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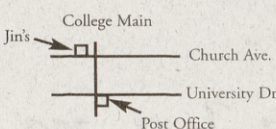
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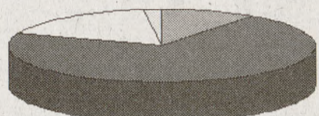
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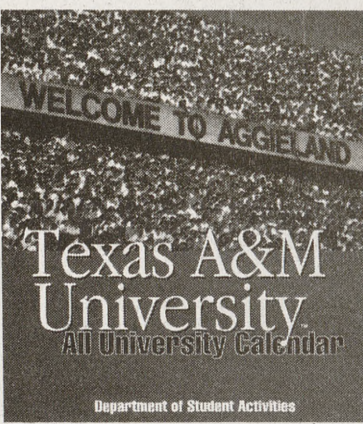
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ALCOHOL

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from surveys distributed by the task force made evident that several students believe drinking to be a problem at A&M. The data reports that more than 60 percent of Aggies consume between zero and three alcoholic drinks per week.

The task force is now training student leaders about misconceptions discovered by the survey. Members of the task force include students, faculty, staff, parents and concerned community members. The bulk of training

began last spring and this summer.

"We are already seeing a difference. Students seem to be understanding via educational awareness that the stereotypical drinking Aggie and the outrageous sales at area bars and grocery stores are all myths," said Dr. Dennis Reardon, senior coordinator for ADEP and program coordinator for Student Life.

ADEP has distributed T-shirts and posters sporting the "0-3 drinks per week" theme, while broadcasting that "Aggies Don't Drink As Much As You Think." The educational training is designed to distinguish fact from fiction, and vocalize the re-

alities and consequences of drinking.

Reardon added A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen said that he does not want alcohol to destroy the fabric of A&M's close-knit community. Along similar lines, Kim Novak, coordinator of student judicial services, said that she thinks A&M's camaraderie and strong base in tradition will work in favor of this program.

Alcohol awareness programs have also been presented at new student conferences, Fish Camp and T-Camp in an effort to combat the drinking issue before it begins.

"Student leaders are the number one contact for new students at this

University," Reardon said. "They can be used as sources of factual information to convey accuracy, as well as to respond to misconceptions."

Novak said that disciplinary measures need not be the only answer. "Coupling such measures with education allow us to take a more proactive stance," Novak said.

Funding for the awareness training is allocated through Student Service Fee, since students and parents have come to realize alcohol abuse should be addressed. ADEP's next step is to branch out to the community to further debunk myths and provide more methods to disseminate information.

SICKOUT

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The USA asked faculty members to show support by finding alternatives to holding conventional classes during the sickout.

Cynthia Johnson, assistant instructor in the UT English department, is among the faculty members modifying her syllabus in light of the protest. Her class will not meet as scheduled and instead will work on an alternate assignment.

"Instead of [scheduled classes], the class will work on a [sickout related] assignment for a Web forum," Johnson said.

The Daily Texan, UT's student newspaper, reported that staff workers want conditions to change and are not afraid to face consequences from the administration.

Johnson said that, for the most part, the university community is willing to help cure the burnt orange flu.

Students plan to rally Wednesday, and a joint faculty-staff rally is scheduled for Friday to support work-

BONFIRE

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They addressed their grief over the Bonfire collapse and their hope to continue the tradition without the moratorium, "for the freshmen," Clark said.

The Kerlees, who moved to Bryan from Tennessee after their only son's death, now volunteer in campus ministry through the A&M United Methodist Church. Their message was simple.

"We lost something that can't be replaced. We lost a child," Kerlee Sr. said. "He was our life for 17 years. No slap-together off-campus bonfire is going to do justice to his memory this year."

SUSPENSION

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trespassing on July 27.

"He had been trespassing and he was issued a warning," Jones said. "However, he returned to the property and they called the police. When the police arrived, he was still on the property and was then arrested."

The Bryan-College Station Eagle has reported that Bynum was also arrested in 1997 for burglary of a vehicle and criminal mischief. The burglary charge was dismissed and he was placed on probation for the criminal mischief charge.

Bynum was suspended from the football team in May 1999 for failing a drug test due to high testosterone levels. Bynum did not play for the team during the 1999 football season.

Slocum said that a final decision about Bynum's suspension will be made once the legal matters are resolved. Bynum could not be reached for comment.



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