

Report of the Chancellor's Task Force to Review "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" and Other Alcohol-Related Events

Background

Chancellor Herman assembled a task force of faculty, staff, students, and community leaders to study the effects of and address the problems associated with Unofficial St. Patrick's Day (USPD) and other alcohol-related events. To be clear, USPD is not initiated, sanctioned, supported, or condoned by the Urbana campus or the cities adjacent to it. Consequently, there are limits to what the campus or community can do to control or influence what is essentially a private, commercial venture and the personal behavior of individuals. Nonetheless, the Chancellor requested that the group develop recommendations that might reduce or eliminate any negative effects resulting from USPD and similar activities. The task group met seven times, developed and administered an online survey of faculty, staff, and student attitudes toward USPD, and prepared the recommendations in this report.

The task force drew on the experience of city administration, law enforcement, university staff, student leaders, and a manager of a Class A liquor license business in developing its recommendations. The recommendations are informed by the survey results and are general enough to guide administrative actions for USPD and other alcohol-related events.

It is worth noting that throughout the task force's deliberations, its members were mindful that, as articulated in the *Campus Code*, “[s]tudents enrolling in the University assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the University's function as an educational institution and suitable to members of the academic community” (§1-302), and that “[a]ny rules or regulations considered necessary to govern the interaction of the members of the University community are intended to reflect values that community members must share in common if the purpose of the community to advance education and to enhance the educational development of students is to be fulfilled” (§1-101). First among these values is the “freedom to learn,” a freedom that the task force's recommendations aim to preserve and enhance.

Effects Within the Academic Community

Through various channels, units across campus have shared their impression that disruptions to the academic enterprise attributable to USPD have steadily increased since the event's inception. It is not just the day of the event that is disrupted; disruptions occur sporadically during the weeks leading up to the event, and have certainly grown more intense in the event's aftermath. Responding to these impressions, campus and community leaders have taken a number of steps. For example, in 2006, a public relations campaign was developed to address ongoing concerns, based on advice solicited from law enforcement, city officials, Student Affairs and Provost Office staff, Housing staff, various fraternities and sororities, and the fraternity and sorority governance boards. Alternative programming was scheduled at the Illini Union and fraternities

and sororities were requested not to host any social events the day before or the day of USPD.
(Appendix A)

Despite efforts leading up to USPD on Friday, March 3, 2006, campus leaders received numerous complaints about how students and others participating in USPD disrupted the academic enterprise and damaged campus facilities. For example, in the opinion of the instructional staff in the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, the learning environment in MCB classes was “fundamentally undermined” by USPD, both for those participating in USPD activities last year and for students who attended class on that day expecting to learn. Rigorous enforcement of the *Campus Code* was attempted but was not always possible, because it was impossible to deal with the volume of students who were coming and going during class and talking loudly while there. Indeed, there was no way to assure that people who attended MCB classes were Urbana students. Alcohol was brought into classrooms and lecture halls, and had to be confiscated. At one point, Foellinger Auditorium’s stage had to be secured to prevent people jumping onto the stage. Members of MCB’s instructional staff were pulled away from the usual task of teaching to become, in effect, hall and classroom monitors; they found themselves ill-equipped to deal with intoxicated students. Foellinger Auditorium was vandalized with significant property damage to both the men’s and women’s washrooms; fire extinguishers were tampered with, and instructional equipment was spray-painted. Finally, staff had to lock Foellinger Auditorium at 3:15 p.m. to prevent further damage to the facility. Lincoln Hall fire extinguishers were tampered with and instructional equipment was spray-painted.

Elsewhere on campus in 2006, campus police resources were diverted from usual law-enforcement activities to police instructional facilities; there were not enough police on duty in the local jurisdictions to guarantee public safety and the security of campus facilities, private residences, businesses, and city streets. There was a 58 percent increase in calls for service during the day (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.) by University of Illinois Public Safety (UIPD) compared with calls received during the 2005 USPD event (81 in 2005 and 128 in 2006). On the Friday before the 2006 USPD (February 24, 2006) there were 48 calls for service.

