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Danny Pulido, a clerk at Hilyard Street Market, isn't sure how a dry fraternity system will affect alcohol sales, but he says the students will probably just go off-campus to party. "People are going to keep drinking, no matter what the rules are," he said.

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University's policy will just cause them to move the parties out of their houses and into the neighborhood.

"We're always going to drink," Pi Kappa Alpha member Jake Haworth said. "All this means is we can't drink here."

Haworth's opinion was evidently shared by greek members at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. WSU's administration banned alcohol from fraternities in late 1996, but the problem didn't go away.

John Sherman, city supervisor for the city of Pullman, said the ban created unforeseen problems off-campus.

Sherman said fraternities would rent "party houses" close to campus to continue throwing parties with alcohol. The rentals generated many community complaints, and one house was bulldozed in 1998 just to prevent greek members from drinking there.

"Obviously, saying that you're dry and being dry are two different things," he said.

### Preventing drunken driving

With University greek members planning to move parties off campus, some area residents said the city might see more drunken driving by greek members returning home inebriated after partying.

"I think (off-campus parties) are going to happen, and they'll



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just put the public at risk by drinking and driving," said Sue McGuire, who owns the Alder Street Market at East 11th Avenue near fraternities.

Theta Chi member Wes Wallis said members rarely drive to parties, though members of the dry house currently leave campus every time they drink.

"If we leave a party," Wallis said, "we'll walk back drunk."

In Pullman, after greek members throw parties off campus, they often walk home rather than get behind the wheel, according to Pullman police.

In 1997, the police department for the city of Pullman logged 196 counts of driving under the influ-

ence. Numbers have remained at that level since then, except in 1998 when the total dropped 25 percent, then returned to previous levels the next year.

"Most of the parties were all within easy walking distance," Sherman said.

Greek members like Theta Chi member John Duley agree that off-campus parties will become the norm as the University's greek system goes entirely dry. Many members said they refuse to go to parties that aren't within walking distance — they're just not as convenient.

Duley and his fraternity brothers have learned to live with the rules of a dry house. Groups of them usually grab six-packs at the local market and drink at houses of members, called "live-outs," who live off campus.

Local stores expect their alcohol sales to remain steady, another indication, some say, that greek members are choosing parties within walking distance of their homes.

Hilyard Street Market employee Nick Podesta estimates that students in the greek system buy 25 percent of the alcohol sold at his store.

Podesta said he doesn't expect the ban to change how fraternity members party.

"That won't stop them," said. "They'll just drink where they feel like drinking."

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## News briefs

### Students say 'Women are all Yellow Jackets everyday'

Saying that the University's Yellow Jackets program is not enough to make campus safe, several area activists want women to wear yellow clothes today and carry fliers reading, "We are all Yellow Jackets everyday."

The University launched the Yellow Jackets program early May in response to recent attacks against women on campus. The program consists of a team of volunteers who patrol campus at night and serve as the eyes and ears of the Department of Public Safety.

"It's awesome that the Yellow Jackets is happening and that the University is doing something about campus safety," said Lezlie

Frye, a junior studying history and women's studies who is helping organize the event.

Frye said she wants to see women actively work to make campus safe.

"We're all Yellow Jackets — we're all the eyes and ears on campus," she said. "Everyone should be on the lookout."

— Darren Freeman

### Student Senate officially ends its 2001-02 session

Michael Sherman, Brenda Tinchler, Mike Linman, Mena Ravasipour, Eric Bailey and Theo Yang were confirmed as new members of the ASUO Student Senate at the final meeting of the 2001-02 school year on Wednesday night in the EMU Board Room.

The Senate also approved Kate Kranzush as Senate president for the summer and Dominique Beaumont as the Senate vice president for the summer.

In other action, senators transferred funds within the Muslim Student Association to the food account to cover catering for a presentation last week put on by student funds.

They also transferred money within the ASUO Women's Center based on the group's accounting miscalculations last year.

Project Saferide shifted funds from gas to office supplies for the purchase of new chairs, a disc drive and office supplies.

In the final transfer of the evening, the Students for Choice transferred money to advertising and office supplies.

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