

Westaby Says Bike Study Is Not Ban Movement

By DEMONT ROSEMAN

"All of a sudden there seemed to be a lot of motorbikes on the campus and we felt this was bound to be a hazard. But we wanted to be sure."

"We didn't want to invent a problem. We just wanted to be in a position to plan a program before a problem arrived."

With these brief historical remarks, Miss Janice R. Westaby, a specialist in accident prevention at the School of Public Health, began to describe a special study of two-wheeled motor vehicle accidents among UNC students here.

The four-month study was a joint venture involving the Student Health Service, the office of the Dean of Men and the School of Public Health.

"This was not a ban-the-bikes movement," Miss Westaby emphasized. "It was just a look at the motorbike riders and their habits to see if we could save some of them from injuries."

The multiplication of motorbikes on the UNC campus has been spectacular. The most recent count showed one motorbike for every 10 cars — about 600 student motorbikes and 6,500 student cars.

For the motorbike study here, medical reports and accident reports were analyzed and most of the injured students were interviewed.

"We were interested," Miss Westaby explained, "in the nature and the severity of the injuries, the circumstances of the accidents, the time of

day and the day of the week, the weather, who owned the motorbike, was a passenger involved, was another vehicle involved and did the injured student own and use protective equipment."

Fifty-eight injury-producing accidents were reported during the four months. This number was considered low because the study period was interrupted by a three-week Christmas vacation and a between-semester recess.

One of the biggest surprises in the study was a finding that almost half of the accidents involved another motor vehicle. Either the motorbike struck a car or vice versa.

"Our conclusion," Miss Westaby said, "is that we're dealing with inexperienced bike riders and we're dealing with auto drivers inexperienced in coping with a new problem."

Details of the accidents pointed to a failure of the motorbikes to follow generally accepted auto traffic patterns.

"The kids ride motorbikes as if they're following bicycle rules rather than automobile rules," Miss Westaby observed.

Freshmen had the most motorbike accidents (55 per cent). "This reflects only that this was also the largest group at risk," Miss Westaby hastened to point out. "More freshmen owned two-wheeled motor vehicles."

(UNC freshmen are not permitted to own four-wheeled motor vehicles.)

If accident rates during the four-month study are worked out for each academic class,

the seniors actually had the most accidents — 10 accidents per 100 motorbiking seniors compared to 3.9 accidents per 100 motorbiking freshmen.

A surprising number of the injured students were riding borrowed bikes — one of every four.

"An interesting side note of our study is the fact that one vehicle was involved in four injury-producing accidents, each accident was a different operator," Miss Westaby recalled.

The most accident-free day was Monday.

Half of the accidents occurred on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and about two of every three accidents happened between noon and 8 p.m.

Head injuries were the most serious results of bike accidents but, fortunately, were the least frequent. Injuries to the legs from the knee down occurred most frequently in the study.

Half of the 97 injuries in the 58 accidents were classified as severe. In this category were death, concussion with loss of consciousness, cuts requiring stitches, fractures, second-degree burns and internal injuries.

One student in every four required hospitalization. Two students have died in motorbike accidents so far this school year.

Also interesting was a finding that about half of the operators of lightweight motorcycles surveyed as a part of the study owned protective equipment (helmets, boots, face

shields and jackets), but in only one per cent of the accidents in the study was the operator wearing any protective gear.

Four of every five vehicles lacked protective devices such as leg guards, exhaust guards, spill bars and ignition cutoffs.

Out of the four-month study have come three possible courses of action to prevent motorbike injuries among UNC students: (1) regulation of the activities of the riders; (2) education of the drivers to safer riding habits and protection from injury; and (3) a combination of education and regulation.

"Regulation alone won't solve the problem," Miss Westaby maintains. "Regulation of itself adds additional problems of enforcement, inspection and so forth."

"In addition, regulation of motorcycle use on the campus and - or in Chapel Hill may be of little value."

She believes that regulation must be statewide and must cover all motorcycle riders if it is to have any meaning.

She would place the main focus on education but she favors limited regulation, with emphasis on special licensing.

"If the motorcycle operator understands why he should follow certain safety precautions and is motivated to follow them," she said, "the cause will be better served than if he is forced to do something he doesn't understand and re-

Are Greeks Losing Place On Campus?

