

Texas

Irresponsible drinking result of peer pressure

By DEEDEE DAMON

Reporter

Eighty-five percent of Texas A&M students drink alcohol regularly and 38 percent report getting drunk at least once a month according to a 1983 survey conducted by the Texas A&M Department of Stu-

These facts show a need to educate students about responsible drinking, Jan Winniford, Depart-ment of Student Affairs assistant director, said.

The Department of Student Affairs tries to teach students what responsible drinking is through an al-

cohol awareness program.
"We don't try to tell students not to drink," Winniford said. "If they are drinking irresponsibly, we talk to them and try to make them aware of

their behavior. For the last two years, alcohol awareness programs have been held

"We talk about making responsi-ble lifestyle decisions and help students recognize that peer pressure will be a force at school," Winniford

If a student is convicted of DWI or Public Intoxication on campus, part of the disciplinary action requires attendance at an alcohol workshop, Winniford said.

Winniford also said students should be more educated about alco-

"There are many misconceptions about alcoholism," Eugene Delani, a

Greenleaf Hospital mental health worker, said. "People still think you have some sort of low moral fiber in you if you are an alcoholic. But, this

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isn't true In a special film shown at Greenleaf Hospital, Dr. David L. Ohlms, of the Hyland Center in St. Louis, Mo., discusses the disease aspect of alco-

In 1956 the American Medical Association officially recognized alcoholism as a disease, Ohlms said.

Alcoholism is a primary disease, Ohlms said. "It causes its own symptoms. It is not a symptom of another

Ohlms defines alcoholism as chronic, progressive, incurable disease characterized by the loss of control over alcohol or other sedatives.'

However, loss of control doesn't mean losing control every time, "It means that once they take that

first drink they cannot predict whether it will be a normal drinking experience or not," he said.

When a non-alcoholic drinks, the alcohol in the brain is broken down into acetaldehyde, then into acetic acid and finally into carbon dioxide

and water, which is through the lungs and Ohlms said. However, the

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By TRENT LEOPOLD Reporter

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Michael Sweatt, Texas A&M

greenhouse manager, said several plant types suit the college student's lifestyle and thrive well with little

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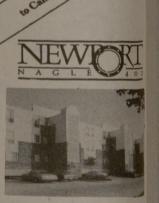
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