

Thanksgiving Break: 5½ Days of Death

By Tom Kotouc

The 1960 Thanksgiving traffic scoreboard stood at 3 killed, 110 injured and 195 accidents.

"All of the fatal accidents were avoidable," said Thomas P. Ryan, supervisor of the Nebraska Accident Record Bureau.

"They involved six traffic violations, numerous infractions of safe driving practices, a lack of consideration for the other driver, irresponsibility and the inability to adapt themselves to driving conditions," said Ryan.

"Yet this year's five and one-half day Thanksgiving holiday will be more hazardous than the four and one-half days in 1960 due to poor weather and road surface conditions," Ryan said.

Youth

Of 292 Nebraska traffic deaths last year some 104 of those killed were of either high school or college age youth, according to the Accident Record Bureau.

Of 11,382 Nebraska traffic injuries last year, 5,138 of the individuals maimed, broken or injured were under 25 years of age.

Over the past five years, Ryan said that in Nebraska there is one accident every twenty minutes, one person injured every hour, one person killed every 27 hours and a \$135,000 economic loss every day.

Capt. O. H. Witt, Chief, safety education and training, State Safety Patrol, put the blame for the majority of college-age deaths and accidents on four violations:

Speed

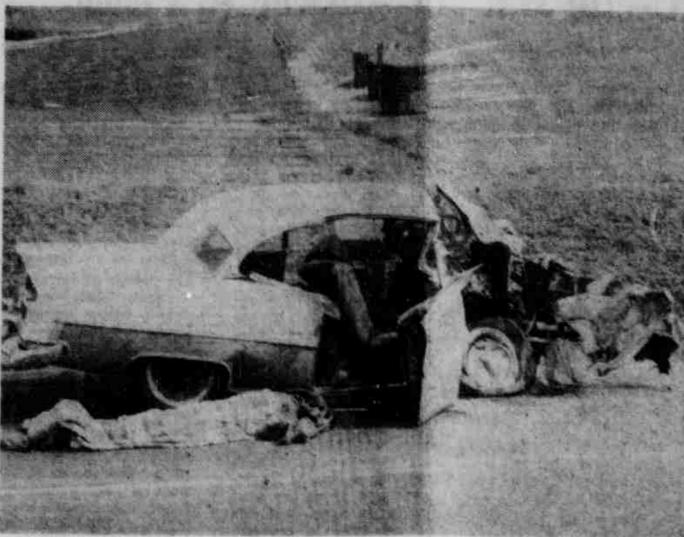
"Speed," he said, "is a major killer, with a great number of rear-end collisions figuring in the totals. An auto coming up too fast on slow-moving traffic is unable to stop in time."

"A second is overloading of cars with luggage, clothing and students making clear vision to the rear impossible."

Passing, Alcohol

"The other two are improper passing and alcohol," Witt added.

"But alcohol is not the killer," said Ryan. "Certainly alcohol plays a major roll in our accident experience, but it is the irresponsible driver who consumes



SLEEP OF DEATH

A Nebraska Wesleyan student, two Midland College students and a high-school youth were fatally crushed in this head-on collision with a semi-trailer truck last February. The driver passed out behind

the wheel and swerved to the wrong side of the highway into an oncoming semi. The truck driver said that before the collision, he observed that "every one of the students were asleep."

the 'Alky' who is the killer. He cannot—no matter how much he attempts to—ever salve his conscience by claiming otherwise."

Looking out over the heavy snowfall, Capt. Witt said, "Last week's days of driving rain and snow remind me of an accident that involved a college student and two high-school youth last March near Wahoo."

It was a Sunday night and the roads were slippery and visibility limited. Suddenly the car carrying the students skidded to the other side of the road and the driver lost control. It plowed into an oncoming semi, pushing both off the road. When the screams and grating of metal against steel and flesh had ceased, the semilay on top of the car in the ditch."

Rules

Ryan stated seven commandments of safety guaranteed to bring the college student back to classes "alive" next Monday.

- (1) Don't drive when sleepy.
- (2) Drink, if you wish, but if you do, don't drive.
- (3) Don't daydream. Concentrate on your job at hand, namely arriving at your destinations safely.
- (4) Start your trip early to avoid rushing.
- (5) Remember that the stated speed limit is not always the safe speed limit. The safe speed limit is controlled by existing conditions.
- (6) Thanksgiving Day is a day for joy, not sorrow; a day for giving thanks, not remorse.
- (7) The choice is yours to make. You can display proof of the maturity and responsibility you claimed for yourself on the day you acquired the privilege of driving.

Ryan added, "The 'lights on' campaign will again be employed over the Thanksgiving holidays. When you drive, day, dusk, or night, switch on your lights."

"There are three components of traffic accidents: the vehicle, the road surface, and the driver," Ryan concluded.

"The first two are responsible for a negligible number of accidents, so it follows that nearly all accidents are caused by the driver."



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NEW, LONG LOOK

The finalists for Honorary Commandant have decided to "go formal" with long dresses for the Military Ball this year. Some of the finalists are on hand to give their opinions as Jeanne Garner, center, tries on one of the new "creations." Voting for the Commandant finalists is today.

Ball 'Out of World' Treasure Hunt Leads to All Expense Paid Evening

An expense paid trip "Out of This World" is the prize for the campus male who finds the treasure hidden by the Military Ball Committee.

The trip of course, is a free ticket to the Military Ball. In addition, the winner will receive flowers for his date and himself, dinner for two the night of the Ball, free rent or a tuxedo and \$5.00 expense money. In other words, the free evening at the University's social season opener. If the winner has already purchased a ticket for the dance his money will be refunded.

The details of the treasure hunt will be announced immediately following Thanksgiving vacation. Each day a new clue will appear in the paper regarding the hiding place of the treasure.

