

Editorial Comment:

Nearly Three Million Hit 1959 'Dishonor Roll'

Every year the Travelers Insurance Companies publish a statistical report on U.S. highway accidents during the previous year. The 1960 edition, the 34th annual one, is called "The Dishonor Roll," featuring on the cover a picture of Death's bony fingers clutching a grim record of death, injury and suffering.

In 1959, more than 2,900,000 Americans added their names to the nation's roll call of dead and injured in auto accidents, an increase of almost 50,000 over the previous year. They were added despite the pleadings and warnings of those who try in vain to halt the carnage on our highways.

For those who recognize the evil and battle it with the few weapons at their command, the struggle often seems a hopeless one. Each year the grim reaper emerges victorious, his Dishonor Roll growing even longer with the names of men, women and children, drivers and pedestrians, the careless and innocent alike.

Since the first automobile chugged noisily down cobblestone streets, more than 62 million killed, crippled and maimed. Americans have inscribed their names on this Dishonor Roll. More have died on the highways than on our nation's battlefields. More have been injured than in all the world's wars combined.

This roll call of highway fatalities is no secret document hidden from public gaze. In newspapers and bulletins, legal and police reports, in courtrooms and judges' chambers, the names of the Dishonored and their innocent victims are made known to all.

And not the names alone, but the catalogue of their deeds: driving while drunk, excessive speed, violating the rules of the road, jaywalking, failure to dim lights.

These are a few of the offenses. In an endless roll the names are read, and the judgments given. Then, more often than not, the dishonored proceed to emblazon their names again on the shameful record.

It is apparent that despite the statistical lists, the courtroom scenes, the newspaper headlines, and the spotlight of publicity we continue to ignore this great and needless waste of human resources and material values.

We shake our heads in sorrow over friends and relatives listed, children killed, lives blighted. Then, as in 1959, we add the names of 37,600 men, women and children killed, 2,670,000 injured, maimed or disfigured, an ever-increasing toll of dishonor.

What is the solution to this national disgrace?

Obviously, no one has found it to date. Statistics, pledges and slogans have had little apparent effect on the American public. None of those have brought about lasting awareness of the needless waste of lives, the untold suffering, represented by this Dishonor Roll.

Each year, more and more of us heedlessly forget or intentionally disregard the messages of our safety experts. We refuse to make that personal commitment to greater care which is necessary if we are to survive the holocaust of our highways.

Only through an awareness of the terrible power of the modern automobile and only through the desire of each of us to keep our good names from the pages of the Dishonor Roll, will we begin to lower the deadly toll, and make our highways safe avenues of commerce and pleasure for all.

Weight on World More Ponderous

The weight on the world's shoulders seemed to grow heavier Monday when the Big Four Summit Conference came to what seemed an abrupt halt almost before it started.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev took back his invitation to President Eisenhower to visit Russia and both exchanged angry words accusing the other of torpedoing the conference.

The American viewpoint, of course, is that Khrushchev pulled a typical Russian move of, as Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson said, subterfuge to avoid "orderly negotiation."

The President said, "The only conclusion that can be drawn from his (Khrushchev's) behavior Monday morning was that he came all the way from Moscow to Paris with the sole intention of sabotaging the meeting on which so much of the hopes of the world have rested."

Although Khrushchev seemed to make an issue of the U2 spy plane incident, he also seemed to ignore Eisenhower's disclosure that U.S. spy flights over the Soviet Union have been cancelled.

This incident Monday, piled upon all the others involving the Soviet Union in international relations for many years, made it even more clear that the United States is facing an enemy of the like it has never faced before—uncompromising, very powerful, very dedicated to the goal of world Communism.

What can this nation do? Perhaps we must again try to deal at the conference table and keep up the hope that somehow, someday the world can live without fear, without hate, without conquest as the goal of leaders of very powerful nations.

Khrushchev commented Monday that a six-month delay in summit talks may be necessary; that a later U.S. administration may understand the situation if the present one cannot.

What will the United States do? Will it go back for perhaps another slap in the face?

The answer may well be that we will have to return and hope. The hope for

peace is eternal and although often frustrating, perhaps the conference table is the place where some tangible advancement towards peace may be met.

It seems that we are buying time to live without a "shooting" war but are not buying peace. For we are in a real war right now, one of ideas and dollars more so than rifles and armies.

Perhaps this is all we can do—try not to get pushed around too much, yet not make the boldest of statements, not push the most aggressive policies.

It would not be surprising, therefore, to see this nation in November turn to the candidate from the Democratic Party, in hopes, perhaps unreal ones, that a change in the executive branch will enable this nation to deal with Russia effectively.

This might be an unreal hope. But already concerned Republicans have admitted that what happened Monday may have cut thousands of voters away from the Republican side. Others expressed hope that the American people may be encouraged by the stand of President Eisenhower and look forward to more GOP leadership and compromise only if constructive changes are quite apparent.

Perhaps it would be wise for the nation to follow the advice of Sen. Johnson—"to remain calm in the face of the danger which confronts us."

