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Michigan group seeks solution for alcohol risks

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — As first-year students look forward to all of the exciting experiences college offers them, a University of Michigan committee has created more than 50 strategies to make sure that high-risk drinking is not one of them.

Last week, the University's Binge Drinking Committee released initial recommendations to help curb risky drinking, particularly among first-year students living in residence halls.

Royster Harper, interim vice president for student affairs, said the group's proposals show a commitment to a change on campus but that changing attitudes toward alcohol requires many different approaches.

"This is a complex issue with multiple perspectives and views on how to get in front of it," Harper said.

Former Vice President for Student Affairs Maureen Hartford charged the committee with the task of developing the report nearly a year ago.

One of the strategies, aiming to separate alcohol from socializing, recommends the University provide regular scheduling of non-alcoholic events on weekends.

Committee member John Mountz, a fraternity adviser at the Office of Greek Life, said other schools such as Pennsylvania State University and University of West Virginia have already implemented such programs.

Mountz said the schools are of a "similar size and nature" as the university and "seem to be pleased" with the program's initial results.

But some university students wonder if such a program would achieve the goal.

First-year student Sarah Bergren said offering entertain-

ment options may not be very effective for preventing students from drinking.

"It's good for people that don't want to drink, but it won't help stop drinking. People that want to drink will drink no matter what," Bergren said.

The committee of students, faculty, and administrators also suggested the possibility of holding more classes on Friday mornings to deter drinking on Thursday nights. In addition, the report suggests the university community consider parental notification when students violate alcohol and controlled substance laws or policies. Although the University

does not have a parental notification policy, the report recommends beginning a campus-wide dialogue on the implications of such a system.

Engineering first-year student Cynasure Ross said she thinks such a system would "keep people on their toes and raise the caution level"

about high-risk drinking. But Ross said such a policy may be more effective if used only for repeat offenders.

"It might defeat the purpose of dealing with your own consequences," Ross said.

The report's release follows an academic year with a number of highly-publicized alcohol-related incidents on campus and throughout the state.

LSA first-year student Courtney Cantor fell from her Mary Markley Residence Hall window, after she was seen drinking at a fraternity party.

The committee also recommends another committee be formed to insure more student input, and oversee the implementation of the recommendations in the fall.

Harper said further work will continue this fall when students return to campus.

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— Royster Harper
U. of Michigan's interim vice president for student affairs

Faculty Senate OKs proposal for independent Bush School

BY STUART HUTSON
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The Faculty Senate passed a resolution yesterday supporting the George Bush School of Government and Public Service's separation from the College of Liberal Arts.

Ronald Douglas, executive vice president and provost for the University, had previously asked the Faculty Senate to work out the logistics of the separation.

This proposal outlined the process of hiring a dean and his or her responsibilities of being in charge of a full-time staff, school governance policies, promotion procedures, tenure procedures and allocation of financial resources for both the College of Liberal Arts and the Bush School.

Richard Stadelmann, associate professor of phi-

losophy, said he is concerned that the separation may lead to financial problems for programs and faculty, which are currently parts of both the Bush School and the College of Liberal Arts.

"It is practically impossible to know at this time what the full financial implications will be," he said. "But one thing is for certain, there will be extensive implications."

Douglas said many of the programs and faculty will continue to be funded as they currently are for three years to allow time for their finances to properly be budgeted.

Members of a Senate ad hoc committee who reviewed the original senate proposal dictated the appointment of a director and associate director for the Bush School, instead of a dean and associate dean, until at least six full-time faculty members have been appointed to the school.

William Marlow, professor of nuclear engineering and a member of the ad hoc committee, said it seems inappropriate to appoint a dean without a faculty already in place.

Douglas said he thinks obtaining a high-quality faculty will be a difficult task if the faculty does not know the quality and characteristics of the dean for whom they will be working.

According to the proposal, the dean will be appointed through a nationwide search conducted by an advisory committee consisting of A&M faculty members.

Peter Rose, professor of finance, said he thinks the proposal was being rushed through the senate.

"It is not as if I don't support the proposal," he said. "But I think it was passed without due consideration."

Muddy showers



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John Norton (left), a sophomore at Texas Lutheran University, Jonathan Davis, a senior at A&M Consolidated High School, and Nathan Davis, a freshman at Consol, brace themselves for a splash at the corner of Joe Rountt and Wellborn roads following heavy rains Monday.

Camp offers look at media program

BY VERONICA SERRANO
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High-school students interested in journalism are getting a glimpse of the journalism program at Texas A&M through the department's week-long J-Camp.

The eight students participating in J-Camp have come from across the state to gain insight of the mass-media programs offered by the University such as print, radio and TV production.

Ron George, J-Camp director and *The Battalion* adviser, said the program was the brain child of Dr. Charles Self, head of the journalism department. George said J-camp was something he "definitely" wanted to do since he joined the journalism department in January.

"[Self] didn't have to ask me to volunteer," George said.

He said many people are taking part in the program ranging from professionals in the field of journalism, including former students who now work in the journalism field, to current staff members and students at the University. The students will tour various media outlets in Bryan-College Station, including *The Bryan-College Station Eagle* and radio and TV stations.

George said the J-Camp students will be able to obtain



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Guy Rogers, a sophomore agricultural journalism major, instructs a group of high-school students in photo editing Monday as part of the J-Camp program.

hands-on experience with the equipment A&M students use in their journalism courses.

"[J-Camp students] will be able to do all the things we can do in this department," George said.

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Summer cinema

MSC Film Society nears end of season film schedule

BY NONI SRIDHARA
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What About Bob? and *One Crazy Summer* will close out the MSC Film Society's summer showings.

The film society will show *What About Bob?*, starring Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfuss, tonight at 9 at Rudder Fountain and *One Crazy Summer*, an '80s film starring John Cusack and Demi Moore, next Tuesday night.

Before each of these films, there will be a five-minute presentation by the executives of the film society in which they tell the audience entertaining or little-known facts about the film or actors in the film.

The MSC Film Society is divided into four main components: Aggie Cinema, a production subcommittee, a film lecture series and the Texas Film Festival.

Ryan Whitworth, vice-chair of the film society and a senior biomedical science major, said the film society is made up of students who have a love for movies.

"The members of the society are devoted to appreciation of film as an art form," he said.

The society features Aggie Cinema during the spring and fall semesters, which shows recent film releases and classics.

At the beginning of the year, each of the society's members submit a list of what movies they would like to see as part of Aggie Cinema.

Members of the film society then vote on what films they will present from this list. Whitworth said during the year they also try to bring a few "sleepers," lesser-known movies.

"We try our best to get as diverse movies as possible for a diverse population," he said.

He said something new they are trying to incorporate into the society's regular season this upcoming year is to show a *Muppets* movie and encourage the service organizations on campus to bring children from the community to the showings.

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