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finds key to humor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jerry iller doesn't need skills - just ng a bell, sit back and wait for is comedic genius to emerge.

Stiller, who plays the hot-tempered, bellowing Frank Costanza on NBC's Seinfeld,' says he never knows what to expect from the show's writers.

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AGGIELIFE Monday • November 4, 1996 **ABSOLUTE IMAGE PROBLEM**

There are many traditions at Texas A&M, and drinking heavily may be one of them. Statistics leave the supposed image of a drunken Aggie in question.

BY KIMBER HUFF AND THE BATTALION

have a reputation for heavy alcohol consumption, but Texas A&M seems to

Rumors about drinking at A&M circulate: Harvey Road has the most DWI arrests for that stretch of road in the county, possibly the state; Hurricane Harry's is one of the top 90 alcohol sellers in Texas; more alcohol is consumed per square foot at he Dixie Chicken than at any other place n the country.

Many people accept the rumors as fact, even if they may not be.

But does A&M deserve its image? Do students here really drink more than those at other universities?

Surveys and statistics on student drinking at A&M indicate yes

Designate a Bus Transit, designed to decrease drunken driving in Bryan and College Station, was hailed at its start earlier this semester as an innovative step toward solving this problem.

This alternative to driving while drunk

a.m., Thursday through Sunday," Kenyon said. "Almost every fourth car you'll see swerving. Kenyon said drinking

and driving is a bigger problem at A&M than at

"I think that every school is a party school," Kenyon said, "but I think the driving after drinking is much

The Harvard survey also indicates that Aggies appear to drink more often than their peers. Although the survey shows about 40 percent of all students at large colleges drink to get drunk, A&M students tend to binge more often than average. About 25 percent of Ag gies are likely to have gotten drunk at least three times in the past two weeks, 1 percent higher than students at other schools.

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Even when not getting drunk, Aggies beat other schools in drinking. Twenty-three percent of A&M students probably drank at least 10 times in the past month, compared with 20 percent of students at other colleges.

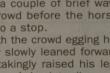
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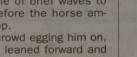
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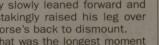
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80°F nally reached the ground. Then, like a trouper, he intro-rrow Nights duced his co-star: "My horse —

Seinfeld co-star

"I never learned anything else, any skills, like typing," he said. "I thought it was below ly stupidity, or call it my doggedess, that I learned one skill and ttle things broke here and there."

Bateman blames bulimia on fame

NEW YORK (AP) — Justine ateman says teen-age fame hade her become a bulimic. The former Family Ties star

aid she made a lot of rules r herself.

"I can have one more cookie I go throw it all up later. Or I n have this now if I skip lunch er," she said in the Nov. 9 edion of TV Guide. "I'm talking ainly about doing stuff like not ating when I'm hungry. Or eatg more than I really want to nd then trying to get rid of it."

Bateman said she was sure eople knew. "In fact, when NON ley'd say, 'You look anorexic,' 'd take it as a compliment."

The 30-year-old actress, now starring on NBC's Men Behaving Badly, said she hit bottom three ears ago and sought help in a 12-step program.

"One day the light went on, you know?" she said.

Soap star runs for another Emmy

NEW YORK (AP) - Forget about pulling a Candice Bergen ≥d with young and bowing out of the next Day-In Assistant time Emmy race — Erika Slezak Bays if nominated, she WILL run.

Sbeck Lions "I think Candy was wrong," the =r of both the five-time Emmy-winning soap star Chambers 0 ^{said} in Sunday's Parade magazine. "That's not the way this country is so a trustee hool Board run. If you have one Pulitzer Prize, a Ruling Elde you deserve to try to achieve anacher at the other. The way we recognize good -ch of Mexia. ork is giving out awards.

Slezak has won the best acess award for ABC's One Life to ive and has consistently beat out 16-time nominee Susan Lucci.

would seemingly appeal to droves of party going Aggies, but it has not. Students have not stopped drinking and driving.

A 1994 survey by the Harvard School of Public Health*, which compared drinking statistics for 46 public colleges with more than 10,000 students, indicated that Aggies may drink and drive drunk more than other students.

Almost 42 percent of Aggies drive after drinking, compared with 30 percent of students at other large public colleges

The survey found that almost twice as many Aggies also drive after having more than five drinks.

Designating a driver is also less popular at A&M — almost 30 percent of Aggies have ridden with a driver they knew was drunk or high. Twenty-two percent of other students do the same.

One rumor that would seem to support these findings is that Harvey Road has the highest DWI rate in Texas. But Lt. Scott Mc-Collum, commander of information services for the College Station Police Department, said he doesn't believe this rumor is true.

"I've heard the rumor, but I've not seen any hard facts or statistics that would support it," McCollum said. "When you compare it to cities like Houston, Dallas, Austin and the like, if it turned out to be true I'd find it highly unusual.

McCollum said DWI rates in those cities would probably be higher because they have more people and bars.

"I know that places in Dallas and Houston have areas with more bars than Harvey Road," he said.

But Matthew Kenyon, executive director of DAB, said he believes at least one in six Bryan-College Station drivers are drunk at night. One in three, he said, have had something to sip on.

Although Kenyon does not know of any statistics to back up these figures, he said he

"I challenge everyone to go out at about 1

gies said drinking caused them to engage in unplanned sex. Nationwide, the average

Of those who had sex, over 13 percent did not use protection because they were drunk. Nearly one out of four Aggies said drinking caused them to get behind in school work, and more than 6 percent said drinking caused them to get into trouble with local or campus police.

But the consequences of drinking reach past the Aggies who choose to get drunk.

Almost 60 percent of Aggies questioned said they had to "babysit" a drunken student. Half of the students at other colleges had to take care of drunken friends. And while the rate of unwanted sexual advances due to drunkenness is about the same one-fourth of students here and at other colleges — less than 1 percent of Aggie women reported being sexually assaulted or raped because of alcohol. Almost 2 percent of women at other colleges said they had been victims of sexual assault.

Sherry Hostetter, assistant director of the Brazos County Rape Crisis Center, said she believes most date rapes involving alcohol are not reported. She said the Rape Crisis Center sees alcohol involved in such cases

"We see alcohol involved in about 90 percent of date and acquaintance rapes here," Hostetter said.

She said according to the Uniform Crime Reports Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, about 75 percent of date and acquaintance rapes in the nation involve alcohol.

Beyond the problems that alcohol causes, the question remains: Are Aggies a bunch of drunks? Not according to them. Of those surveyed, 0.0 percent admitted to being a problem drinker. However, almost 16 percent said they had had a drinking problem at some time.

*All statistics in this story come from the 1994 Harvard School of Public Health survey.