

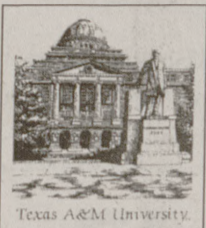
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DRIVING

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not based on the number of drinks that a participant receives, but on their blood alcohol content (BAC). Participants will be tested at a BAC of .03 or .04, then again at .07 or .08, and a third time at .10 to .11. The participants will be monitored, and the amount that each participant drinks will depend on the person.

Dennis said that safety is the top concern of CADES. Because of this, participants will be accompanied in the cars by riders who control hand-held emergency brakes.

"Safety is the paramount issue. We're not going to take any chances of anyone getting hurt," Dennis said.

Cars used in the experiment will be donated by Fred Brown Mazda/BMW.

Representatives of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will serve as volunteers and have the hand brakes and score the participants' abilities.

In order to eliminate experimenter bias, the volunteers from DPS will not know which participants are in the experimental group or which are in the control group and will plot the scores by numbers located on the cars.

Field sobriety tests will be done by the law enforcement division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

Dennis said that the participants in this study applied and underwent a thorough screening.

"I pick the volunteers. A number of people applied. Some were in their 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, male and female, and the three basic ethnic groups — Anglo, Hispanic and [African-American]. There will be about 15 people in the experimental group and about six in the control group," Dennis said.

Dennis has been involved in this type of testing before.

"I've probably done about 20 of

them [similar tests]. The last one was in May of 1993, and we were able to have the results of the last test successfully published in The Chronicle of Traffic Safety Education," he said. "This is being done because of the new law which dropped the legal blood alcohol limit to .08 percent, plus we are making a new video since clothing changes, hairstyles change. People want to be able to relate to the video."

The video will be used in part for safety training programs for various companies, and the test results will be analyzed and then sent to be published in a professional journal. "Companies are interested in this information for the preparation of safety training programs. A lot of people use this information in determining laws that are passed in regards to alcohol use. Groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) show this information to legislators as evidence."

This is one way that Texas convinced the legislature to reduce the BAC to .08 percent.

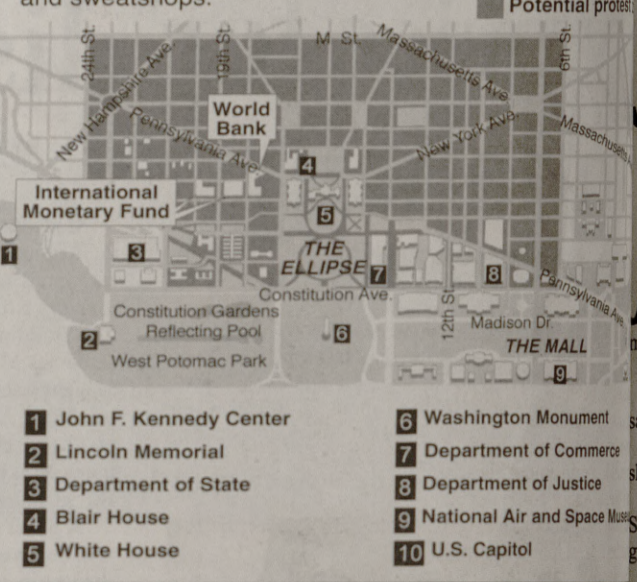
The results of this type of research show that the people who are dangerous are those at about .08 BAC, because they still have some control but they're starting to lose judgment, sight [and] hearing," said Eddie Carmon, a senior trooper for the DPS.

Carmon said that CADES maintains strict control over the experiment.

Carmon said this test is being done because of the passage of a law in September 1999, which lowered the legal limit for BAC to .08 percent in Brazos County. A law was passed in September 1999 concerning DUIs by minors. The law states that anyone under the age of 17 can be arrested for driving while under the influence if there is any detectable amount of alcohol in that person's system.

Protesters disrupt Washington

After two raucous days of demonstrations, protesters set up Washington streets Monday with marches aimed at disrupting the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings in the middle of town. They accuse the finance giant of burdening poor countries with crushing debt payments, environmental destruction and sweatshops.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports Wm. J. Castello, S. H...

