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UNT gets grant to help raise awareness of alcohol abuse among students

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DENTON — University of North Texas has a \$30,000 grant to distribute to 16 students for projects that help educate their fellow students about alcohol abuse.

UNT was one of 15 universities in the nation to receive a grant from the NCAA CHOICES Program, established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1991 to implement campus programs that help eliminate alcohol consumption and promote low-risk choices. CHOICES Program grants must involve student-athletes. Students will be selected based on their grade point averages, extracurricular activities, and past leadership roles.

The grant also provides \$8,000 for two years of advertisements, educational handouts, and other materials for UNT's "Make Tailgating Yours Campaign", created by the university's Drug and Alcohol Coalition last year to encourage healthy tailgating at home football games. That includes following alcohol laws, and picking up the trash from tailgating, moving from the tailgate area at game time, and participating in activities inside the stadium. Nothing there about sprouts or whole-grain breads?

The grant will also help fund a return of the drunk driving simulator [*The Save A Life Tour*]. It uses 3D graphics, seat movement, and forced feedback steering -- the same technology used for training military and law enforcement personnel. Whoa. Screens show the driver's car in traffic and the reactions of onlookers. Each student who tries out the simulator leaves with a simulated citation. UNT brought the simulator to campus in 2004, 2005 and 2006, with about 400 students trying it each year.

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