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DPS, AAA work to make this Labor Day safer

55 traffic fatalities expected

By MARCUS MILES Reporter

Last year 55 people were killed in traffic accidents over the Labor Day weekend in Texas and two-thirds of the fatalities involved drunken driving or speeding, says David Wells, public information officer for the Department of Public Safety. This Labor Day weekend the

DPS expects as many as 54 fatalities as a result of traffic accidents," Wells says. The DPS and other law enforcement officials hope to reduce the number of fatalities by enforcing two operations: Operation Holiday and Operation Motorcide.

"Operation Holiday places DPS proopers on special alert in areas that have a high number of traffic viola-

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tions," Wells says. "Troopers are sta-tioned at locations where high volumes of traffic are anticipated and

were violations are expected. "Operation Motorcide is an ong-oing tally of the traffic fatalities that occur throughout the Labor Day weekend.

Wells says.

"The reports will be given to the wire services and other interested news sources," he says. "If motorists are aware of the number of fatalities that have occurred, they may tend to

Another group that is concerned with traffic safety during the Labor Day weekend, which is also the first in traffic safety during the back-to-relation of the traffic safety during the back-toweek of school for elementary and high school students across the state, is the American Automobile Associa-

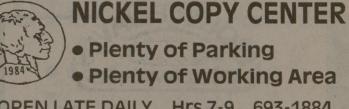
The AAA encourages all motor-Law enforcement officers around the state will help maintain a state-wide fatality count that will begin at 6 p.m. today and end at midnight Monday. These fatalities will be up-dated throughout the weekend,

"School zones are immediate danger zones because of the presence of young children," Curtis says. However caution should also be maintained when traveling in residential school week," he says.

"For many preschoolers the start of the school year means they are left without an older sibling's guidance.

Curtis says that preschoolers may hear a car but may not see the car, or they may not be unable to tell what direction the vehicle is coming from.

The AAA offers booklets that help preschoolers understand the importance of traffic safety. These books can be obtained by writing the AAA of Texas at 3000 Southwest Freeway Houston, Texas 77098. The booklets cost \$2.50.



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Open House aquaints Ags with clubs

MSC Open House, an event for students to get familiar with the more than 150 major student or-ganizations at Texas A&M, will be Sunday, September 2.

Many of the student organiza-tions at Texas A&M will set up booths in the Memorial Student Center between 4 and 8 p.m.

Among the organizations par-ticipating are academic clubs, Student Activities, Corps of Cadets, MSC Committees, service and honor groups, religious groups, sports and recreation clubs.

The chairman of MSC Open House, Victoria Holcomb, says this year's Open House will fea-ture several first-time events. Kim Walters, Miss Texas A&M, will sing and Reveille IV, the Aggie marcot will make an

the Aggie mascot, will make an appearance. Prizes, ranging from concert tickets to bags of peanuts, will be given away. There will also be an auction of

paintings created by Texas A&M student leaders on their view of leadership.

Other activities include a yell practice, and a free movie, "Porky's," at 8:30 p.m. in The Grove.

how much insurance you will need. If you are a dependent and your be-longings exceed the coverage under your parents' homeowners policy, there are two alternatives you may

thang to consider if you have valu-ables in your dorm or apartment that you can't afford to replace. Along with the all-important books and clothing, many students feel that stereos, television sets, and other luxury items are pecessary for want to consider before buying your exceed your parents' coverage, you may want to add a short endorse-ment to the homeowners policy, al-lowing you to go beyond their cover-

> Various Bryan and College Station insurance agencies offer cover-age that caters especially to the dorm student and the apartment resident if they choose to buy their own poli-

> Dorm insurance will cover most personal belongings with the excep-tion of items such as tickets, billfolds and checks. The items must be in your room if they are to be covered. The cost at one local company is \$33 per year, and the policy covers \$2500 worth of items with a \$25 deductible.

> Since the University is not responsible for covering personal items, it might be in the dorm student's best interest to consider this policy. Thefts are common and an accident

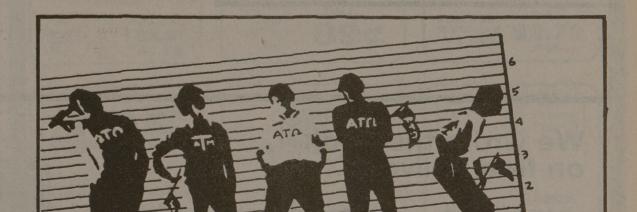
can occur, as it did last December in five campus dorms. The water pipes broke and flooded the rooms of several residents, damaging their ste-reos, clothing, books, and other personal items that they had left in their rooms during the Christmas holidays

According to Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs, many of the students involved were not covered by insurance. Fortunately for the students, Operation Mop Up was formed to reimburse them through money raised from donations and a bicycle auction. Over \$3,000 was raised.

raised. Apartment residents also are strongly urged to consider insuring their belongings. Renters insurance protects personal property against all perils, including theft. Off-Cam-pus Housing Coordinator Stephanie Palubicki said she definitely encourages all students to get renters insurance. "It can be worth the investment," she said.

The prices for this policy range from \$120 to \$300, depending on the coverage and the structure of your apartment. Policies for those living in frame apartments are more expensive than for brick apartments due to the higher risk of fire damage in a frame apartment.





Insurance advisory prompts students to shop for policies

By ANN PARKER

Reporter Insurance is something that many college students don't know much about. Yet insurance may be some-

other luxury items are necessary for

what is often overlooked is the possibility that any of these personal belongings could be stolen or de-stroyed and, without proper insur-ance coverage, the student's com-formable life at school could become fortable life at school could become

quite unpleasant. The Texas Insurance Advisory Association suggests that students in dorms and apartments make certain they have adequate insurance to protect their personal belongings. De-pendents should check with their parents' homeowners policy since they may be covered. The standard coverage rate is 10 percent. Some items such as mopeds and

bicycles are not covered in a homeowners policy, and others, including jewelry and money, are only covered for a limited amount. This is important to remember when determining

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