In addition to city violations enforced by UIPD (included in the city statistics reported below), campus police made arrests for the following state law violations: two cases of aggravated battery, one case of cannabis with intent to deliver (30 gm and under), one case of trespassing to state supported property and one case of resisting and obstructing. As a comparison, the Friday before the 2006 USPD, UIPD had one state charge arrest for resisting and obstructing and two city violations for Minor in Possession.

Housing administrators reported a significant increase in incidents in the Housing units. On the day of the 2006 USPD, 41 incident reports involving in excess of 80 students/visitors were taken ranging from a minor assault on a resident advisor to presence of alcohol in the residence halls.

Corroborating these main points of disruption and inconveniences within the academic community were responses from faculty and staff to a survey question, “Have you experienced any disruption in your daily work activities because of USPD?” Eighty-three of 530 respondents reported disruptions. Typical responses included:

One student in class was obviously inebriated. One student planned on skipping class because of the effects of student drunkenness. All students were reluctant to appear prepared for class or to participate in discussion, a quite unusual circumstance in both my classes. I think it puts negative pressure on all students, even those who don't participate.

I work in the Psych Building. The effects of having drunken students running though [*sic*] our halls, vandalizing our bathrooms, and vomiting on the side walks has a very negative impact on the functioning of our Department. Given our proximity to the bars sponsoring this event we experience a lot of the problems associated with this event. For the past 2 years we have asked for campus police to watch our building.

...it was very difficult to know how to handle all of the drunken people in my class while still being professional and fair to the other students. I felt like the situation was not only extremely uncomfortable, but it made it almost impossible to maintain any kind of authority in the classroom, and it also penalized the students who had come to class sober. (I was teaching a freshman rhetoric class at 11:00 a.m.)

In the wake of these and other disruptions in 2006, the Urbana Faculty-Student Senate passed a resolution, RS.06.01, calling for the elimination of USPD and any other alcohol-related event on a day of instruction. (Appendix B) The Illinois Student Senate passed a resolution, 03-15-06-02, in response to the Urbana Senate resolution, asking the administration to focus "on an educational approach to alcohol safety rather than a prohibitive one." (Appendix C)

Effects Within the Community

Overshadowing the disruptions enumerated above is a tragedy that must not be forgotten. In the early morning hours after USPD, a 2004 alumna of the University, Carolyn Yoon, was killed while riding as a passenger on a motorcycle that crashed near campus on March 4, 2006. Yoon, who was wearing an Unofficial T-shirt, was reported to be in town visiting friends. The driver of the motorcycle, Sam Young Park, was charged with driving under the influence.

An estimate of the increase in costs for city, university and state public safety officials was \$10,000 on the day of USPD in 2006. Champaign experienced a 42 percent increase in calls for service from 2005 to 2006 on USPD (157 calls in 2005 to 223 calls in 2006). As a comparison, the week before the 2006 USPD (March 24, 2006), there were 69 calls for service during the day.

The crime statistics for Champaign, UIPD and Illinois State Police show that 103 city violations were written involving students from UIUC, 25 other colleges and universities, and other participants in the event. In addition to the state DUI charge cited earlier, Champaign officers made two arrests for state charges of aggravated battery. Forty-five traffic stops were made and 58 warnings were given for less serious offenses.

Again, as a comparison, on the Friday before USPD 2006, CPD had one state charge arrest for criminal damage and one state charge arrest at a fight for unlawful possession of a weapon and armed violence. No city violations were written during the day.

The Urbana Police Department (UPD) responded to 33 calls for service during USPD versus 21 calls in 2005 (57 percent increase). Arrests were made for the following violations: two cases of aggravated battery, one case of domestic battery, one case of theft of motor vehicle parts/accessories over \$300, one case of harassment by telephone, and two cases of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Contrary to the other local police agencies, Urbana experienced a decrease in calls from the week before USPD. On the Friday before the 2006 USPD there were 38 calls for service; including one case of aggravated battery and two cases of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

These negative effects within the community were also corroborated by faculty/staff survey results. In responding to a question regarding feeling unsafe because of erratic and aggressive behaviors of drunken people, faculty/staff responses included:

A member of my staff were [*sic*] physically threatened by drunken students who threw empty beer bottles at her as she attempted to walk on a university sidewalk from her office to another location to attend a meeting.

