

## Ten Seconds To Live

Snow flurries flew on campus yesterday, warning one and all that more would soon follow. The snow will add a driving hazard to a student speeding home to spend a happy vacation with his family.

This is a time of Thanksgiving. But it is very hard to give thanks when a member of the family has been smashed up or when a news cast tells of a fellow student killed in an accident.

It has happened before. It can happen again, if students have a beer for the road, if they take a little too long in preparations for leaving and then rush to their cars and drive like mad, if they take unnecessary chances on the road.

Many things are being done to make the driver aware of the hazards of the road. Many safety devices have been installed, such as seat belts, safety lights. But these things can do no good if the driver does not use them or if he ignores safe driving practices.

The following story appeared in the 1962 Daily Nebraskan. It is about a man in a hurry to get home, but it may well be about a student rushing to pumpkin pie and turkey.

This man was not any one of great importance, except to his family, who loved him dearly. He was a good man and worked hard at his job of selling farm machinery—maybe too hard—for it was his job that kept him on the road traveling most of the week. He was on his way home after a night and day selling campaign outstate. He was tired because in his attempt to close the deal he had not had time to sleep very much. Now all was over and he was anxious to get home. Today was his son's birthday.

If I drive all night I can get home in time for Bill's birthday party, he thought to himself.

A little too anxious. . .

He pushed his sleeve back, held his wrist close to the lighted speedometer, squinted to read the time. A little after nine. Five, ten minutes after. Ought to be home in half an hour.

If he'd known he had only ten seconds to live, he might have checked the time more closely. He might have done several things differently.

**TEN SECONDS TO LIVE.** He massaged his eyes with thumb and middle finger, trying to rub out some of the sand.

**NINE SECONDS TO LIVE.** He'd driven almost eight hours since lunch, and was beginning to feel it.

**EIGHT SECONDS TO LIVE.** Lousy driving in the rain. Light from your headlights just seems to soak in along with the water.

**SEVEN SECONDS TO LIVE.** Probably need a new windshield wiper blade. Old one just spreads the water around instead of wiping clean. Get one tomorrow, or next time it rains.

**SIX SECONDS TO LIVE.** Somebody threw a cigarette out of an oncoming car. The red glow dissolved almost before it hit the pavement.

**FIVE SECONDS TO LIVE.** He planted his heels on the floorboard, squirmed back in the seat, trying for comfort.

**FOUR SECONDS TO LIVE.** At 60 miles an hour, a car covers 88 feet of pavement every second. Four seconds, 352 feet.

**THREE SECONDS TO LIVE.** Something looked wrong through the blurry windshield. A tentative dab at the brake stiffened into desperate pressure as he made out an old, unlighted, slow-moving truck ahead.

**TWO SECONDS TO LIVE.** Panic moved in. Turn to the left. No, car coming. Headlights too close. Can't make it. Turn to the right.

**ONE SECOND TO LIVE.** Horror numbed everything, into slow motion. He was floating right into the near corner of the truck bed. He opened his mouth to scream.

**NO SECONDS TO LIVE.**

It's happened to lots of people; maybe not just that way but similarly. Drive too long, eyes get tired; rain or snow that's hard to see through. Mind wandering. Driving too fast. A car or truck ahead that you can't see. It's happened to lots of folks.

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU.

## Misery Is . . .

Classes Monday and Tuesday.

A 7 p.m. class Tuesday.

A broken foot for Doug Tucker.

Bob Devaney with only two quarterbacks.

Wearing sneakers on a rally parade.

About Letters

The DAILY NEBRASKAN invites readers to use it for expressions of opinion on current topics regarding campus life. Letters must be signed, contain a verifiable address, and be free of libelous material. Pen names may be included but lessen the chance of publication. Lengthy letters may be edited or omitted.

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Bill Mauldin's "Sorrowing Lincoln" was drawn within two hours of the President's death. Mauldin received the Sigma Delta Chi Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism on April 6. "It expressed completely the nation's grief at the assassination," according to the Award.

## The New Guard

by Bob Weaver

A year is too soon. Too soon to judge the years of John F. Kennedy. The perspective of history is needed at a time when a nation is unable to muster perspective. Contemporary history is the most controversial of all history and certainly any evaluation of John Kennedy, one of this nation's most debated of recent politicians, is and will continue to be of prime controversy.

