

Alcohol program: be responsible

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Reporter

Alcoholic beverages have been a source of both pleasure and problems since the beginning of mankind. They have been recognized throughout the ages as a source of relaxation and pleasure. Yet history shows that irresponsible use of alcohol can be destructive to individuals, families and societies.

In 1981, Texas A&M received a grant from the Texas Commission on Alcoholism to begin an alcohol awareness program on campus.

The program is jointly coordinated through the Department of Student Affairs, the Department of Health and Physical Education and the Safety Education Program.

Jan Winniford, assistant director of student affairs, says these three areas provide a broad-based alcohol awareness program.

"The program functions as a peer group education experience," she says. "Student volunteers, who have gone through training sessions, lead presentations and discussions with student groups and organizations."

Winniford says the program presents a variety of alcohol-related topics.

"We have presented topics ranging from DWI laws to fetal alcohol syndrome," she says. "We aren't limited and will develop a presentation to suit the needs of a group or organization."

The Alcohol Awareness Program also publishes two booklets designed

help student organizations and the residence halls plan parties.

"The booklets basically inform these groups about the legalities and liabilities involved with alcohol-related parties, and give them party planning tips like how much food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages should be served," she says.

She says the Alcohol Awareness Program is neither condoning nor disapproving the use of alcohol, but emphasizing the intelligent use of it.

For the past two years the Alcohol Awareness Program has sponsored alcohol awareness presentations to Fish Camps.

"It's very important for freshmen to base their decisions concerning whether or not to drink on facts rather than peer pressure," she says. "We just try to give them the facts."

Winniford says in addition to presentations the program provides newspapers, pamphlets and flyers about alcohol and its effect on social, psychological and physical aspects of student life.

In September the Alcohol Awareness Program will sponsor an alcohol awareness week.

"One day we plan to set up a non-alcoholic bar at Rudder Fountain," she says. "The pina colodas and tequila sunrises were a big hit last year. We just want to show people that non-alcoholic drinks can be very good."

Winniford says a driving simulator will be brought on campus for students to test their driving reactions in a controlled atmosphere.

Rains fall, not enough to aid Corpus Christi

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CORPUS CHRISTI — Scattered showers fell Sunday, the second day of this city's water rationing plan forced on residents by an extended drought.

Lake Corpus Christi is the only water supply for the city of 235,000 and for a dozen other coastal bend communities. The lake is currently at 41 percent of capacity.

"I don't expect that they're going to get a whole lot more. The heavier stuff (rain) is off the coast," said a forecaster commenting on Corpus Christi weather.

The city's water rationing program, approved last month by the city council, began Saturday, calling for strict penalties for those who violate its provisions.

Households with one or two residents and everyone in apartments, mobile homes and duplexes will be limited to 6,000 gallons of water a month, with gradual increases for households with more occupants.

Businesses and industry must pare down their water use by 25 percent from last year's levels.

People who use more than their portion of water will have to pay surcharges ranging up to \$25 per thousand gallons, and they can have their water disconnected if they overuse more than twice their allotment.

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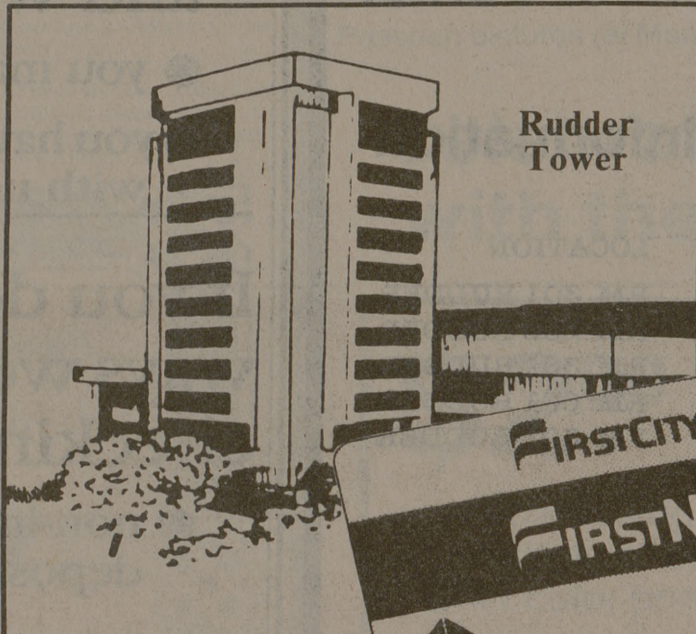
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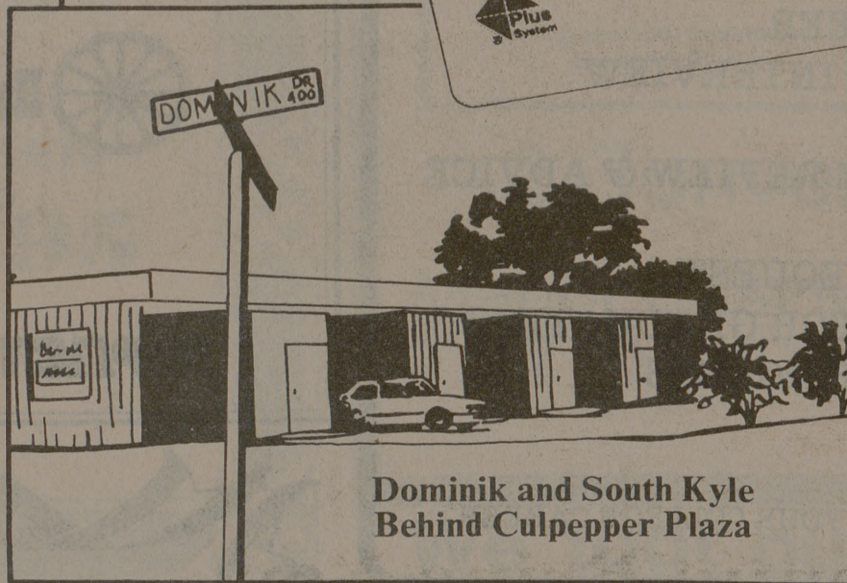
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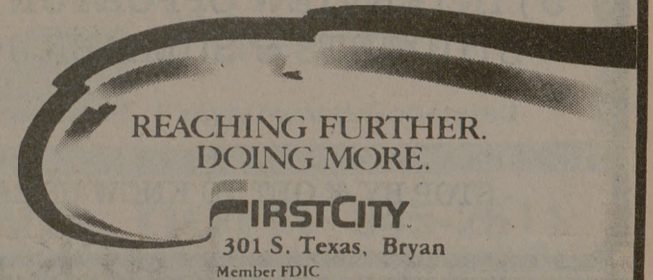


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