By JUDY BOLCH

Are fraternities and sororities losing their place on the modern university campus?

The Panhellenic Council doesn't think so.

In an effort to express their confidence in the continuing importance of the sorority-fraternity system and to implement ideals to be followed to further improve the groups, the council and their Inter-Sorority Alumnae Board recently approved a guide and declaration of principles for its members.

"We believe that the fraternity-sorority system is an important group work experience which contributes toward the development of a sense of responsibility, a concern for the welfare of others and a deep interest in good campus citizenship," the council said. Noting that the all-frater-

nity scholastic average has consistently been higher than the all-campus average, the council added that it planned to continue to stress scholarship by refusing to pledge anyone whose grades are lower than a "C", by creating a proper study climate in their houses and by recognizing and rewarding good scholarship above any other campus activity.

In the area of personal conduct, the sororities pledged to both remind their members of the existing rules and expect them to follow these rules. They also said that they hoped to instill a sense of personal obligation to the University and to impress upon the girls that the moral and social values implicit in the teaching of the sororities provide standards they should uphold.

Student Chases UFO's

Curtiss Moore, a UNC journalism student, spent last Sunday chasing flying saucers. Well, not exactly, but awfully close to it.

Curtiss, the Chapel Hill correspondent of the Associated Press, astonished his news sources by calling them up and asking them whether they'd heard of any UFO's sighted around here lately. But only after an explanation to police chiefs, radio stations and others he contacted:

"Hello — this is Curtiss Moore, the Associated Press correspondent in Chapel Hill. I'm out to win this \$1,000 award, and they've asked me to find out who I could con-

tact in case somebody saw flying saucers. Crazy? Of course I'm crazy, but wouldn't you be for \$1,000?"

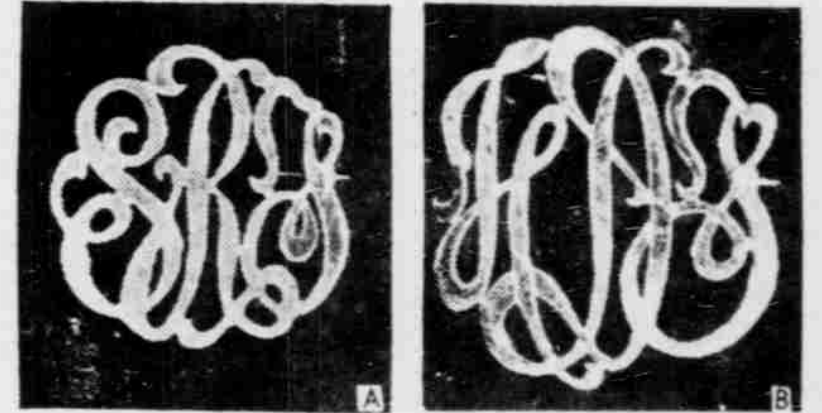
Curtiss, who works for The New and Observer, on weekends, has a good chance of winning the money, too.

He's already collected \$450 from the Hearst Foundation by participating in other contests.

Furthermore, Curtiss has demonstrated a superb news judgment. Asked whom he'd contact after the chief of police to check up on a flying saucer rumor he said:

"Who says I'm going to call the police first? Naturally the first place I'd call would be The Daily Tar Heel."

—David Rothman



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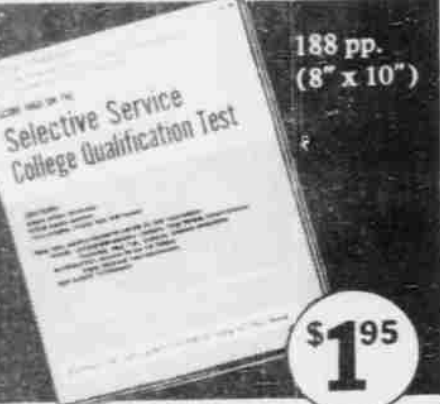
12:30 Mid-Day News

WILPF Will Hear Talk By Physicist

Dr. Herbert Jehle, physicist at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., will address a meeting of the Womens' International League for Peace and Freedom at 8 Wednesday evening at the home of Dr. Wayne Bowers, 714 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill.

Dr. Jehle's topic will be the responsibility of scientists in the area of world peace. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

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