

Drugs: Health center can help

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tions are cleared up.

Dochstuhl, who said she believes the findings are accurate, hopes that binge drinking education will have the same success as smoking education has had. The health center is willing to go to greek houses and residence halls to educate students on the dangers of binge drinking, she said.

Those are two of the major University groups affected by alcohol.

"It's a nationwide problem that campuses face," said DJ Morales, director of residence life for University Housing.

Because the majority of housing residents are minors, Morales said, alcohol can lead to a number of problems in the residence hall community.

"A number of students use alcohol as a social lubricant," Morales said. "They need that extra incentive of alcohol."

University Housing and the greek system are trying to educate students.

Fraternities and sororities are required to hold one program each term on social issues, which includes a discussion on the use of intoxicants. Chapters tend to choose subjects that need attention within the individual houses, Panhellenic President Sarah Wiley said.

The greeks have hosted two national speakers already this term and will host veteran greek speaker Craig Little on Nov. 1 to talk with new recruits about the responsibilities of being in the greek system.

Wiley and Interfraternity Council President Sam Bessey said the greek system has not had any excessive problems involving alcohol this year.

"There's a heightened awareness," he said, especially after the alcohol-related deaths of a Louisiana State University student and a Massachusetts Insti-

tute of Technology student earlier in the school year.

"We can say that the students who drink and are greek, somehow, somewhere, get educated about it, and we can't say that about other students for sure," Bessey said.

On top of educational programs, University Housing also holds recreational programs as an alternative to drinking alcohol or smoking marijuana, Morales said.

Housing has about 70 resident assistants who are trained to help students who may be using alcohol as an emotional crutch.

Resident assistants have a daily, personal involvement with residents and can be more readily aware of alcohol abuse. However, the resident assistant may not notice any problems, so Morales urges students who have alcohol-dependent friends to seek help.

"Be brave and come forward if you're concerned," she said.

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money, or untraceable funds totaling thousands of dollars from people who live miles away from an election site.

"These [funds] ought to be banned," Wyden said.

The second issue is restricting independent expenditures, or money from special interest groups. During the 1995 special election to replace Bob Packwood, Wyden said many people close to the election were telling him they could never figure out where certain funds were coming from.

The final issue is the improvement in disclosures of campaign enforcement. Wyden believes that if money is received by a party on a Tuesday, then it should be disclosed in public reports by Thursday of that week.

Wyden is currently working on meeting with people in every

county in Oregon, which he promised during his 1995 campaign. From those meetings, the second-year senator from Portland has seen that "people are angry about how this system is."

Wyden is currently fighting the Senate hold system, which he says allows any member of the U.S. Senate to secretly prevent a piece of legislation or nomination from being considered on the Senate floor.

"If a senator digs in and is going to stop a bill, they should have to disclose in Congressional records that they are the ones doing it," Wyden said. "There is much more that we need to do to throw open the doors of government and make sure that elected officials know that public business is done in public."

Wyden opened the 50-minute forum with his statements on finance reform and then responded

to questions on various other topics, including the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Wyden, who voted for a bill supporting NAFTA during the last congressional session, said tariffs are a major problem for businesses in the United States because they are much lower than those in other countries. This means Americans lose money every time they export.

Wyden believes this is the reason that an agreement between the United States and Mexico is not currently possible.

One member of the audience pointed to NAFTA as a reason why Americans should attempt to avoid exporting, but Wyden feels otherwise.

"I personally think that trade is part of the solution rather than the source of the problem," he said.

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