

KU Works To Solve Auto Problem With Rules Students Help Enforce

Oregon school officials are concerned about the effects of student driving—and this concern is mirrored in the administration of Klamath Union High School.

The state-wide problem is reported in the September issue of the Oregon School Study Council Bulletin, published by the University of Oregon School of Education.

The survey, involving 159 high schools of varying size in the state, was conducted by Robert E. Skippen Jr. and John W. Kohl, both graduate students in education at the university.

Although an overwhelming majority of school officials felt automobiles did constitute a problem in high schools, many of them acknowledged that they did tolerate practices which tend to promote student use of automobiles. . . . the report said.

Klamath Union Dean of Men Dwight French said student driving "definitely" produces academic and social problems locally, but there isn't an active campaign to discourage the practice.

State-wide, the university report said, "No organized group has supported a program aimed at protecting students from practices, apparently harmful, in connection with student use of automobiles."

At Klamath Union, student use of autos is regulated, in part, by the students themselves. Students are urged to park their autos in a special parking lot and are issued stickers for that purpose. In the lot, the cars are protected from theft and damage and their use can be regulated. Students are prohibited from driving their cars during school hours and once

the cars are parked in the lot they cannot be removed until school is over for the day.

To minimize the hazards of the driving itself, school officials have sought the closure of Wall Street during the hours when students are active. The street runs from Esplanade to the school and is open only to emergency vehicles, except during the evening and early morning hours.

Furthermore, the loss of driving privileges is used as a disciplinary measure at Klamath Union.

The restriction of the use of autos and the regarding of their use as a privilege is a common practice among Oregon high schools, the university researchers reported.

Forty-five per cent of the schools surveyed reported that their school boards—like Klamath Union—have formulated policies concerning the uses of cars, although these policies vary greatly.

One-quarter of the schools have student councils regulate driving—again like KU.

In schools where there are strict regulations on the use of autos, it was found, officials have resorted to strict disciplinary measures to gain their compliance.

In some schools, violators of the regulations are banned from use of their cars. Conferences with parents and, in extreme cases, suspension and expulsion are also used to enforce compliance. The more serious punishments are more often used by the larger schools.

It was found that academic difficulties were most often listed as a serious consequence of student driving by small high schools,

while large schools most often mentioned social problems. All schools mentioned their concern over speed and reckless driving.

Survey findings revealed that more seniors drive to school than any other class, and more students in larger schools drive than do those in either small or medium-sized schools. In fact, medium-sized schools are at the bottom of the list in percentage of student drivers.

Only 23 per cent of the schools responding to the survey reported that they actively discourage students from driving to school. Some schools encourage student driving as an alternative to providing school buses, and 11 schools actually reimburse students for driving, in lieu of providing other transportation.

It was found that the smaller the school, the sooner students begin driving—some of them even during their freshman years.

Medium and large schools are more involved in campaigns to solve the driving problem and are seeking the aid of parents. Programs involving parents have reported "good results."



SUNNY-SIDE UP — Record breaking heat in Los Angeles brought out the egg fryers this week as witness this photo on the corner of Eleventh and Broadway. Crowd cheers apparent success of the attempt on the hot Los Angeles pavement with the building thermometer above reading 109 degrees. — UPI Telephoto

One Dead, Two Saved From Makeshift Raft

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — Coast Guardsmen in a helicopter plucked two men from a makeshift raft in the Gulf of Mexico Thursday and then watched in horror as a pack of sharks fought over the body of one of the rescued men.

Kenneth Crosby, 32, and James Dumas, 27, were recuperating in a hospital here today. Dumas' wife, Ann, 27, had died on the raft before the helicopter arrived.

The rescue marked the end of two days and nights in the wind-whipped Gulf after a 38-foot fishing boat went down with the Dumas' and Crosby aboard. The two men were picked up about 80 miles west of here.

"When we first spotted the raft, he (Dumas) was holding onto Crosby and the body of his wife," said Cmdr. Martin Flesch, pilot of the helicopter.

"But he told us later that he just couldn't hold on any longer."

Flesch said the helicopter circled the area to come in for a landing and Mrs. Dumas' body was about 100 yards away from the raft in a mass of sharks.

"About all you could see were fins," he said, and "a flurry of foam and blood."

The Coast Guard said Mrs. Dumas was seven months pregnant. She died Wednesday night on the raft.

When the two men were brought here, Crosby was delirious from drinking salt water the day before, and Dumas was weak from exposure to sun and high waves.

Flesch said Dumas told him that the fishing boat Ev-Ann went down Tuesday night between 9 and 9:30 p.m., after hitting something or being hit by something in the dark.

The makeshift raft on which the three were floating appeared to be the inverted siding of a deckhouse, Flesch said.

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A spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service said 146 gambling dens were raided in 53 cities. The raiders confiscated 37 coin-operated machines and nine cars.

However, when the raids were over, seven arrest warrants were still outstanding.

Hundreds of agents were involved in the raids, the IRS said. All of the raids were synchronized. At 2:30 p.m. EDT the agents hit the gambling locations in the first large-scale raids on gamblers since May 4 when 115 persons were arrested in 43 cities.

The tax agents usually concentrate on horse booking parlors and on the numbers racket. However, at this time of the year raids usually net some football and baseball pools.

Portland State Suspends Six National Sororities

PORTLAND (UPI) — A sweeping move by administration officials at Portland State College here Thursday suspended all six national sororities on campus on charges of racial discrimination.

The ban was ordered by PSC President Branford Millar after a series of discussions between college officials and sorority representatives did not remove what Millar termed "serious doubt of the absence of discrimination on the basis of color" in rush and pledge activities.

Suspended were local chapters of the national sororities Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Zeta, and Pi Beta Phi.

Millar said the doubt resulted from the "complete rejection by all sororities at the college of two eminently qualified Negro applicants" during rushing which had been underway to select new members.

Millar said he intends to appoint a faculty committee to review the future status of the sororities, but cannot see how the doubt can be "satisfactorily resolved."

The sororities have been on the campus since 1960. The President said the chapters were reminded of a rule against discrimination two years ago when a Negro girl was rejected.

Rushing for this year's members had just started Sunday. The two Negro girls were invited to some of the first rushing parties Monday evening but were dropped by Thursday.

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Dies In Crash

MEDFORD (UPI) — A Mono County, Calif., deputy sheriff died in a local hospital Thursday evening from injuries suffered in a two-car crash just south of Medford Wednesday.

Dead was Robert Whitlock, 61, Coleville, Calif. Whitlock's wife, Lucille, 46, was in critical condition.

State police here said Whitlock and his wife were travelling north on U.S. 99 when their car and one driven by Doris Ruth Evanson, 39, Medford, collided. The latter was in fair condition.

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