Driving around, on Green Street specifically, I was stopped by drunken students who walked onto the street at random. In fact, I almost hit one. Then they got angry at me. I was worried what they would throw at or do to my car, so I didn't even want to go out that day. Even for their own safety, so many of them just come too close to getting hit by cars

I always notice drunken people walking about on campus streets beginning early in the morning during this event. In fact, one time I was driving north on Fourth Street and had to wait for fellow students to retrieve one of their friends dressed in USPD green from a busy intersection. I am surprised more people haven't been hurt during these parties.

Summary of Survey Findings

Two online surveys were administered, one to students and one to faculty and staff. (Appendices D and E) This involved a random sample of 8 percent of students with a similar random sample size for faculty and staff. The surveys were initially distributed on December 4, 2006, and again on December 12, 2006, to give those who had not responded an additional opportunity to respond. Of those surveyed, the response rate for students was 39 percent or 1970 students and for faculty and staff it was 35 percent or 530 members of the faculty and staff.

In significant ways, the faculty/staff and student surveys speak to the collision of two campuses: one shared by faculty, staff, and students during daylight hours, and another inhabited by students at night. USPD sheds the light of day on the exuberance—and excesses—of alcohol consumption with which students are familiar, but which faculty and staff find surprising. By and large, faculty and staff do not like what USPD brings to their attention, while student attitudes toward the event are tolerant; many view USPD as an extension and amplification of activity already commonplace on many weekend nights.

A. Results of Student Survey (Appendix F)

Approximately 97 percent of student respondents had heard about USPD and 57 percent indicated their participation in USPD. The locations most often cited for activities related to USPD were bars (42 percent) and fraternities and sororities (26 percent). Forty percent of students did encourage outsiders to participate. Students reported that a majority of them were inconvenienced by the 2006 USPD (57 percent), but when they were asked more specific questions intended to better define how they were “inconvenienced,” students overwhelmingly reported they were not distracted by noisy parties or drunken participants during the 2006 USPD (86 percent), or delayed traveling through campus town or across campus (86 percent), and not confronted by a drunken student on campus or in Campustown (88 percent).

However, 12 percent of the respondents (extrapolating to the student body, approximately 4800 students) reported that a drunken student or other person disrupted a class. Comments solicited indicated that vomit, broken glass and garbage were the most unsightly aspects of the day. Also, comments received mentioned the danger to drivers from drunken students walking out into traffic and drunken drivers. There were students who reported being confronted by a drunken student/person (11 percent), and comments made suggested concern for personal safety when confronted by drunken persons or concerns for the safety of the drunken students/persons.

Approximately 20 percent of student respondents (approximately 8000 students when extrapolated to the student body) thought that USPD either diminished or greatly diminished the educational experience; 30 percent thought it increased or greatly increased the educational experience; and 50 percent reported no effect on the educational experience.

A majority of those responding thought that the following proposed measures were not effective for purposes of public safety; restricting keg/bottle sales (53 percent), regulating bar opening hours (49 percent) or closing hours (55 percent) or setting geographical boundaries for the event (46 percent). There was support for the effectiveness on public safety (somewhat or very effective) of the following proposed actions: increasing police presence (65 percent), increasing police action/law enforcement (57 percent), and enforcing campus disciplinary actions (48 percent).

General comments received suggested that the campus would fail if it tried to eliminate USPD and that new rules should not be developed for USPD. Support was voiced for more stringent enforcement of existing rules and an educational campaign directed at students encouraging responsible use of alcohol, highlighting the effects of alcohol poisoning, and numbers to call for assistance. Alternative programming that does not involve alcohol consumption was also suggested as one method to address the effects of USPD.