The general feeling—at least before the Summit began—was that Russia would not want to start a war at this time, perhaps never on a nuclear scale. We are holding onto this and rationalizing about our own safety, yet are very concerned for the future of the mankind.

As Sen. Johnson said, "If this game goes on in its present vein—this game of propaganda, counterpropaganda, this game of probe and counterprobe, this game of invite or not to invite—there will indeed be a wreckage to study, a monumental wreckage.

"But it will be for some other generation, not this one, to study it. For the wreckage will not be just a plane. It will be the charred remnants of a civilization which houses living mankind."

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



I THINK MY DATE WAS A SHIFTY CHARACTER - ALL EVENING I COULD NEVER GET HIM TO LOOK ME IN THE EYE.

Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Letters may be initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 200 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

Good Work

To the Editor: It is encouraging to see good news about fraternities once again.

I am referring to the awarding of the Alpha Tau Omega Help Week Trophy to the Sigma Alpha Mu pledges.

The SAM's can be proud of their pledge class activities during the year, which included a general clean-up at the State Mental Hospital and help in providing direction to juvenile delinquents as another project.

And the class made a fine 6.1 average overall, a goal that many fraternities would be doing well to strive for.

Although not a SAM, I must again congratulate them on their constructive pledge program and hope that other fraternities—even my own—will take a more positive attitude towards pledge training and other fraternity activities that will give Greeks some good publicity, that which they need and that which they deserve.

J. B.

Music Requests

Considering myself somewhat of a lover of music of all types and enjoying jukebox facilities in the Crib, it's rather appalling to see the childish scribbles that deface the request list on the Crib jukebox.

The piece of paper put there is for the purpose of finding out what new songs and types of music Crib patrons would enjoy—it's not for testing out four-letter words and "smart" sayings.

Beethoven

Architecture Achievements Recognized

Two seniors in architecture, James Gorup and Jacob Haun have been named as recipients of the annual American Institute of Architecture awards.

Gorup received the first place medal and Haun the second place honor. Awards are made in recognition of scholastic achievement, character and promise of professional ability. Both received copies of "Mont St. Michel and Chartres" by Henry Adams.

Other awards were the Alpha Rho Chi medal to Jeff Baudeberg, AIA award for outstanding achievement during five years of study to John Pressly Solso and faculty awards for outstanding achievement and development in the study or architecture during the past five years to Lawrence Hawthorne, Leroy Rasmussen and Modris Pudists.



On Other Campuses— K-State Fraternity Men Stingy With Pins, Rings

Kansas State coeds have been able to manage various tokens of affection from about a third of the K-State fraternity membership.

The Kansas State Collegian reported that 324 of 1,197 fraternity men were lavaliered, pinned or engaged at the time of the recent poll.

Lavaliering has taken in nearly half this number, 168. Some 123 pins are out as are 53 rings.

The paper commented that perhaps the remaining 853 fraternity men are the ones who are most commonly heard singing a rather familiar song—the boy-girl ratio is terrible.

If you haven't got out much in the sun yet this spring and are admiring a friend's tan, better not be in too much of a hurry to catch up.

For the head of Student Health at the Kansas State University—says cosmic rays from the sun constitute a serious radiation hazard source, and aid in the possible development of skin cancer in future life.

The K-State Collegian reported Dr. B. W. Lafene said, "This does not mean that sunlight is unhealthy. Gradual suntan is a healthy thing.

"A person should not try to judge the degree of his burn by the pinkish tint of his skin while he is still in the sun," the doctor added, for "the burn does not fully develop until several hours after the exposure."

And Dr. John G. Grant of the Iowa State Health Service suggests working up to long periods of sunbathing.

Dr. Grant advised, "Blondes should start with 20-minute periods in the sun. Brunettes should start with 30 minutes at a time."

And he warned against falling asleep and taking in too much sun without realizing it. It's just like walking into a fire, Dr.

Grant said, with possible results of blisters, swollen eyes and second degree burns.

One of America's 10 leading Shakespearean scholars will retire from the faculty of the University of Wichita at the end of this year.

Dr. George W. Wilner, professor of speech and dramatic arts, joined the faculty in 1923 and is credited with making the drama department at the University a success.

His plans for the future include travel to Mexico, Alaska, Quebec and New England.

The University of Minnesota is preparing for its first undergraduate humor publication since the passing of Max Schulman, Hegen and Ski-U-Mah.

The new yearly will be named "Fester, the magazine that makes everyone sore."

"Fester" reportedly will be identifiable by a picture of Jayne Mansfield on the cover and will be memorable by virtue of a Mansfield picture on the inside.

The recent Veishea celebration at Iowa State University didn't even up happily for everyone.

A number of Iowa State students and Veishea visitors filed complaints with Ames Police Chief O. J. Erickson that they had something stolen.

Most of the articles were missing from the Memorial Union.

Chief Erickson said the stolen articles included numerous raincoats and two typewriters, one from the Verishea office in the Union and one from a graduate student. A transistor radio and a camera with accessories were taken from a car parked on campus.

And in addition at the Union, someone walked off with a bowling ball and several billiard balls.

Chief Erickson said he did not know whether visitors or students were responsible for the thefts.

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