

United Way fund drive getting closer to goal

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In the eighth and final week of the Brazos County United Way fund drive, volunteers brought in \$45,000 to boost totals to 90 percent of the goal.

Although the campaign is officially over, drive chairman Ceila Stallings is still counting on late contributions to push the total up to or over the \$425,000 goal.

"I'm very heartened by the response so far," Stallings said, "but we need to clean up all the unfinished calls."

Of the 12 divisions making up the campaign, A&M raised one of the highest contributions. A&M, which is further divided into the University, the System and students, gave \$101,698 to United Way.

Of that total, the University gave \$60,100, surpassing its goal of \$55,000; the System gave \$41,474, or 92 percent of its \$45,000 goal; and A&M students have officially given \$124.

The University is one of the four divisions in the county-wide campaign to reach or surpass its goal.

"I'm ecstatic," said Charles Car-gill, vice president for operations and coordinator for the University drive. "It was an ambitious goal but we had strong support from all financial levels of employees. It was more than I expected but not more than I hoped for."

Of the University's 27 divisions, the business and science colleges raised the most money, and the College of Geosciences raised 140 percent of its goal. Nine other colleges and offices either reached or surpassed their goals.

The per capita contribution (total gift divided by the number of full-time employees) for the University was \$10.32.

Although the System did not reach its goal, Ivory Nelson, executive assistant to the chancellor and coordinator of the System drive, said he was pleased with the results.

"It turned out good, but I would have liked to have reached the goal," Nelson said. "The 92 percent we got this year is an 8 percent increase over last year's total. That's not bad."

Of the System total, the College of Agriculture raised \$12,805, the College of Engineering raised \$17,336 and the group of administration offices raised \$7,791. The per capita contribution was \$12.62.

John-Mark Stephenson, coordinator of the student part of the A&M drive, said there are reasons for the low student contribution. He said the students have an event-oriented United Way campaign, and thus they cannot be restricted to the eight weeks of the main fund drive.

Songfest, held last Saturday by the Chi Omega sorority, usually brings in the large donation, said Stephenson.

Program could reduce wrecks

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The passage of the Dram-Shop Act, which holds an establishment liable for those people who leave intoxicated, has instigated action not only by the local bars but by the liquor distributors as well.

Hilliard Jack Distributing Co., which distributes Anheuser-Busch beer, has started the Buddy System in response to this act to try to reduce the number of accidents caused by drinking and driving.

The Buddy System is a voluntary program that encourages

friends to take care of each other when they have had too much to drink.

"The purpose of this program is that if you go out drinking, to have a friend along with you," said Jan Winniford, Texas A&M assistant director of Student Affairs.

"Anheuser-Busch started this program by making material available for the students."

Winniford said the responsibilities of being a "Buddy," however, are much more than just being a ride home.

"It's being supportive of your

friend's decisions," Winniford said. "It's being aware of peer pressure between friends and making an effort to respect the other's choices if they decide not to drink."

Winniford, who is working directly with the Hilliard Distributing Co. in Bryan, said Anheuser-Busch's program is aimed at influencing college students nationwide.

"It's an educational effort," Winniford said. "We're not saying that you shouldn't drink, but just that you drink responsibly."

Besides giving out posters, the

Anheuser-Busch program (through the A&M student affairs office) also distributes blood-alcohol level charts, which are broken down by levels of weight and show how much the average person can drink and still be able to drive safely.

Gary Price, Anheuser-Busch sales supervisor and college representative coordinator, said Busch has contacted various local bars and restaurants to inform them about the Buddy Program and asked them to help stop intoxicated students from attempting to drive home.

Official: Higher education accessible

United Press International

EL PASO - For the first time in the history of the United States, the majority of the population has access to higher education, the chancellor of the Texas university system said Tuesday.

Dr. Hans Mark, ending a two-day visit to the University of Texas at El Paso, said "higher education has expanded the horizons of this country."

Mark said American access to higher education "explains why the gap between the United States and

other countries in the world is still wide." He said countries that do well, like the Japanese, have copied the American higher education system.