B. Results of Faculty/Staff Survey (Appendix G)

Approximately 97 percent of faculty/staff had heard about USPD. A relatively large number of faculty/staff respondents reported having to alter their classroom, laboratory or other activities (8 percent), or alter their syllabus or class schedule (2 percent), or miss class (less than 1 percent) because of USPD. Extrapolating to the faculty/staff population, this represents approximately 972 members. Thirty-one percent stated that they experienced disruption in their work. Comments solicited about disruptiveness included having to deal with intoxicated students, low class attendance, obnoxious behavior and profane language in restaurants, on city streets, in residence halls and dining rooms. Faculty/staff commented on their concern for their personal safety because of drunken persons and drivers, for women's safety in particular, and concern for the safety of the USPD participants. They also stated their unwillingness to host visitors on the day of USPD and concern for the image of the University because of USPD. Even those that responded that they did not feel unsafe commented on their feeling uncomfortable.

Approximately one-half of the faculty/staff reported not receiving or recalling receiving the message from the Provost and Student Affairs outlining recommended actions. About one-quarter indicated that the message outlining recommended action was somewhat or very effective and one-quarter indicated that it was not effective. There was more support from faculty/staff for finding that the following measures would be either somewhat or very effective: restricting keg/bottle sales (59 percent), regulating the opening and closing of bars (72 percent, 69 percent respectively), or setting geographical boundaries for the event 53 percent). Faculty/staff gave very strong support for increasing police presence (83 percent), increasing police action/law enforcement (78 percent), and enforcing campus disciplinary actions (75 percent).

Comments and suggestions from faculty/staff were similar to students in that the elimination of USPD was not seen as achievable by campus action, the campus's focus should be on an educational campaign encouraging students that choose to participate to do so safely, and a priority should be to enforce existing rules and laws. The "culture" of this campus that supports alcohol use was also mentioned as contributing to the problem of USPD and the problems created every weekend or game day. Alternative programming that does not involve drinking was suggested, as was holding bar owners accountable for liquor violations and for the nuisances caused by USPD.

Recommendations

As members of the task force deliberated, they bore in mind a sentiment that the Chancellor expressed well in his greeting to the Class of 2010: "Freedom! It's intoxicating, the choices you have. You have the freedom to explore your choices in the great American marketplace of ideas, the university. . . . You're an adult now. You can choose—shall I listen, in order that I be heard?

You have the power to hear as much as you speak—if not more. Talk to people, listen to people. Cast out rancor and ridicule. Embrace civility.”

Listening and speaking with civility: the vital work of the institution depends on it. But it is work that cannot be done well, or at all, when events external to the University disrupt listening and speaking, teaching and learning. Such disruption demands a careful, decisive response. It is in this spirit that the Task Force conducted its inquiries and now offers its recommendations.

Before the Event

Communicate with students:

- Develop a student-based, positive public relations campaign to market safety and responsible behavior—and to discourage outsiders from visiting the community expressly for the event.
- In developing the campaign, recognize that students generally have a positive attitude toward USPD and similar events because it establishes memories and a shared collegiate experience.
- In view of student attitudes toward USPD, request the assistance of student organizations in formulating a message that discourages the disruption to academic instruction, encourages responsible behavior, and describes alternative programming that does not involve the consumption of alcohol.
- Raise the visibility of the campaign by inviting celebrity participation.
- As part of the campaign, advise students broadly and generally that all pertinent state and local laws, as well as University policies, will be enforced during USPD, making it clear that the University does not sponsor USPD or any other alcohol-related events for students.
- In the context of the campaign—but also as early as new student orientation—emphasize that laws and rules prohibiting underage drinking are enforced in Champaign and Urbana, and that students who can consume alcohol legally are expected to do so responsibly.

Prepare the community environment:

- Request that the cities follow the opening and closing times that have already been established by city ordinances.
- Encourage the Liquor Advisory Commission to finish its work on the definition of “drink of alcohol liquor” for the serving of alcoholic beverages.
- Request cities to urge license holders to offer food on the day of the event.
- Request the cities to require license holders to increase older adult staff in bars for special events like USPD.
- Request that the cities require license holders to perform more rigorous keg registration and administer stricter enforcement of existing rules.
- Appeal to bar owners to move USPD to a non-instructional date.
- Work with all bar owners who are members of the campus Bar Owners Association to develop a unified response to alcohol-related events.

