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The BATTIPS number is 845-3315.

Ideas can include news stories, feature ideas and personality profiles of interesting people. Readers also are encouraged to offer any other suggestions that could improve the newspaper.

Program raises drunk driving awareness

By Karen Praslicka
The Battalion

Bryan Fire Department, EMS target teens

A program to be presented by the Bryan Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service is designed to make students aware of the tragedies caused by drinking and driving before students become involved with alcohol.

Bryan Fire Chief Jim Bland said the program targets primarily teen-agers, but he hopes to reach Texas A&M students as well.

The 45-minute program consists of a graphic audio-visual presentation showing actual lo-

cal crash scenes involving drunk drivers. Bland said the program is graphic so it will "really send the message."

Another part of the program is to use firefighters as role models to make the presentation to the younger students.

Bland said firefighters will be seen by the young people as "helpers" rather than authority figures.

Local stories will be used so citizens will be able to see how drunk driving affects their community.

Bland said Mothers Against

Drunk Driving and the Brazos County attorney will be involved with the program to provide information for the visual presentation.

Handouts and posters against drunk driving will be given to the students to provide additional reminders.

But Bland said the biggest part of the program is a one-on-one question and answer session between the students, firefighters and EMS personnel presenting the program.

Bryan citizens should feel safer as a result of the program

because students will be more aware, Bland said.

Schools, organizations and other communities will also benefit from the program, he said. The Austin EMS has given the presentation to more than 70,000 people, including fraternities and sororities at the University of Texas at Austin, since the program began in 1986.

Bland said now the Bryan-College Station area will "pick up some of the slack."

Bland encourages school

counselors and parents to attend the presentation and talk to students about drinking and driving.

"When you think of a driver, you think of someone else," Bland said. "But it's always the case."

Bland said the program is designed to preach to students but to make them aware of what can happen if they drive drunk.

Bland hopes the program be ready by Sept. 1 to use for upcoming school year.

"This is a way to reach out and prevent tragedies from happening," he said.

Summer Health Day '91

Beutel tackles health issues

Texas A&M's A.P. Beutel Health Center will present "Summer Health Day '91" from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday in Room 016 of the health center.

Students are encouraged to visit the health center to view displays, talk to exhibitors and gather information about summer health issues such as recreation, skin cancer, nutritious picnic baskets, personal safety and travel tips.

Several displays will be set up to hand out information.

Student Counseling Services will provide an exhibit about services and opportunities they provide throughout the summer.

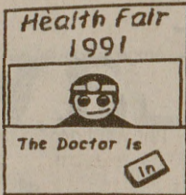
The Center for Drug Prevention and Education will distribute information about safe summer activities. Since alcohol and other drugs are often involved in summer outings such as boating and hiking, precautions can be taken to avoid unnecessary accidents.

The University Police Department will distribute personal safety materials about protecting yourself and your

valuables. The Department of Recreational Sports will present information about summer activities offered through their department.

Date rape information will be handed out by Student Affairs. Though there are fewer students on campus for the summer, the risk for date rape still exists and students should take preventive measures.

The health center will present displays on sun exposure, the risk of skin cancer, the benefits of exercise and precautions to take during the summer months.



Police search for vandals who ruined \$10,000 statue

During the evening of May 4, vandals destroyed a valuable statue that stood at the entrance of a Southwood Valley subdivision.

The four-foot tall statue of a cheetah at the entrance of Williams Court subdivision in College Station was deliberately knocked off its base. The head was then smashed with some heavy object. The owners of the statue estimate damages to be about \$10,000.

College Station detectives indicate that they have not identified any suspects or discovered a motive for the attack. The detectives, however, do believe that someone in the community knows who the as-

sailants were and why they committed the crime.



This week, the College Station Police Department Crime Stoppers need your help in identifying the person responsible for this vandalism. If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 776-TIPS.

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