The expansion of higher education after World War II "had the very clear and obvious consequence of enormously expanding the middle class in this country," he said.

Mark, former deputy director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, addressed a packed auditorium in the Tomas Rivera Conference Center of the UTEP

Student Union Center Monday on the history and future of America's manned space station program. He urged UTEP engineering students to apply to NASA for jobs.

Mark told news media, UTEP students and faculty he is willing to help the university obtain more federal funding. "If you look at the amount of research (at UTEP), we should be doing more here," he said. "(UTEP) should apply for more federal grants and get more money."

Mark said the UT system has more private financial support than

any other state university system.

"People realize that giving money to the university is a good investment," he said.

Mark said the prime nature of his job is political, not academic, teaching or research.

"It's not my function to sit in Austin and develop any new program," he said. "I do not want to get in the habit of interfering with faculty prerogatives."

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Tuesday:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

• A blue 10-speed bicycle was stolen from the Leggett Hall bike racks.

• A blue Miyata 12-speed bicycle was stolen from the south side of the Zachry Engineering Building.

• A billfold was stolen from the mens locker room at DeWare Field House.

HARASSMENT:

• A student in Krueger Hall reported she has received several harassing phone calls from an unidentified man.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS:

• Someone broke into the West Kyle Field concession stand. Nothing was taken from the area.

First 'Be Alert' notice focuses on problem of bicycle theft

By SARAH OATES
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In an effort to increase security awareness at Texas A&M, University Police have launched the "Be Alert" program, to target specific campus security problems.

University Police will periodically mail out "Be Alert" notices to the local media, the dormitories and major campus organizations and offices: including Off Campus Aggies, student programs and Student Government. Flyers also will be sent to resident advisers.

The first "Be Alert" notice focuses on bicycle theft.

"Bicycles have continued to be an item that we've had a problem with year after year," University Police Chief Elmer Schneider Jr. said. "We need to encourage people to report them."

During 1983, bicycle theft accounted for 30 percent of all property crimes reported, a loss of about \$45,349.

From September to the end of October 1984, 81 bicycles valued at \$13,061 were stolen. During the same period in 1983, 58 bicycles were stolen.

"People don't seem to take advan-

tage of being able to register their bikes," Schneider said.

Bicycles can be registered for free with the University Police Department. This enables police to identify the owner when a stolen bicycle is recovered. Nine hundred bicycles currently are registered with UPD. Of the 81 bicycles stolen from September to October, only 23 were registered.

Schneider also recommended engraving driver's license numbers on bikes. Engraving tools are available at UPD.

Bicycles also should be locked

with a case-hardened steel chain and shackle, he said. They should be chained to bicycle racks. Schneider said that bicycles blocking access ramps or chained to railings for the handicapped will be impounded by University Police at the owner's expense.

Property theft has increased on campus, but Schneider said he thinks this could be because more people are reporting thefts.

"Perhaps there's a trend of more thefts," he said, "but I think probably more people are becoming aware of and reporting these incidents."

He said felony thefts decreased from 59 in September through October 1983 to only five for the same period in 1984. Schneider said this probably is because state law has raised property value requirements for felony thefts.

Prior to January 1984, theft of property valued at more than \$200 constituted a felony. Now the value requirement has been raised to \$750.

Schneider said the decrease in felony thefts corresponds to an increase in misdemeanor thefts.

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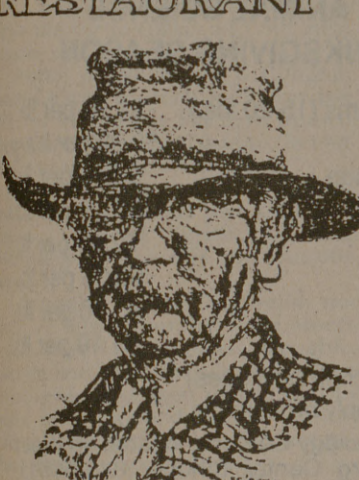
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