

'Hallewood Squares' helps inform Aggies about drinking responsibly



Student leaders participate in Hall-e-wood Squares. Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

By Sharon Maberry
Staff Writer

Texas A&M students had their own version of a game show Thursday with "Hollywood Squares" as a part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. The competition between different A&M residence halls took place at Spence Hall and was sponsored, in part, by the Residence Hall Association and the Center for Drug Prevention and Education.

The event followed the format of the game show "Hollywood Squares" with student leaders in nine windows of Spence Hall forming a square. Student leaders, including representatives from RHA, Off-Campus Aggies, Student Government, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, Interfraternity Council, bonfire crew, yell leaders and Reveille, answered questions about alcohol and responsible deci-

sion making to which contestants either agreed or disagreed.

The yell leaders started the game with a few yells for about 200 spectators. The panel of student leaders amused the audience (and themselves) by periodically throwing water balloons from the windows.

The panel answered general questions about alcohol and about its use on university campuses. Questions ranged from the chemical formula for alcohol to the best way to handle a drunk person to the percentage of students that use alcohol regularly.

Contestants from 15 residence halls competed for gift certificates from local businesses. There also were prizes for residence halls with the best participation.

This is the second year that "Hollywood Squares" was a part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Matt Krasin, from RHA, said the

event was coordinated by a small group representing RHA.

"I think it went really well," Krasin said. "We added more to the event this year. We had better signs and more publicity."

Last year's coordinator of "Hollywood Squares," Darby Roberts, agreed that this year's event was successful.

"We didn't want to lecture, but I think people learned things (about alcohol) they might not know," he said.

Debra Doyle, a graduate assistant at the Center for Drug Prevention and Education, said other events for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Thursday included an Open House at the Center for Drug Prevention and Education on campus to let students know about available services and "Think before you drink" night at Graffiti, sponsored by Graffiti and Alpha Phi Omega.

Authorities plan to stop vote fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — Vote fraud in Texas will be prosecuted vigorously, a state election officer said Thursday, as Texas and federal authorities described efforts to guarantee a proper election Nov. 8.

"What I want to see is to treat vote fraud with the same toughness that we treat other crimes," assistant secretary of state Randy Erben said.

"We're here to tell you that we are going to investigate, prosecute and punish, to the fullest extent of the law, anyone that we can detect that's committing vote fraud," Erben said.

Deterring vote fraud also is a goal, said Erben, who appeared with three U.S. attorneys for Texas and representatives of the FBI and Texas Rangers participating in a vote fraud task force.

"I hope that inspectors, simply by being at a polling place, will deter those tempted to tamper with an election," Erben said.

The secretary of state's office said more than 250 inspectors have already been recruited to observe and to report irregularities. They were recruited primarily from among attorneys and state employees.

In addition to areas where voters have made requests, inspectors will be sent to areas where vote fraud problems historically have occurred, including East and South Texas, Erben said.

He said those areas were determined after discussions with U.S. attorneys, the FBI and the Texas Department of Public Safety, and after examining past election inspector reports.

Ed Martin, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party, said he was concerned about Secretary of State Jack Rains, a Republican, sending inspectors to areas with Democratic and minority concentrations without requests from local officials.

"We're going to be watching it with a very careful eye. If this thing is done in a way that has any partisan overtones, I think we'd suggest the secretary of state and his assistant . . . ought to just take a leave of absence and go to work for their beloved Republican Party," Martin said.

Martin said Democrats would closely scrutinize the program to ensure voter intimidation does not occur.

"We're hopeful this will be run in a proper manner. If it is, we'll be the first to say that they've done a good job," he said.

Insulin eye drop research may provide alternative to injections for diabetics

By David Stanaland
Reporter

The development of insulin eye drops as an alternative to needles and syringes has been a major advancement for treatment of diabetes patients, a Texas A&M University pharmacologist said.

Dr. George Chiou from the A&M medical research center said research with eye drops is still being tested on animals and it could be at least a year before the eye drops will be tested on humans.

