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ROWAN

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for the other students, the second source said.

"I think he led them on by communicating that it was an acceptable thing to do."

Dr. Edward Funkhouser, director of the Office of Honors Programs and Academic Scholarships and one of the staff members on the trip, declined to comment on any allegations against Rowan and said he personally was aware of only one instance when students went out drinking.

"We try to keep these incidents in perspective. When students stumble, our role is to teach them," Funkhouser said. "Even student leaders stumble, but it's how we respond and how we learn that they are the indicators of our character."

The Fitzhugh participants stayed at a study-abroad center in Castiglion Fiorentino, a village south of Florence, from July 18 to Aug. 3. In addition to various workshops and activities, the participants took trips to other sites in Italy, including Rome and Venice. The freshmen, all National Merit Scholar Finalists, paid for part of the cost. The student leaders and University staff members had all expenses paid by the University.

The behavior of many of the students on the trip — especially in regard to staying out late drinking — was less than exemplary, the source said.

"It certainly didn't seem like these were National Merit Scholars. It (their behavior) really surprised me," the source said.

The staff members were aware of the carousing, the source said, but felt there was

little they could do to stop it. Every participant was given a key to the center, allowing them to come and go at all hours, the second source added.

"The rules were probably not laid down as strictly as they should have been," the source said.

Reynolds said the Rowan situation will be handled according to processes outlined in the MSC constitution and bylaws. Kate Petree, a senior meteorology major and the MSC executive vice president for human resources, will appoint a special committee of students and staff to review Kibler's report and recommend a course of action to the MSC executive committee, which includes Rowan, Ben Moffitt, a junior political science major and the MSC vice president for marketing and also a student leader on the Fitzhugh trip, three additional MSC executive vice presidents and MSC staff members, including Reynolds.

Rowan's behavior is deemed to warrant disciplinary action, the executive committee must make a recommendation to the full MSC Council, which has the authority to remove Rowan from office.

The entire performance review will remain confidential, Reynolds said. Even if Rowan is removed as MSC president, the reason for the action will be made public.

"This is a personnel issue within the MSC, and I think Aggie community trust in MSC leadership to resolve this issue," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said that in years of involvement with MSC, only about 10 such performance reviews have been undertaken, and none focused on the MSC president.

FLINGS

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One summer, he met a girl from Dallas. Hearn said they got along so well when she was visiting, they had late night conversations every night of the week and "totally clicked."

However, when their week was over she went back to Dallas, leaving Hearn with the decision of whether or not to continue the relationship.

"We became really close," said Hearn. "But I couldn't handle a long-distance relationship."

Another summer, Hearn met a girl from Connecticut who was on her way to attend college at the University of New Haven. They also became close and dated for a year and a half.

Hearn, however, realized she had been cheating on him the entire time.

"She was more promiscuous than I would have liked," Hearn said.

While summer flings may sometimes bring more trouble and heartbreak than they are worth, they can be compared to taking any course A&M.

Even if a student gets a "D" in class, he most likely has learned something from it, just as he can from a fling relationship. At the very least, summer flings can be used as fishing stories whether it be about the one that got away or the one thrown back into water.

BONFIRE

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not know where the planning of Bonfire 2002 will stand.

Without a safety firm, the original timeline for 2002 is now "fluid," Cole said.

The work of the other task forces is complete to the point in which the safety consultant enters, however. As soon as a safety consultant is in place, the planning will resume, he said.

"I think we're still comfortable, everything will be in place

at the latest Feb. 1," Cole said. "If we can get the design completed by the end of October or first of November, then we can carry all the task force aspects."

CBM Engineers generated 14 design options over the summer, six from current and former students and three from A&M graduates who work with CBM owner Joe Colaco.

Each design follows Bowen's guidelines of being no more than 45 feet tall, with one end of each log used touching the ground, Colaco said.

The designs also incorporate several aspects of the Bonfire tradition, Colaco said. Several designs feature the "L.U. out-house," and all consider the building of Bonfire in a student environment using logs of a size and weight that students can carry, he said.

Colaco hopes to have the designs cut to three concepts to expand on and presented to the student body by mid-October.



By the end of the year, one design should be chosen, he said.

"This is different from anything else I've done in years," Colaco said. "But we got a road map that we've established as a way to expedite the process and make sure and meet the [Bonfire] deadline."

CBM and Marak will work on integrating Marak's safety proposal into the designs once the proposal receives an informal approval in the upcoming weeks, Cole said.

"Right now," Cole said, "we're moving forward as everything is in place."

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