

Crash kills 5 Iowa vacationers, injures seven by Ogallala

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—The names of five people, including four University of Iowa graduate students from Indonesia, killed in a van crash in western Nebraska were released Tuesday.

The crash early Monday at a rest area near Ogallala also injured seven other students in the van. The four victims were enrolled in a special program designed to help them modernize their nation's primary education system.

The students, who are professors and practicing teachers in Indonesia, were returning to Iowa City after a sightseeing trip to Mount Rushmore and Denver when their van slammed into the back of a semitrailer truck that was parked off the side of the road at the rest area.

The Indonesian Ministry of Education told Iowa officials that the students' families have been notified about the crash.

Those killed:

■ **Mohammad "Toto" Budaya**, 31, male; Institute of Teacher Training and Educational Sciences at Malang.

■ **Dwiyani Kusumastuti**, 35, female; Institute of Teacher Training and Educational Sciences at Malang.

■ **Wahyu Winarni**, 35, female; Faculty of Teacher Training and Educational Sciences at the Univer-

sity of Mataram.

■ **Agus Sudarso**, 29, male; Faculty of Teacher Training and Educational Sciences at the University of Mataram.

■ **Sundari Widiatmo**, no age available, female; wife of Heru Widiatmo, a student injured in the crash.

The van driver and six others—all students—were treated for injuries. One was in serious condition. The driver of the truck was asleep inside the cab and not injured.

"The impact (of the car into the truck) was apparently great," Steve Yussen, dean of the College of Education, said at a news conference Monday.

The four graduate students who died had attended the university for a year and were enrolled in the university's College of Education, Yussen said.

Iowa is one of three U.S. universities selected to be a host to students for the Indonesian Primary Teacher Education Development Project, which is sponsored by the World Bank.

There are also two such programs in Australia and one in England.

"We express our deep sorrow at this terrible tragedy and extend our sympathy and heartfelt grief to the

friends and families of the students," Yussen said.

"We are all deeply saddened by this tragedy. The students were at the college and the university to learn how to make their native country a better place for future generations of children," he said.

Yussen said there were about 40 Indonesian students on campus and that they had been told about the crash. He said they declined to speak to reporters.

"As you might imagine, the students are very upset," he said.

Most of the victims had children, but they were not living with their parents in Iowa, said Paul Retish, director of International Education in the College of Education.

Investigators would not speculate on the nature of the accident.

Three of the five victims were pronounced dead at the scene, Iowa officials said, and two others died in the hospital.

Iowa officials said at the news conference three injured passengers were in stable condition at Nebraska hospitals and would be taken to University Hospitals in Iowa City.

Four others, including the van's driver, were treated for minor injuries and released.

Iowa officials said a campus memorial service is planned, although there were no immediate details.

Speeding tickets increase

THE NUMBER of speeding tickets issued over the holiday increased by nearly 9 percent from last year.

written more tickets for being in the 1 mph to 5 mph over the speed limit category since the new limits went into effect.

In other State Patrol statistics: ■ Driving while intoxicated arrests decreased from 34 last year to 30 this year.

■ Child restraint violations remained about the same, 20 last year to 21 this year.

■ Safety belt citations increased from 17 last year to 41 this year.

■ There were two more fatalities this year because of a single accident at an I-80 rest area west of Ogallala that claimed the lives of four University of Iowa students and a spouse of one of the students.

Most of the preliminary data comes from the Combined Accident Reduction Effort or CARE, which is a national program designed to cut down on traffic incidents on major travel weekends including Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day and Independence Day.

The Lincoln Sheriff's Department, Lincoln Police Department and University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police reported no fatalities. Since many residents and students were out of town, it was a quiet holiday weekend in Lincoln.

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Labor Day weekend speeding citations on Nebraska highways increased by almost 9 percent over last year's citations despite increased speed limits on the interstates and several state highways, according to the State Patrol.

Though some highway speed limits went from 55 mph to 60 mph on several state highways over the weekend, the Nebraska Department of Roads waited until Tuesday to change the signs to avoid overtime costs. The speed limit on most parts of Interstate 80 went from 65 mph to 75 mph June 1.

Speeding citations over Labor Day weekend rose from 743 last year to 807 this year, said Jeff Hanson, public relations officer for the Nebraska State Patrol.

Troopers issue tickets at their own discretion, Hanson said, and they have

Divers find missing body three days after collision

OGALLALA (AP) — Divers found the body of a Denver man who was missing since a weekend boating accident at Lake McConaughy.

Allrick, 50, of Longmont, Colo. He was charged with manslaughter, boating while intoxicated and negligent operation of a boat.

Robert Barnt, 68, and his friend, Betty Carter, 62, were thrown from Barnt's fishing boat when a larger boat collided with it Saturday. Carter, also of Denver, died in the accident.

Allrick was released from the Keith County Jail on a \$25,000 bond.


Charges were filed Tuesday against the driver of the large boat, Robert

Nebraska Game and Parks officers had been searching three days for Barnt when a dive rescue team recovered his body Tuesday morning at about 9:30 p.m.

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