He said that the use of eyedrops could be particularly critical to patients who suffer hypoglycemic crises.

Hypoglycemia, a low blood-sugar level, results from too much insulin, poor diet or overwork. A hypoglycemic

crisis can result in an irreversible coma, and death can occur within 30 to 45 minutes, Chiou said.

He explained that the sudden drop in the blood-sugar level is a result of the body's inability to produce glucagon.

Unlike insulin, which is produced by the body to reduce the blood-sugar level, glucagon raises the body's blood-sugar level.

Chiou said that hypoglycemia is essentially the opposite of diabetes. When the blood-sugar level drops below the normal level the person becomes dizzy and weak and will eventually lose consciousness if the imbalance is not corrected.

Chiou said it would be easier and quicker for a person experiencing such symptoms to use glucagon eye drops, as

opposed to the time it would take to use a needle and syringe.

"According to tests in rabbits, glucagon eye drops are just as effective when administered intravenously or by intramuscular injection," Chiou said.

These tests reveal that both treatments have a reaction time of 30 minutes.

During a hypoglycemic reaction, using eye drops would take four to five minutes less than would self-injection of the glucagon, he said. These few minutes, he said, could be critical to the patient's life.

Other benefits of eye drops, Chiou said, is that they require almost no training to use, are less expensive and are generally more appealing to people than needles and syringes are.

Despite these benefits, Chiou said, more testing is needed before the eye drops can be made available to the public.

Chiou said that he has been testing glucagon's effectiveness on rabbits with excellent results for about a year. The next stage of experiments will test the drug's safety.

Glucagon will be given in large doses to the rabbits over long periods of time. The testing process is done for any new drug to test for possible side effects, he said.

"We are confident that we will not see any side effects because the drug is a natural element of the body," Chiou said.

If the results are satisfactory the Food and Drug Administration will approve testing on humans.

The testing will be conducted on a very small scale under a doctor's close supervision, he said.

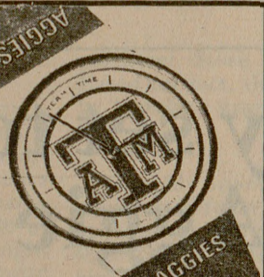
Chiou said that if the test results are approved by the FDA, glucagon may be made available for public use.

Glucagon would be only one of the drugs that can be administered with eyedroppers.

"Eye drops have a very wide application for any peptide drug," Chiou said. Peptide drugs are those produced naturally by the body. If these peptide drugs are swallowed they would be destroyed in the body's digestive tract.

Until the discovery that eye drops may be used with peptides such as insulin and glucagon, he said, the drugs were injected with a needle and syringe.

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1.09	2,195	4,000	.53	795	1,500		
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1.03	2,195	4,000	.50	695	1,300		
1.03	3,595	7,900	.50	795	1,500		
1.01	1,495	3,000	.48	695	1,400		
1.01	1,895	4,000	.47	695	1,400		
1.01	3,495	7,900	.47	695	1,400		
1.01	2,185	4,200	.46	650	1,200		
.95	2,395	4,600	.45	595	1,100		
.92	1,595	3,000	.44	595	1,100		
.92	1,850	4,000	.44	495	1,000		
.92	1,650	3,200	.43	575	1,200		
.91	3,195	6,000	.39	275	500		
.90	1,750	3,100	.37	375	600		
.89	1,350	2,600	.36	335	600		
.89	895	1,700	.34	335	600		
.88	1,340	2,600	.33	275	500		
.85	1,685	3,000	.30	335	600		
.84	2,150	4,000	.24	210	400		
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1.21	2,375	4,600	
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1.04	2,495	4,800	
1.01	2,675	5,200	
.93	2,095	4,000	
.82	1,590	3,000	
.64	1,295	2,400	
.65	895	1,600	
.62	1,395	2,700	
.59	795	1,500	
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