

Alcohol

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questions relating to job decisions and careers as men have in the past," Reardon said. "The problem we are facing is women are beginning to deal with stress the same way as men do."

Sgt. Dan Jones, with the College Station Police Department, said he has not noticed a significant change in the number of women arrested for alcohol related charges.

"We do arrest a significant number of females for PIs, MIPs and DWIs, but the numbers haven't really increased over the past few years," he said.

Many A&M students agree that women are drinking more, but are not aware that an alcohol problem may be surfacing.

Kelisey McCloud, a sophomore psychology major, said she thinks women do drink as much as men.

"It still surprises me to see a girl carrying around a pitcher of beer," she said. "It really shouldn't bother me though, because it is something I see each time I go out."

Heather Jasinsky, a waitress at Sidepockets, a College Sta-

tion pool hall, said just as many women order drinks as men.

"I feel the ratio between men and women drinking to be about equal," she said. "Also, women aren't just ordering beer. They order hard liquor and shots as often as men."

Sam Steirman, former employee of a College Station bar, said he can't say women buy as many drinks as men because many times men purchase the alcohol for women.

"Even though women may not buy as many drinks, that does not mean they aren't consuming the same amount of alcohol or drinking to get drunk less than men," he said.

Melanie Fernandez, a sophomore nutrition major, thinks accusations concerning women's drinking habits to be somewhat biased.

"I'm sure many women do go out to get drunk, but not all of them," Fernandez said. "Sometimes I go out and have a drink, and sometimes I don't."

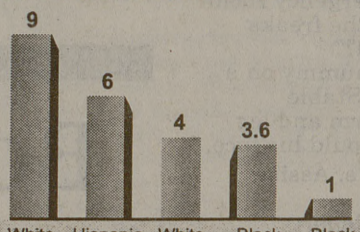
Reardon said that in the Texas A&M System the trend toward abusive drinking is muted by the overall conservative nature and traditions of the school and the students' high family values.

"The challenge we face now is finding a solution to counteract any drinking problems among college men and women," Reardon said. "By

College drinking

The Commission on Substance Abuse at Colleges and Universities has turned up alarming statistics on alcohol abuse. White students are the biggest offenders, with a sharp increase in the number of women drinking on campus.

Average number of drinks per week



Other statistics

- In 90 percent of all campus rapes, the assailant, the victim or both had been drinking.
- Sixty percent of college women who acquire sexually transmitted diseases, including herpes and AIDS, were drunk at the time of infection.
- Students spend \$5.5 billion on alcohol each year, more than on their books, coffee, tea, sodas and other drinks combined.

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informing and showing students the effects of alcohol and also working to find ways to relieve stress, I am optimistic about the College Station area."

National Front for Change and Democracy, described the declaration as an attempt to confuse Haitians with a state of siege, under which martial law is declared.

Other analysts saw it as a symbolic effort to rally Haitians opposed to Aristide, a Roman Catholic priest who was overwhelmingly chosen in 1990 in Haiti's first free election.

Jonassaint saved his harshest words for Aristide, whom he accused of "asking these people to invade Haiti to return us to slavery."

Recalling the nation's founding fathers, who ousted French slaveholder colonists to win independence in 1804, Jonassaint urged Haitians to fight to the death "to resist any foreign intervention." The nation also was occupied by U.S. soldiers from 1915 to 1934.

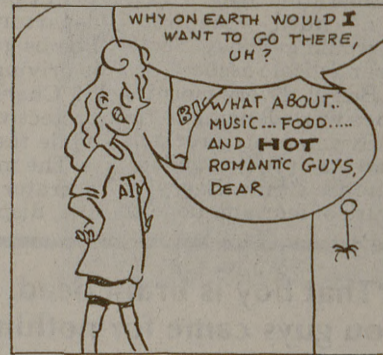
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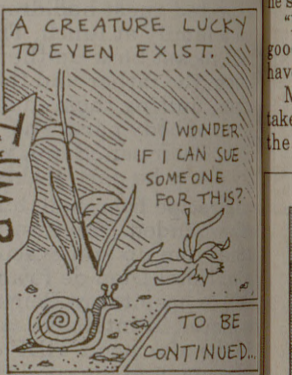
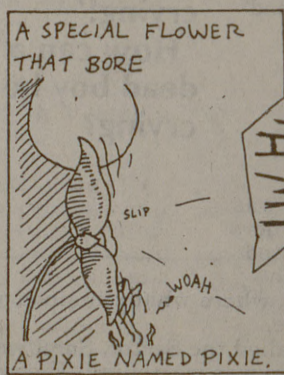


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for democracy and instead are receiving demagoguery," Schrager said.

