

# Study says youths consider themselves users of alcohol

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 WASHINGTON — A survey of fifth and sixth grades in unified West Coast schools indicates 45 per cent of the children consider themselves users of alcohol.

The study, done for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), said eight per cent of the children drink at least once a week.

By the fourth grade, the majority of students surveyed already had at least one experience with alcohol, said "Nearly half the students surveyed 45 per cent considered themselves ongoing users of alcohol."

Clearly, exposure of youth to alcohol occurs at an early age," it said.

The study concluded that much of the alcohol use reported by school-age children occurs within the family, a pattern that gives way to "friends" and "social occasions" for older youngsters.

The findings were disclosed by HEW, but with little detail, at recent hearings in Congress on a budget for HEW's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

A copy of the study, made available to UPI by the institute, said it was done by Social Advocates for Youth, a private, nonprofit system of community centers based in San Francisco.

It was conducted, with some community opposition, as part of a three-year grant from the institute.

The survey was opposed in some cases on grounds fourth-grade children were too young to be surveyed or for fear it would encourage students to try alcohol. The researchers disagreed with this and other opposition but said participation in the survey was voluntary.

One unnamed community that participated did so on the understanding that any report published about the findings would not identify the community. For this reason, fictitious names were given to the 11 communities surveyed.

According to the report, the three middle grades were chosen because "very little research has been done around alcohol use patterns among elementary-age school children."

Previous research has shown that alcohol use is "common" at the seventh-grade level, the study said.

# Student exposes self

19-year-old Texas A&M student arrested Tuesday afternoon in connection with an indecent exposure incident that afternoon on the fourth floor of the Sterling C. Evans dormitory.

Two women who saw the man expose himself identified him to University Police Officer Louis Koronka, who arrested the suspect.

The suspect confessed to exposing himself that day and on numerous other occasions since January, said Koronka.

The suspect spent the night at the Brazos County Jail and appeared before Justice of the Peace Michael Callahan yesterday morning.

The suspect was charged with disorderly conduct and was fined \$200. He also paid \$2.50 in court costs.

The offense was classified as a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of \$200.

# College Station absentee voting set for March 29 at City Hall

Deadline for in person absentee voting at the College Station City Hall is Tuesday, March 29.

Persons who will be out of town during the general municipal election April 2 should vote absentee.

Three city council places will be on the April ballot.

Voting in person will be at City Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., where a balloting machine is available.

# City Council to hold rezoning hearing

The College Station City Council will hold a public hearing tonight in City Hall on the possible rezoning of a 107-acre tract.

The tract is about 5,000 feet south of the intersection of Harvey Road and the east bypass.

E.W. Schultz, managing partner

of Raintree Developments, requested the hearing to discuss possible increases in maximum density per acre in that area. The increase would allow more houses to be built.

The hearing will be part of the 7 p.m. council meeting.

# Alcohol, drug abuse subject of 'Alert'

The effects of alcohol and other drugs on the mind and body will be the subject of a public awareness presentation "Alert," to be held at East Mall March 25 and 26.

The event is sponsored by the Texas Valley Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center.

Displays will include movies and

literature on the physical and legal consequences of alcohol and drug abuse.

Bill Rose of the health center said the display is intended to dissuade people from alcohol and drug abuse.

The booths will be open from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

# Positions open on Graduate Council

Graduate students and seniors planning to enter the graduate school next fall are eligible to file for position on the Graduate Student Council (GSC) March 22-28 in the Student Programs Office, MSC 818.

Filing will be by college. The number of college representatives elected depends on the college enrollment.

GSC elections will be held April 6 and 7.

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## Campus

**MITCHEL YOUNG EVANS**, a mime and regular cast member with Dick Van Dyke on NBC-TV, will perform Monday at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Student Lounge. His one-person program will feature "Count Dracula," "Pierrot and the Dove," "The Screaming Munchies," "The Melodrama," and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Evans is the resident street mime of the Los Angeles Music Center.

**THE MANAGEMENT OF OLD COLLEGE MAIN** Apartments, 4302 College Main, Bryan, is announcing a landscaping contest open only to students of Texas A&M University. A first prize of \$250 and a second prize of \$100 is offered for the winning landscaping plans for the apartment grounds. The winning entry will be used to landscape the grounds, with all work done by A&M students. For more information call Maren Williams, 846-2089, or visit the apartment office at 4302 College Main, Bryan.

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career examinations (PACE) will be given the last time this school year in May. To take the PACE test, students must make application by April 16. The exams will next be given in October. Application forms are available at the Career Planning and Placement Center.

**GARY D. COUPLES**, 24, of Houston, a geology graduate student at Texas A&M University, has received a \$6,500 fellowship from the Fannie and John Hertz Foundation. Couples is preparing a structural analysis of a mountain system near Cody, Wyo. for his dissertation. The former National Science Foundation fellow is tracing the mechanical history of the 50 million- to 70 million-year-old range.

**THE DIRECTOR** of Texas A&M's Gas Turbine Laboratories, Dr. Meherwan P. Boyce, will be a U.S. delegate to NATO's Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development (AGARD). The meeting will be held March 28-April 1 at the Koninklijk Instituut van Ingenieurs, The Hague, Netherlands. Boyce will be the only non-

government representative with the U. S. delegation.

**STICKERS** for state vehicle registration can be purchased Monday through Friday, Mar. 28-Apr. 1, 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:15 p.m. outside the Memorial Student Center post office. Prices for registration will vary with the weight of the car. The deadline for registration is midnight Apr. 1, with late registrations fined 10 per cent of the sticker cost. Replacement cost of a sticker is \$1.30. Only local checks and cash will be accepted for payment.

## Texas

**MEXICO** may pay a \$400 million indemnification to descendants of early Texas settlers before the end of this year, if a Spanish land-grant activist has his way. Reies Lopez Tijerina, founder of Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres, says he met with President Jose Lopez Portillo in January and that Lopez Portillo agreed to make good a 36-year-old treaty spelling out payments to heirs of 431 Spanish land grants in Texas. Tijerina has called an Apr. 16 "General As-

sembly of Texas Land Grant Heirs" in San Antonio to confirm the claims so he can present them to Mexico for payment.

## National

**THE SLAYING** of 11-year-old Timothy King in Detroit's affluent suburbs has been linked to three earlier kidnap-slayings of children in that same area, police say. King was held captive for a week, then murdered by suffocation, where he was found Tuesday night alongside a road. The killer had bathed the boy's body before disposing of it, as was done to the three other victims. Police said similarities led them to believe Timothy was killed by the same person who kidnaped and murdered three other south Oakland County children—a boy and two girls—since February 1976.

**THE 10-DAY SEARCH** for the fabled Victorio Peak treasure reached the halfway mark today without significant findings in White Sands, N.M. The 105 news reporters and photographers who covered the start of the search on the White Sands Missile Range Saturday had dwindled to about 20.

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