What John Kennedy could not achieve in life, he achieved in death. The 2nd Session of the 88th Congress passed many of his proposals partly at the prodding of President Johnson, partly because the time was right, and partly to relieve a nation's grief and fashion a tribute.

The most significant were the tax cut and planned deficit, the mass transit bill, and finally and most importantly, the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The core of Johnson's Great Society, the poverty bill and the brick and mortar higher education bill had been originally conceived by Kennedy and his advisers in concert with Congressional leaders.

This Congress, in fulfilling this legislative program, will be tagged as, domestically the most productive session since the early New Deal. One-upmanship by Congressional leaders including House Majority Leader Albert and Senate Majority Leader Mansfield declares that the New Frontier measures would have been approved had Kennedy lived.

Internationally, the Trade Agreements Act and the just-begun Kennedy Round of trade negotiations at Geneva, ranked as one of America's most important initiatives. His, and a nation's humiliating defeat at the Bay of Pigs led to his unproductive and exasperating Vienna meeting in May of 1961, with Chairman Khrushchev. This seeming display of weakness allowed the Soviet's miscalculation in Cuba and produced the October, 1962, Cuban Missile Confrontation, resulting in an initial American triumph and a relaxation of tensions.

A new era of Soviet-American relations was begun with a first step represented by the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty—an era, the future of which is hesitating in the

wake of Mr. Khrushchev's fall from power.

The Kennedy years were marked by uncertainty and vigorous leadership, but hope and initiative. The nation's outpouring grief has disgustedly been victimized by commercial interests. The lines of people on the Arlington hillside remain as do the flowers in Dallas. "Time heals all wounds," except hate.

John F. Kennedy was many things to many people. But to most he represented that which is seen in youth by youth. He had style, sophistication, magnificent delivery, and political savvy. There was a new atmosphere in Washington this summer; the New Frontier was gone, the Great Society remained and America lives on.

### The Daily Nebraskan

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## if and when

By Doug Thom  
Back in the dark ages of 1953, students used to shake in their boots at the thought of standing before the Student Tribunal for offenses.

But since Assistant Dean of Student Affairs J. Winston Martin arrived, the Tribunal has turned into an advisory body to Student Affairs. The Dean decides which cases should be referred. The Tribunal hears the case and makes recommendations to Student Affairs, which follows the group's recommendation about 90 per cent of the time, Tribunal member Jim McGinnis said.

No longer does the Tribunal hear the cases of minor in possession, drunks, and thus, but concentrates on the habitual offender.

The Student Tribunal tries to have the person reason

out his wrongs and gives him the incentive to resolve his difficulties on his own. Formerly the group used a precedent system but now they are concerned with adjusting their recommended action to each case and each individual.

How do you look at the Student Tribunal? Is it a holier-than-thou group, which doesn't know what slipping out to the country for a quickie is. Is it just a joke—a deal you have to go to when you offend and can laugh off after you get out the door?

Hardly. It appears that such the body is quite open-minded in realizing the student's problems and they go about dealing out the recommendations to aid the students in developing a sound character—part of the educational process.

## CAMPUS OPINION

### Go Ahead

Dear Editor:

In regard to Mr. Barnes' assinine comment on Nebraska and agriculture which appeared in Campus Opinion Nov. 19:

Mr. Barnes expresses an attitude typical of the so-called "talented" youth whose steady flow from our state is mistakenly lamented by native businessmen and sociologists.

Mr. Barnes, sir, if you find Nebraska's natural beauty and resources intolerable, please don't feel obligated to stay. Those of us who remain won't miss you.

With all due respect,

Robert Ross

Editor's Note: Mr. Ross is not to be confused with G. Robert Ross, dean of Student Affairs.

### Bragging Unnecessary

Dear Editor:

I've heard a lot about fraternity scholarship, the latest being the following statement from the Thursday Daily Nebraskan: "Buzz Madson, secretary of IFC, pointed out that University publications have proven that fraternity averages are above the over all University average", and I would like to set the record straight.

NU fraternities take only pledges from the top half of their high-school classes (the University of Nebraska accepts all graduates of accredited state high schools), and then this select group must make a 5.0 average to be activated in a fraternity, said average being less than three tenths of one grade below the All-Male average for the past three years. A student from the lower half of his high-school graduating class can still qualify if he achieves a 5.0 at the University.

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