Tickets are on sale for the Ball and may be obtained at the Military Science building or in men's organized houses and dormitories. Tickets will also be on sale at Pershing Auditorium on the night of Ball, Friday, Dec. 8. The price of tickets is \$3.75 per couple or \$1.00 for spectator tickets. The music for the dance will be provided by the Glen Miller orchestra under the direction of Ray McKinley.

The Ball committee says the pageantry and quality of this year's Ball will surpass in former Military Ball and will live up to the theme, "Out of This World."

One of the highlights of the evening will include the presentation of the 1961 Honorary Commandant and the presentation of the three service queens. The Commandant is chosen by an all campus vote which will be held today. Service queens are selected by a vote of the individual ROTC service branches. Each service, Army, Air Force and Navy, will choose their queen from the three Honorary Commandant finalists selected to represent their service branch.

George Peterson, who made the motion, noted that Frank Lundy, director of University libraries, has reported that campus library facilities are being crowded by people who want to use the library as a study hall rather than just for reference work.

Law Team Nears Top In Contest

The three members of the University moot court team are eligible to enter national competition, and "we'll do everything we can to get them there," said David Dow, dean of the College of Law.

Richard A. Peterson, Richard E. Shugrue and Robert Weigel, seniors in the College of Law, and their advisor, Professor John M. Gradwohl, will travel to New York City during the first half of December for the three-day national elimination tournament.

The competition will be sponsored by the Bar Association of the City of New York. The Nebraska team defeated Washington University of St. Louis in the regional moot court competition finals in St. Louis last week.

Both Nebraska and Washington advance to the national competition.

Each of the 12 participating districts in the country may send two finalists to New York.

The arguments in the regional finals were on the question of jurisdiction of the United States citizens' property by a foreign country.

Liebers, Kuska Receive Award

Former State Sen. Otto Liebers and Val Kuska will be honored for their outstanding contributions to Nebraska agriculture at the Agriculture Achievement banquet, tonight at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

Liebers and Kuska were both chosen for the award by the Nebraska Hall of Agriculture on the basis of their agricultural efforts through the years.

Chancellor Clifford Hardin and head of the University Extension E. W. Janike will deliver the honoring speeches.

University Pays Tribute To 'Lew' Lewandowski; Stadium Flag Lowered

By Mike MacLean

The flag over Memorial Stadium flew at half-mast Saturday in tribute to A. J. Lewandowski, athletic business manager at the University, who died early Saturday morning of an apparent heart attack.

Lewandowski was born in Chicago and was graduated from the University in 1930. As an undergraduate he lettered in football, basketball and tennis for basketball. He coached at Montana before returning to the University in 1936.

During the war he carried most of the load of the athletic department on his shoulders. He was athletic director, business manager, football, basketball and baseball coach and physical education instructor all at one time from 1943-44.

He also served as Athletic Director on three different occasions.

Chancellor Clifford Hardin made this statement:

"Mr. Lewandowski has been a devoted member of the University staff for nearly a quarter of a century.

"His interest in intercollegiate athletics has been lifelong. He has served the state and the University well. Students, faculty, alumni and friends of the University all join in expressing their sympathy to his family."

"Lew" had many interests. He served two years as president of the Collegiate Athletics Business Managers Association, was tournament director for the annual College Baseball World Series in Omaha and was assistant coach of the United States baseball entry in Pan-American Games in Mexico in 1955.

He was honored by the Rockne Club of Kansas City for his many contributions to sports.

His death leaves Nebraska without an athletic director or business athletic manager.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church.

Ag Dairy Offers Christmas Cheese

What's Christmas without cheese?

Not much, in the thinking of the University's dairy husbandry department as they once again offer their holiday cheese boxes as Christmas gifts.

The choice includes four and two pound boxes at \$3.75 and \$2.15. Cheeses include aged and mild cheddars, husker and blue cheeses. The department offers four different box selections.

The deadline date for mailing is Dec. 19th and the last day which boxes may be picked up at the dairy sales room on Ag campus is Dec. 22.

University Blood Bank Walks Again

The University Walking Blood Bank will operate again this year under the joint sponsorship of the Red Cross College unit, the Student Health service and the University disaster committee.

The blood bank project which was in operation for the first time last year, is set up on a voluntary basis. Students who are interested in belonging are classified according to blood type. This classification is kept on file at the health center and when a need arises for a certain type of blood the file is consulted and the volunteer is called.

Students interested in belonging to the Walking Blood Bank project may sign up in the Student Union on Nov. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donors between the age of 18-60 will be accepted but all those under the age of 21 must have written permission from their parents or legal guardian.

This is the first year this "Need a Ride?, Want a Rider?" plan has been in effect. The map will be kept up to see if the students use them for weekends. It will be up for Christmas vacation.

Drivers, Riders Matched by Union

"Need a Ride? Want a Rider?"

The Union personnel committee is sponsoring a project to help students answer those questions in regard to Thanksgiving vacation.

The committee has a bulletin board set up in the Union with maps of nine states and instructions on how to get the desired information.

The states mapped are Illinois, Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, and Wyoming. For locations not mapped out on the bulletin board, the students may indicate on the cards where their destination is.

Students who want a ride put plain pins on the map at the location of their destination. They fill out a rider card and leave it at the program office or the main desk.

The driver will contact the rider or the rider may check the card file in the Program office for potential drivers he may contact.

The Student who wants riders can put a car pin on the map at the location of his destination. He then fills out a driver's card and leaves it at the Main desk or Program office. He will contact the riders or may check the file in the Program office for a list of riders he may contact.

The personnel committee said that they are not liable for the travel arrangements which are made as a result of this service or for any accident or injury incurred on the trip.

They also advised the drivers to check the liability clauses of the auto insurance policies to be sure that riders are adequately covered.