President Clinton's special adviser on Haiti, William Gray III, dismissed the address. "I doubt if a speech delivered at 2 a.m. ... by a puppet government really has any major significance," he said on ABC-TV Sunday.

There was no further statement after the pre-dawn speech and journalists who went to Jonassaint's home were turned away by guards.

Sen. Turneb Delpé, leader of the pro-Aristide

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Regent

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voting student seat on each university system's Board of Regents. The bill died in the Texas House of Representatives after being introduced for the 22nd time.

Confidentiality at board meetings would still be maintained because the bill requires the student regent to be absent from closed sessions.

Since the Board represents the Texas A&M System, the bill requires a student regent to be present from each school in the system.

West said her only concern is how to choose the student and that the process of selection will have to be stopped somewhere.

However, Bowen said, he feels that a better way to deal with student issues is to sit down one-on-one in an informal setting because the Board of Regents deals with more than just student issues.

A&M Regent T. Michael O'

Connor said he thinks it would be beneficial to have a student regent because there is a lack of knowledge among students about what goes on in board meetings.

"People say that student issues are not being addressed, but the meetings have been moved to the second floor of the Memorial Student Center to make them more accessible to students and faculty," he said.

"Our mission was to put meetings where they enable more exposure and students can walk in and see what we are doing," he said.

A&M Regent Bill Clayton also supports the idea because he said he welcomes student input.

"I don't mind them coming to meetings because I truly appreciate students and their involvement at any time," he said.

O'Connor said he would also like to sit in on student government meetings to get an idea of the issues facing students.

"I would be happy to sit in on student government meetings or whatever it takes," he said. "I would like to establish the kind of relationship with students where we can sit down

and talk about issues." O'Connor said he extends an open invitation at any time for students or faculty to attend board meetings and to address any issues they wish to discuss.

A&M Regent Guadalupe L. Rangel said she supports the idea of students being involved and said she encourages them to listen, learn and participate at meetings.

"This is a public meeting; students can speak out," she said.

A&M Regent Alison Leland Briscoe said there are a lot of competing interest groups that would like to have a seat on the board. This concern was voiced by other legislators who worry that if students gain a seat, other factions would demand representation.

"I think it would be a great opportunity for a student to learn and contribute to the work the regents do," she said. "On the other hand, we have seven institutions, so the person would have to represent them also."

Bill Cryer of Gov. Ann Richards' office said Richards supports the idea of a student regent.

WHAT'S UP

Monday

Student Counseling Service, Center For Career Planning: Strong interest inventory workshop. (Requires completion of testing 2 working days prior to workshop). From 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. at Henderson Hall, Student Counseling Service. For more information contact the Center for Career Planning at 845-4427.

Student Counseling Service, Center For Career Planning: How to choose a major workshop. From 10:00 - 12:00 noon at Henderson Hall, Student Counseling Service. For more information contact the Center for Career Planning at 845-4427.

G.L.B.A. (Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Aggies): Religious discussion group, general meeting at 7:00 P.M. 145 MSC. For more information call Gayline at 847-0321.

TAMU Roadrunners: Anyone interested in getting in shape and making friends should come run with us. Monday through Thursday every week at 9:00 P.M. in front of G. Rollie. Contact Shea for more information at 694-8000.

TAMU Women's Rugby: Practice every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. at the rugby field next to the polo field. Old and new members

welcome. No experience necessary. Contact Faye at 822-0651 or Janina at 696-0877 for more information.

Tuesday

Mexican Student Association: General meeting at 7:00 P.M. 106 Richardson Bldg. (Petroleum Eng. Bldg.). Contact Alejandro at 693-8955 for more information.

Rio Brazos Audubon Meeting: There will be a discussion between the two candidates for Southwest Region representative to the Audubon National Board. Incumbent David Carson of Bastrop Audubon and challenger Ted Eubanks of Houston Audubon will participate. Meeting at 7:30 P.M. room 101, College Station Conference Center. For additional information call Bert Frenz at 846-9042(wk) or 693-3214(hm).

Student Counseling Service: African American Support Group every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 - 4:30 P.M. in Henderson Hall (Student Counseling Service). Contact Dr. Brian K. Williams at 845-4427 for more information.

What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not be run in What's Up. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.

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