Prepare the campus environment:

- Request that faculty and graduate instructors remind students about relevant *Student Code* regulations that make clear the consequences of disrupting the academic enterprise in classrooms and elsewhere on campus.
- Ask a parents' group to write a letter to all parents recommending a discussion with their sons/daughters about the hazards of irresponsible drinking.
- Increase partnerships with other universities in ways that will enhance the response to USPD (e.g., Wisconsin's message regarding the Madison Halloween celebration); be certain, though, that these partnerships do not encourage other institutions' students to travel to USPD.
- Enhance lines of communication between campus and local police agencies and the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Counsel/Office of the Dean of Students.

During the Event

Preserve academic integrity and assure public safety on campus:

- Provide a "zero-tolerance" zone for violations of code/laws in academic programs/classrooms. Request a strong disciplinary response for violators.
- Explore the creation of geographic boundaries to either keep traffic out of the central campus area or to establish an event zone in which to focus the activity.
- Increase police presence—early on, across campus, and especially in the large lecture halls.
- Strictly enforce existing state laws, city ordinances and regulations on student conduct on campus and the surrounding communities.
- Increase the presence of administrators and faculty around the central campus area and in instructional facilities.
- Increase staff presence in Housing and strict enforcement of guest policies.
- Deploy video teams to document USPD-related activities and disruptive behavior in large lecture halls.
- Provide attractive alternative programming or activities on the same day as USPD or any other alcohol-related event (e.g., a concert).

Assure public safety in affected areas near campus:

- Control bottles in campus bars and on city streets.
- Enhance enforcement of existing rules and laws in campus Housing, as well as in off-campus apartments and private homes.
- Minimize arson by stepping up litter control on city streets and on campus, partially filling some empty dumpsters with water, and requiring more frequent emptying of dumpsters that accumulate combustible waste during the event.

After the Event

- Ask cities to enforce the clean-up standards that are imposed on landlords for move-in and move-out so that post-event litter is not a public nuisance.
- Send a letter to parents notifying them when a student is arrested or subject to student discipline in a manner which complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.
- Enhance Kolusis enforcement of IFC/PHC risk management policy, with an emphasis on serious consequences to greek houses for policy violations.

Appendices

Appendix A

UIUC/COMMUNITY ACTIONS RELATING TO "UNOFFICIAL" 2006

Police Departments

- UIPD meeting with Champaign Police Department on deployment and enforcement of ordinances (Attachment A)
- Contacted Illinois State Police regarding traffic in and out of city

City of Champaign

- Mayor's enactment of public safety emergency ordinance (Attachment B)

Media Exposure

- *News-Gazette* Editorial – Tom Kacich 1/25/06 (Attachment C)
- *Daily Illini* Guest Column - Monsignor Swetland 2/2/06 (Attachment D)
- *Daily Illini* UIUC Official Notice outlining Campus Code and potential sanctions (Attachment E)
- *Daily Illini* ads from Student Legal Service, paid for by S.O.R.F. (Attachment F)

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

- Bill Riley has met with several campustown licensees and city staff.
- Bill Riley meeting with the Daily Illini editorial staff on Sunday, February 26

Office of the Provost

- E-mail message will be sent from the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to instructional faculty and staff regarding faculty authority and prerogative in the classroom, telephone "hotline" to ODOS and UIPD (Attachment G)

Office of the Dean of Students

- Monitoring emergency rooms at local trauma centers.
- Working with UIPD to monitor and respond to situations.
- Will e-mail student groups, such as Orange Krush, to encourage responsible behavior

University Housing

- Residence Halls will be on "night security" for the night before and day/night of Unofficial.
- Extra Housing staff will be on duty.
- Extra off duty campus police in the halls/halls area
- Discouragement of guests

Greek Affairs

- Requested that no fraternities/sororities host social events on March 2 or 3 (Attachment H)
- Sought letter from Interfraternity/Panhellenic presidents and council to discourage irresponsible behavior (as Final Four).

Illini Union

- Planning alternative programming and food:
 - Thursday, March 2: Band performance in Courtyard Café – Illini Contraband; movie showing & giveaways in Illini Union Ballroom, 8 p.m. – King Kong; Cosmic Bowling in the Rec Room
 - Friday, March 3: Band performance in Courtyard Café – Krukid.

