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Responsible drinking'

Program fights alcohol abuse

By MARVIN ISAACKS Texas A&M University students will find themselves being exposed to an increasing amount of alcohol abuse education material in the near

futur This fall, the Student Affairs department has initiated a program to help students realize their responsibilities regarding alcohol abuse. The program is under the direction of Ron Blatchley and was developed by a committe of students, staff, faculty and people from the commu-nity. The Brazos Valley Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center also is helping to develop and exe-

handicapped students who would like to attend Texas A&M. The paid positions would encompass cooking cute the program. What we are trying to do is create an awareness regarding abuse of alcohol. We would like to have If you are interested in becoming a note-taker or attendant, contact students think in terms of drinking responsible instead of drinking to the utmost limits," said Blatchley. Don Gardner, counselor for the The program will use posters, video tapes, speakers and presentations by the Brazos Valley MH-MR and Texas Department of Public Safety. We will try to use material that is

not offensive to college students, said Blatchley. The posters that will be used are being developed by a group from the Residence Hall Association.

"We hope that in the future a

"As this program progresses, we hope that students will think about the posters they have seen when they go to the Dixie Chicken to stack up their cans, and instead act responsible," he said. "More and more students are finding them-calves in trouble with courts area selves in trouble with courts over charges such as driving while intoxi-cated (DWI) and being drunk in public because of alcohol abuse," he

said 'Alcohol is increasing as a problem because more students are over-indulging in alcohol instead of more controlled substances (drugs)," said Blatchley. "No individual can afford a DWI conviction, especially a person who will have to be certified by a state board," he said.

A first offense DWI is a misdemeanor, while the second offense is a felony," said Chris Kling, stu-dent legal adviser. "While a convic-tion could mean up to a \$5,000 fine and/or a term of imprisonment, the conviction becomes part of your

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driving record," he said. While Kling said he was unaware of proce-dures of other licensing boards, he said a DWI was a factor that would be considered by the State Bar of Texas. "I assume other licensing boards have similiar procedures," he said. "I doubt seriously if a DWI alone would prevent anyone from

becoming a lawyer," he added. A study at the University of Texas at Austin revealed that 71 to 96 percent of the students drank regularly. According to the study, students who drank the most were sophomores with a grade point average of 2.0 to 2.9. Blatchley expects a similiar study at A&M would produce similiar results.

"When we are able to develop a questionnaire to suit our needs, we will be able to concentrate this program where it is needed the most, he said. "We hope that the results of the study will enable us (the university) to receive financial assistance for our alcohol abuse education program." he said

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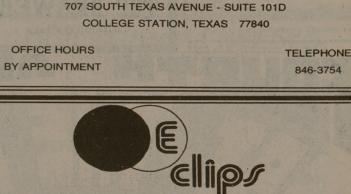
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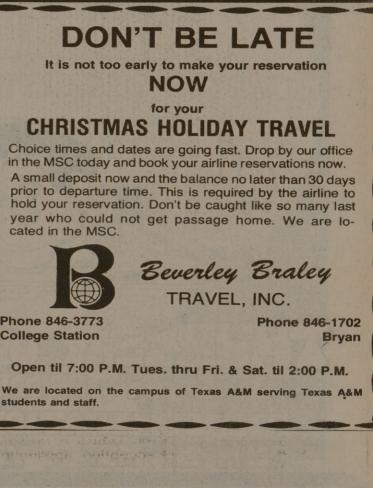
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was taking his afternoon nap in a light West Texas breeze and bright warm sunshine when a crowd pushed in around his pen at Noah's Ark Zoo.

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George Ann Hoke, Judy Fondy, Kathy Grimes, Vickie Matthews, Judy McCann.

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hat fast-talking Travis Butler stand-ness. But they couldn't leave all program on alcohol abuse education ag over his cage with a loud those animals behind. So they arcan be scheduled for a class that would otherwise be given a walk," ranged to have 25 exotic creatures said Blatchley. Samson & Delilah



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