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AA, other programs aid in overcoming addiction

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"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

He then introduces himself. "Hi, my name is Chris, and I'm an alcoholic."

"Hi Chris," the group responds in unison.

"I still want to drink, but I know I can't," he says.

Chris, a U. of Kansas student, is a recovering alcoholic. With the help of Alcoholics Anonymous, he is able to keep from drinking — one day at a time.

AA is just one of several organizations in Lawrence, Kan., where people like Chris find help for their alcohol problems.

At the campus meetings, the group is diverse. Some participants are KU students, others are members of the Lawrence community. Despite their range of backgrounds and interests, they come together with a common purpose — sobriety.

They speak of their desires, their fears and their ongoing battle with alcoholism.

"I don't want a drink — I'd like to have 1,000 of them," Bill says. "This last week, I had two dreams where I got drunk. I woke up ashamed. I'm glad to be here. I like to go to these meetings."

The meetings revolve around a 12-step program, which begins with members admitting they are powerless over alcohol and that their lives have become unmanageable. According to AA literature, they also put their faith in a power they believe is greater than themselves, whether it is the Judeo-Christian God or another spiritual force.

The only requirement for attending AA is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for membership.

Another Lawrence resource for recovering alcoholics is the Douglas County Citizens Committee on Alcoholism, headquartered at Watkins Memorial Health Center. William Buck, a physician at Watkins, said counselors evaluate patients to determine whether they are alcoholics or have minor alcohol problems.

"Each individual has different ways that it affects them," he said. "They might only get drunk every weekend and that makes their life unmanageable."

Bruce Beale, executive director of

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ing four academic terms. He said some students may also have sold the access code.

"There's a possibility that some students gained financially from selling the password to other students," Scheurer said in response to a rumor that the password was being sold among students for \$20.

Charges against 12 students who were originally formally charged were dropped after further investigation showed that no disciplinary action was

necessary. Nineteen other students were cleared because of lack of sufficient evidence, according to Jenny Richter of the OSC. In addition, seven students have been reprimanded for the incident.

Fifty-six students still have charges pending. Scheurer said that number is high because the students have not enrolled this term. If students with charges pending re-enroll, they must first clear the charges with the OSC.

As far as the 19 students who were suspended from the university, Dean of Students Jerry Askew said he was not sure how many were "indefinitely suspended."

"I would say that (the types of suspensions) varied," Askew said. He said if any of the students were indefinitely suspended, it was those students who were the "ringleaders" in the case.

He added that the probation entails having regular meetings with the director of student conduct.

Scheurer said he believes no other computer systems have been subject to tampering.

"I would emphasize to you that as far as we know, computer-assisted registration is the only system that has been compromised," he said.

"At this point in the investigation there is no evidence that academic records or other university systems have been affected."

Scheurer said that the password into the system has been changed and will be changed every semester in the future. He would not reveal what the old password was.

The investigation is continuing in regard to the employee who initially revealed the password.

Scheurer said it is believed the employee compromised the password unwittingly, and he does not think charges will be placed.

"We have talked with the employee. In fact, there may be more than one employee, and there may be more than one password involved," Scheurer said.

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