Moms and Dads Associations

- Concerned about "Unofficial" and running pieces in the February newsletter (Attachment I)

C-U Mass Transit District

- MTD will advise drivers to be particularly sensitive to vehicular/pedestrian safety issues.

Parkland College

- Participating and assisting in getting the word out.
- Placing a notice on their website encouraging non-participation in "Unofficial" events.

Student Affairs and UIPD response teams will be deployed the following way:

Student Affairs staff will be riding/walking along with UIPD Officers, who are designated primarily for this duty 10:00-5:00. These two teams will be the primary responders to situations. Other Student Affairs volunteers will be present and circulating in the areas near large classroom areas such as Foellinger, Lincoln Hall, Gregory Hall, Loomis Lab; will check on when and where large classes occur on Fridays. These volunteers will go out in teams of two and will be wearing something like windbreakers that identify them as Dean of Students staff. These teams will do no direct confrontation, but will serve as eyes and ears for the two primary response teams. If an emergency arises, they will call 911. If a non-emergency situation, they will call 333-8911 (Metcad non-emergency). The two primary response teams also have the approval/encouragement of the Champaign Police Department to stop in at off campus residences and Greek houses if/when things seem to be getting out of hand.

In addition, the police intend to do selective traffic enforcement, two plainclothes details each 11am-3pm and 9pm-3am, limited bar checks, citations for open beer on public property, and extra presence in some Housing areas like ISR and PAR food service. Also, two additional Housing staff members will be helping cover problem areas in Housing. Illinois State Police will be attentive to the traffic coming into and out of Champaign on March 2 and 3.

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Gerald J. Schweighart, Mayor & Liquor Commissioner

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EMERGENCY ORDER

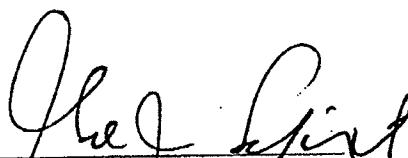
I, Gerald J. Schweighart, in my capacity as the Liquor Commissioner for the City of Champaign, Illinois, and pursuant to authority granted me in Section 5-91(9) of the Champaign Municipal Code, 1985 as amended, entitled "Emergency powers," do hereby find that there may be a threat to the public health, safety and welfare from activities by members of the public within the geographic areas described herein in response to the promotion by one or more businesses holding liquor licenses within the City of an event that has become known locally as "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day. I base this finding on the following facts:

1. This event has been promoted, scheduled and conducted over a specific 24 to 48 hour period of time by participating liquor license holders located in the geographic area described below, each year for at least the last six years, on dates within two or three weeks of the actual St. Patrick's Day.
2. The event has typically included an unusual extension of hours of operations by participating class A liquor license holders, including opening to the public and serving alcoholic beverages as early as 8:00 a.m. on the day or days in question.
3. The event has included the promotion and implementation on the days in question of reduced pricing specials on the purchase of alcoholic beverages by said participating license holders.
4. On the day or days during which the event has occurred, there has generally been a significant increase in the number of arrests within the City of intoxicated persons on public property for committing offenses resulting in personal injuries, disorderly conduct, battery and criminal damage to property, and a significant increase in hospital emergency room admissions of persons experiencing the adverse effects of dangerous levels of alcohol intoxication.

I have further received reliable information that this year, "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" will be conducted this year within the City limits on Thursday and/or Friday, March 2 and 3, 2006. Based upon said findings, I hereby enter the following emergency order:

