IN BRIEF

Catholic Concerns... AIDS and abortion are issues on all college campuses. But what do students do when they attend a school that specifically denounces contraceptive use and other alternatives? Students at Catholic colleges will explore these topics this month at a national conference sponsored by the National Association of Students at Catholic Colleges and Universities (NASCCU). At the February 8-10 convention at the U. of Dayton, NASCCU plans to discuss how Catholic colleges should deal with issues like AIDS education. Small groups also will discuss such issues as volunteerism, diversity, academic freedom, tuition and federal funding. • Rachel Kress, The Flyer News, U. of Dayton

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said Suzanne Wasiolek, dean of student life at Duke U. The new policy is simple and easier to enforce, but stricter with its alcohol limitations.

Lauren Womble, president of Duke's Panhellenic Council, supported the policy, but with mixed feelings.

"It was a compromise because half of the administration wanted to ban all alcohol distribution, but students said that would never work," she said.

Womble said that some people are afraid that limiting drinking to three days a week might increase the amount students drink.

New Social Scene

Both Greek and non-Greek students, however, predict that the new BYOB policy will create a more tightly knit fraternity social scene, shutting out a substantial number of students.

Eric Newman, the assistant director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at UP, said he is concerned that while fraternities will continue to spend the same amount of money on social events, the number of parties — and the number of people who will be entertained at parties — will decrease.

"The social scene will shrink in size between 60 and 70 percent," said Newman, a 1987 graduate. "There isn't going to be a Friday night party (for everyone)."

Reisman also predicted that the fraternity social scene will shrink and that fewer students will interact with the system.

"Previously, the only way people saw the Greek system was in parties," Reisman said. "Now people will be shut out and fraternities will be seen as more elitist." Cara Levit, Panhellenic Council president at Northwestern U., agreed. Northwestern passed a strict alcohol policy last summer, one that requires guest lists, limits the amount of alcohol that may be served at parties, and puts a ceiling on how many guests can attend a campus party.

Already, four Northwestern U. fraternities have been cited and fined for not adhering to the new alcohol policy, with one fraternity receiving two violations.

"We just feel it's creating a social climate that makes the Greek system appear elitist, when that's something we've been trying to avoid for years," Levit said.

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Abortion

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I'll bet the vote could be even 95 percent in favor."

Elissa McBride, the campus organizer for the National Abortion Rights Activists League, said the idea of oncampus abortions hasn't been discussed in too much detail. NARAL is a college pro-choice network which coordinates efforts among 300 college campuses.

"A number of other campuses have passed pro-choice referendums, but in my experience there has been no university to try to get campus abortion services," she said.

Ternay said despite protests that a university is for education and not abortions, the college market demands equal services.

"The college-age group is the largest body getting abortions," Ternay said. "These people should be able to have access to these services at their schools."

"If a number of students decided they wanted to embark on a similar project, we would support them by providing research and information," McBride said. "At this point it hasn't been a top issue."

The Vote

At UTA, the resolution's proponents voiced complaints that statements made by university President Wendell Nedderman kept students from voting. Nedderman had told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the idea of an oncampus abortion clinic was "grossly inappropriate."

"A lot of students probably did not vote or did against (the resolution) because they figured, 'Why bother, the administration will shoot it down anyway,' " Ternay said.

SC Historian Terri Talbert, who voted for the resolution, said many students were ignorant of the resolution's research and didn't vote at all.

"The fears they expressed were because they didn't have the same information we did." she said.

Business representative John Schleeter, who voted against the resolution, said the issue was media-driven and should not have been addressed.

"I feel like I'm wasting my time in Student Congress when we do this kind of thing," he said. "What have we done to improve student life?

"We need to address real student issues," Schleeter said. "Maybe we won't get Channel 5, but we might do the students some good."

