of accidents and violations, and a myriad of other details. If it works out as expected, there is the probability it will be adopted by other states."

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TAMU schedules dates for centennial celebration

TAMU, the state's first public institution of higher learning, is preparing for a year of celebration in observance of its centennial.

The university conducted its first classes Oct. 4, 1876, but 1976 has been designated a commemorative period with a full schedule of events planned to focus on the institution's past, present and future.

TAMU's centennial also marks the 100th anniversary of state-supported higher education in Texas. Additionally, the university's centennial coincides with the nation's bicentennial.

TAMU's celebration formally begins Feb. 2 with Centennial Proclamation Day, which will feature varied activities denoting the university's heritage. Major programs are also planned for April 21, date of

the traditional Aggie Muster, and May 8, spring commencement. October 4 will be Centennial Convocation Day and will include activities emphasizing the future of TAMU. Additional activities, including special programs, lectures, seminars and short courses, will be conducted throughout the year to attract visitors to the campus.

TAMU's annual "Summer School

at Sea" will be designated the Centennial-Bicentennial Cruise. The university's 15,000-ton training ship, the "Texas Clipper," will visit historic ports on the East Coast.

In addition to the ceremonial aspects, TAMU's centennial will be observed by publication of scholarly and pictorial histories of the university written by Prof. Henry Dethloff of the TAMU History Department. Also scheduled in the unveiling of a mural of wood carvings depicting the institution's history by Prof. Rodney Hill of the Environmental Design Department and the release of a portfolio of campus scenes painted by Buck Schiweitz, 1921 graduate and artist in residence. Production of a documentary film for television and general presentations is also planned.

Observance of TAMU's 100th anniversary will also be celebrated by the presentation of special centennial scholarships. It is hoped there will be sufficient funds to award 100 such scholarships providing four years of support at the rate of \$500 annually.

Shelton named veterinary council head

Dr. George C. Shelton, dean of Veterinary Medicine at TAMU, has been chosen president-elect of the Council of Deans, Association of American Veterinary Medical College (AAVMC).

Shelton, dean of the TAMU college since 1973, will serve for one year. He will then serve a year as president and another year as part president of the council.

The AAVMC Council of Deans represents the existing 21 college of veterinary medicine in the nation.

Duties of the post include various executive actions, responsibilities concerning health and scientific program preparations and presiding over the twice-yearly meetings.

Shelton was picked for the post at the recent meeting of the AAVMC held in Anaheim, Calif., in conjunction with the conference of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Shelton, a 1948 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduate of TAMU, came to TAMU from the University of Missouri in 1973. At Missouri, he was associate dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

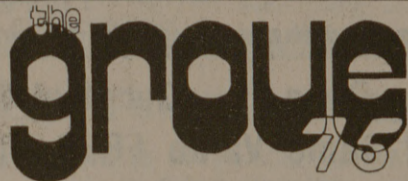
He completed his master's degree work at Auburn University in 1952 and his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. He was project leader for the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station from 1959 to 1965.

A&M club gives money for scholarship

Endowment of a Centennial Scholarship has been announced by the Brazos County A&M Club.

The \$10,000 endowment commemorates TAMU's 100th anniversary in 1976. It will provide a perpetual \$500 annual scholarship to TAMU for a deserving Brazos County youth.

It is the first in the university's Centennial Scholarship program. The program is part of TAMU's 100th anniversary celebration next year.



July 30
McHALES NAVY JOINS THE AIR FORCE: The crew of the PT-103 find themselves drafted into the Air Force in Australia where they become involved with a Soviet freighter. Rated G.

July 31
STAGECOACH: John Wayne — Stagecoach full of misfits traveling across the desert toward the town of Lodenburg receive a central moving force with the arrival of the Ringo Kid who shelters them through attacks, problems, and personal conflicts. Rated G.

August 1
THE GRADUATE: Dustin Hoffman — He plays the part of an inexperienced college graduate who returns to the home of affluent, insensitive parents, has an affair with an older woman, Mrs. Robinson, and ends up falling in love with Mrs. Robinson's daughter. Rated PG.

August 2
SUGARLAND EXPRESS: Goldie Hawn — Based on an actual event in Texas in 1969, it is the story of a young mother who helps her husband escape from prison so they may rescue their baby from involuntary adoption. The cross country pursuit of the couple and their hijack of a Texas State Police car makes for a laugh a minute. Hundreds of law officers are after them while the country cheers them on.

August 3
THE GUNS OF NAVARONE: Gregory Peck — A spectacular action story about the destruction of two giant radar controlled cannons whose very existence threatens thousands of Allied lives during World War II. Rated G.

August 4
VANISHING POINT: Korean War vet, ex-cop, and race car driver Kowalski (Barry Newman) who delivers cars makes a bet to finish a Denver to San Francisco run in 15 hours, thereby becoming the object of a three state police chase to stop him. Rated PG.

August 5
THE GREEN BERETS: John Wayne — A compelling account of the United States Army's special forces in the South Vietnam War. An explosive adventure drama of the war that caused so much American unrest. Rated PG.

August 6
KING KONG VS. GODZILLA: Michael Keith — The jungle gargantuan and the sea behemoth battle it out while leveling skyscrapers, hurling trains to and fro, and snatching jets from the sky in this orgy of special effects. Rated G.

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