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Binge Drinking...

In 1999, Harvard University's School of Public Health College Alcohol Study surveyed students at 119 colleges. Here are some of the findings:

44% of U.S. college students engaged in binge drinking during the two weeks before the survey.

51% of the MEN drank 5 or more drinks in a row

40% of the WOMEN drank 4 or more drinks in a row

Students more likely to binge drink are white, age 23 or younger, and are residents of a fraternity or sorority. ***If they were binge drinkers in high school, they were three times more likely to binge in college.***

The percentage of students who were binge drinkers was nearly uniform from freshman to senior year, even though students under 21 are prohibited from purchasing alcohol.

Over half the binge drinkers, almost one in four students, were frequent binge drinkers, that is, they binged three or more times in a two-week period.

Troubles from Alcohol...

- Missed Class Unplanned Sex
- Falling Grades Unprotected Sex
- Date Rape Trouble with Police
- Drink & Drive Oversleeping

Fire Safety...

Educating people on the importance of preparing for a fire is essential. Fire is one of the most common disasters in the United States and is responsible for over 3,500 deaths a year across the nation. Even though the United States is a global leader in technology, it has the highest death rate in the world resulting from fire.

Some Basic Fire Safety Tips



Check your smoke detector batteries once a month.

Have an escape plan, get everyone out safely. Have a meeting place.

Don't overload extension cords or electrical outlets.

Install and know how to operate a fire extinguisher.
Sound an alarm and shout "FIRE" to alert those in your living area.
DO NOT use elevators during a fire or emergency. Use the stairs.

Check doors for heat by touch prior to opening. Hot=Fire.

If you encounter smoke, get close to the floor and crawl. Smoke rises...

As winter arrives, have your furnace inspected by a reputable company.



To learn more about fire safety, stop by the Public Safety office to pick up a brochure regarding fire safety. You can also contact Sgt. Cronin at ext. 1103 for more information.

Radar Enforcement of Speed Limit



University Police are now monitoring the speed of motorists on campus roads through the use of radar. Remember posted Limits are 15mph.

Officers will be issuing citations for speeding in an effort to increase the safety of pedestrians and motorists on campus.

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Crime Prevention

Although crime is relatively low on campus, it still occurs. There are some basic things you can do to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

Walk in groups at night.

Always let a friend know where you'll be.

Engrave property with our engraving tool.

Don't allow unknown persons into dorms.

If you see any questionable/suspicious activity... call the University POLICE so we can check it out.

Article provided by:
Sgt. Don Stange

Lost & Found Property...

Property that is in the custody of University Police will be held for (30) days. **"Any property" not claimed within (30) days will be discarded.**

To claim lost or confiscated property valued over \$50.00, you must come to Public Safety Mon-Fri, between 8am-4pm.

You may claim lost or confiscated property valued under \$50.00 at anytime. **Confiscated property is only claimable upon completion of pending investigations.**

You must bring a student I.D. or state issued identification.

Community Service Aides



Students have become active in Public Safety working in a newly created position of Community Service Aide.

CSA's are readily identifiable by the red polo shirts and I.D. they wear. Their shirts have an embroidered badge and the title Public Safety on the left breast.

Community Service Aides handle non-criminal service calls such as: jump starts, dorm unlocks, escorts and traffic control details. CSA's also facilitate administrative duties, dispatching and other misc. duties.

Wellness Fair: Substance Abuse



University Police were on hand at the Health and Wellness fair held on the upper level of the Krasa Center. University Police let students and staff, don Fatal Vision goggles which impair vision and perception based on a certain blood alcohol content.

Benedictine Public Safety provided a power point presentation on the adverse effects of club drugs, pamphlets and manuals on DUI, impairment calculators, and other handouts.

Benedictine Public Safety spoke with students and staff, providing them with information regarding club drugs, alcohol responsibility and driving under the influence.



Benedictine Student



Benedictine Staff Member