News in Brief

Assistant secretary of state to visit A&M

William B. Bader, assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs, will visit Texas A&M Tuesday to participate in events related to the Fulbright program. The Fulbright program facilitates student and faculty exchange between universities worldwide. The program's goal is to promote mutual understanding and cooperation. A&M faculty and students received 10 fellowships for the 2000 academic year and will host 50 faculty and student bright scholars. Bader, a 1953 Fulbright Fellow, will meet with students and visit the bright scholars in 228 Memorial Center at 4:30 p.m.

Campus Calendar

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| <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Prepharmacy Society: There will be a general meeting with a guest speaker from a surrounding Texas city pharmacy. The time and location are TBA.</p> <p>Aggie Toastmasters: Learn public speaking and resume building. Will be in Rudder at 8:30 p.m. Check blue screen for location. For more information please contact Laura at 695-2833.</p> <p>Catholic Students Association: There will be a general meeting in Rudder 707 at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Hispanic Graduate Students' Association: Tomorrow, there will be a reception and book reading honoring Dr. Marco Portalis on his book "Crowding Out Latinos" at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble.</p> <p>Circle K International: There will be a general meeting open to everyone at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder 504.</p> <p>Psychology Club: Will hold a General meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Psychology Building 108.</p> | <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Hispanic Graduate Students' Association: There will be a reception and book reading honoring Dr. Marco Portalis on his book "Crowding Out Latinos" at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble.</p> <p>Catholic Student Association Student Women's Group meets every Wednesday 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Activity Center room 204.</p> <p>Catholic Student Association Graduate Student's Fellowship meets every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Activity Center 207.</p> <p>Catholic Students Association Aggie-on-campus Bible Study every Wednesday 8:30-9:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower.</p> <p>TAMU Amateur Radio Club: There will be a general meeting followed by a tour of the station at 7 p.m. in MSC 352. Contact Sampath Samarasinghe at 268-8158.</p> <p>VASA: Elections in Rudder 704 at 8:30p.m. For more information contact Marie at 847-0686.</p> <p>Aggie Libertarians: There will be a general meeting with special guest speaker Gil Guillory, Libertarian candidate for US Rep. #8 in Rudder 501 at 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Thursday</p> <p>Graduate Christian Fellowship of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (Grad IVCF): Grad students meet at 7:30 p.m. for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and snacks. Please see our web site at http://stat.tamu.edu/~inlow/ivcf.html for locations and more information, or call Jen or Mark at 764-1552.</p> <p>MSC Film Society: Will host a free film screening at 7 p.m. in ACAD 130 of Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey and lecture by Dr. Terrence Hoagwood for the Film Studies Dept. For more information please contact Jason at jasonp@tamu.edu.</p> | <p>Friday</p> <p>Texas Student Education Association: will be a guest lecture by Diane Graham "Our Student Teaching Semester" at 8:30 in Koldus 110. Contact Jamice at 694-7772 for more information.</p> <p>Aggies for Life: There will be a display "When Does Life Begin?" at 11 p.m. in the Fountain, Contact Amber at 693-8818 for the tails.</p> <p>Texas A&M Veteran's Association: Fest/Cook-off. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. April 29 at 1447 S. FM 2818 North of Villa Maria. Applications at http://www.earthcorp.com/txaav more information contact Todd Milburn at 4657.</p> | <p>Saturday</p> <p>Pacesetter 2000: 5K run sponsored by the Robertson County Alumni Association. Run takes place at 8 a.m. in Calvert. The run is in conjunction with Calvert's Mayfest and Historical Home Tour. Contact 979-279-2173 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for more information.</p> <p>Contra Dance: Traditional dance from Newland, no experience is needed; everything is included and bring your friends! Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall at 305 Wellborn Road (1/2 mile south of George Bush Drive on Wellborn). Admission: 3-6 p.m. For more information call 4504 or email stan@monoc.tamu.edu</p> <p>Alzheimer's Association: There will be a group meeting for people taking care of loved ones suffering from dementia at 3 p.m. in Covenant Presbyterian Church 3404 South College Avenue. For more information contact Stirling at 690-8232.</p> |
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