New program helps drivers stay sober

Reporter

Radio station KKYS, University National Bank, and area restaurants and clubs are sponsoring a program aimed at reducing highway accidents caused by alcohol abuse.

The Designated Driver Program

is an attempt to keep one person in a group sober so he or she can drive the others home, says Sam Jones, KKYS general manager.

"We're not telling people not to drink," he says. "All we're saying is if you're going to drink, use your head and let someone else drive.

Designated driver cards, which entitle the holder to free soft drinks and coffee at participating restaurants and clubs, are available at those

establishments, Jones says.
"It's our hope that people will utilize the cards and this will help cut down on the number of traffic accidents and fatalities associated with DWIs," Jones says.

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Brazos County Deputy Sheriff David Stout says that state records show there were 158 alcohol-related traffic accidents in the county dur-

The 1985 figures are not available, he says.

Jones says the cards are good for only one person per table because it takes only one person to drive a car. Alcohol also must be served at the table for the cards to be valid, he

The program, which began Tues-day, will run through New Year's Eve, Jones says.

However, Jones adds, if there is a tremendous response from the community the program may continue

Pat Siegert, vice president of business development and marketing at University National Bank, says the response to the program from local businesses has been good.

"I anticipate that every major club and restaurant in Bryan-College Station will be involved in the program," Siegert says.

Participating businesses to date are Roxz, Teazers, Graham Central Station, Uncle Charlie's, Casa To-



Photo by Jaime Lopez

Skip Bishop tells radio listeners about the designated driver program sponsored by KKYS, Uni-

versity National Bank and participating clubs and restaurants.

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Oyster Bar. Skip Bishop, program director and disc jockey at KKYS, says the re-sponse at the radio station has been

almost completely by college students and young people.

Bishop says he has seen the program work well in other communities and believes it will work here

Jones says he doesn't think people realize the extent of the problem here in Bryan-College Station.

"We do have a problem here, just like any other community in the United States," he says.

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In addition to the program, KKYS plans to announce tips and facts about drunken driving, Jones

Stout says he will provide the information to the station, emphasizing common misconceptions about

The main misconception people have about a conviction on drunken driving, Stout says, is the cost in-

"A conviction with two years probation would cost at least \$1,500," he

This price does not include attor-

ney fees if applicable, he adds. Persons convicted on drunken People don't realize how much alcohol it takes before they are legally intoxicated and what alcohol does to driving in Brazos County have received two years probation, but it can be less, Stout says.

White to hear bullet train proposal from German group

AUSTIN — A gubernatorial aide said Tuesday that a group of German companies will show Gov. Mark White the results of a study proposing a high-speed bullet train from Dallas to Houston.

James Austin, special assistant to White, said the meeting was requested by the German government,

and he does not expect a request during the Thursday meeting for funding for the \$2 billion train pro-

Zon Morr, acting West German consul general in Houston, said the study showed that fares would cover the yearly operating costs, but public funds would probably be needed to help pay construction costs.

Austin said he believed the Germans were proposing the project be-cause of their interest in the "economic dynamism" of Texas.

As for the governor, he said, "We are simply interested in listening to all ideas about improving the trans-portation system and improving the business climate in Texas."

But the high-speed train is not likely to save commuters much time or money, supporters of the plan ac-

In addition, Morr said the cost of riding the train probably wouldn't be as cheap as off-peak air fare, but "in general, the price must be com-

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