

More colleges offer alcohol-free rooms

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Efforts begun in Oakland County to provide college students with an alcohol-free living environment are gaining momentum. Some of the state's 15 public institutions now say they will provide that option. Beginning next school year, North-

ern Michigan and Grand Valley State universities will for the first time offer all students an opportunity to select roommates who do not use alcohol by checking off that option on the housing application. Eastern Michigan University officials say they are in the process of complying. Michigan Technological University

and Lake Superior State will extend the option only to those students who are 21 or over. "Although I am glad to see some progress being made, it appears that it is minimal," said U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman, the West Bloomfield resident was a driving force in the movement as a 48th District Court judge.

the bill, he said school response was like "a dinosaur." The majority of administrators were not responsive. "We basically got nowhere at first without enormous pressure, which is remarkable when you consider all that has to be done (to comply) is provide a box to check off on the preference form," Honigman said.

THE ISSUE is more complex than that, according to Dr. Glenn Stevens of the Council of College Presidents, which represents the state's 15 public schools.

"It's a complicated issue. The university is entering into a contractual agreement with students. What controls can the university reasonably implement to enforce such a contract?" Stevens said.

He and members of the council prefer the issue not be legislated because, he said, compliance is best left up to individual school administrators.

STILL, HONIGMAN'S proposed bill "helped us focus on the issue. It is an extremely serious issue, and the university community is hardly indifferent to it," Stevens said. Eastern Michigan University in

Ypsilanti is in the process of compliance, according to officials there. "The university fully supports the alcohol-free room concept and currently is taking steps to place a question assessing a student's alcohol use preference on the questionnaire sent to students who apply for housing placement," said Deborah McNish, associate director of housing.

"Part of the problem is enforcement — the fact that college students continue to test their own values," McNish said.

Also, parents often complete preference forms for students and unwittingly state their offspring neither smokes nor drinks when, in fact, the students do both, according to McNish.

HOUSING OFFICIALS at Oakland University are familiar with the problem, according to Suzanne Bante, assistance director of the school's on-campus housing.

OU students fill out a personal profile that includes check-offs for non-drinkers and non-smokers.

Of the two issues, however, smoking poses the most trouble. "Where people lie the most (on

preference forms) is about smoking," Bante said. "OU has provided 'non-drinker' options in roommates for two years. "From time to time we have alcohol problems but it's really not much of an issue," Bante said.

LITTLE HAS been heard from the big two — the University of Michigan and Michigan State University — which house the greatest numbers of students.

Late last year, after a shooting and a traffic fatality involving an intoxicated student, MSU was reported to be considering banning liquor on campus.

There is no deadline on public college and universities complying to Honigman's proposal, Stevens said. It is likely all 15 will do so by next school year, he said.

Honigman said he expects most private institutions will also comply and intends to make such compliance a priority in the coming months.

But he said those institutions offering the option only to students 21 and over aren't in compliance because it appears that that option isn't open to those under 21.

Richard, parks unit are honored

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission received awards for professional service and fellowship, outstanding maintenance leadership, and innovative programming from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association at its state conference in Grand Rapids.

Recognized with the "fellowship award" was Ralph Richard, manager of Oakland parks. For his contributions to the profession and volunteer time promoting the field and coaching youth sports.

A MEMBER OF THE MRPA for 21 years, Richard has been its president and treasurer. Richard also has been director of parks and recreation for the city of Southfield and Waterford Township.

Raymond Delasko, supervisor of Independence Oaks Park in Clarkston, earned the MRPA's maintenance leadership award. A 17-year employee of Oakland parks, Delasko was cited for maintaining high standard of park operations.

A new program called "Scooter" was recognized for providing customer service and information to guests in Oakland's county parks.

The "Scooter" moniker resulted from information-on-wheels offered by parks and recreation interns and seasonal staff who roamed the parks in golf carts.

THE STAFFERS provided information such as brochures, calendars and flyers; assisted park visitors with special needs or requests; and conducted surveys among picnickers, swimmers and campers.

The program's pilot parks were Addison Oaks, north of Rochester, Independence Oaks in Clarkston, and Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights.

Staff serving as Scooters in 1988 were Chris Bundy of Flint, Joan Davidson of Farmington, Jim Dunleavy of Highland, and Shawn Smith and Dean Vanderkolk both of Clarkston.



Ralph Richard
parks manager

One registration fee hikes OU funds

Oakland University is consolidating its five-part student fee system into a single registration fee.

The move was approved by the Board of Trustees. It will be effective for the spring term. It will help simplify a new, computerized student record system now being implemented by the university.

OU officials said all university-mandated fees (enrollment fee, health center fee, athletic fee, transportation fee, and Oakland Center fee) will be levied as a single registration fee of \$83 per student. It will raise revenue \$250,000.

The new fee is the same that has been charged an undergraduate taking more than two classes. Some 6,800 of OU's 12,254 students were in that category last fall.

OU officials say that generally full-time students will be unaffected by the change. Most part-time undergraduates will pay an additional \$20 per semester. Part-time gradu-

ate students will pay an additional \$22 per semester. OU officials said uniform charges will aid the implementation of a new records system to be put in place by spring of 1990. The new system will be easier to administer, easier for students to calculate costs, and will provide greater budget flexibility.

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