

Simulator grades drunken drivers

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A drunk driving simulator, sponsored by CAB and the campus alcohol committee, was set up in the quad area next to the Student Union last Thursday afternoon as part of a nationwide campaign of high schools, college campuses, conventions and other young adult events by Edutainment by Kramer.

"This is important because three out of ten people will be involved in an alcohol related crash," said T.J. Forward, an employee of Kramer. "I've already lost two friends due to this incredibly stupid decision, and this gives people a chance to see what drinking and driving is like while they're sober."

Approximately 200 students waited in line for the simulation experience throughout the day. The mock drivers began by receiving information about what could be expected. An employee pointed out all of the features of the "car" which included screens that surrounded the driver and gave them access to front, side and rear views.

Then the simulation began. The experience ended in either four minutes, increasing in level of difficulty every thirty seconds, or when the driver crashed. The driver then received a printout listing all of the mistakes made while driving drunk.

"Delay of reaction time is deadly," said Caine Ritchey, a senior in Physics and Chemistry. "I already knew that I wouldn't drive drunk, but this definitely enhances that feeling. It really works."