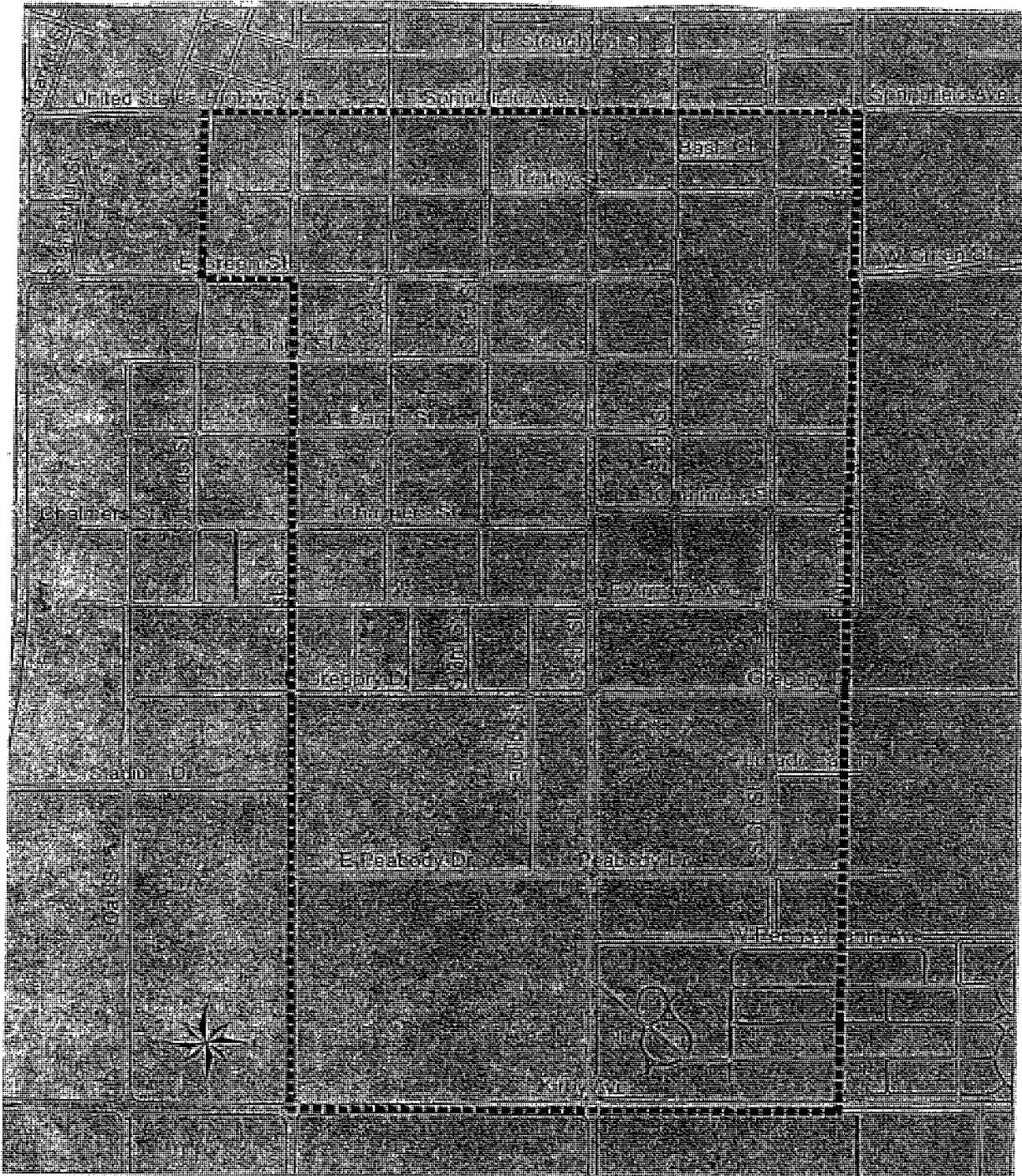
- A. All businesses currently holding a liquor license that permits that license holder to sell or serve alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises, within the City limits of the City of Champaign in the area bounded by Springfield Avenue on the north, Wright Street on the east, Kirby Avenue on the south and north on First Street to Green Street, then west on Green Street to Locust Street then north on Locust Street to Springfield Avenue shall be prohibited from serving or permitting the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages upon their licensed premises between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2006 and Friday, March 3, 2006.
- B. All businesses within the City limits shall be prohibited from selling more than one keg of beer to any particular customer from 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2005 until 12:00 midnight on Friday, March 3, 2006.

Entered on this 1st day of February, 2006.


Liquor Commissioner for the City of
Champaign, Illinois



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CAMPUS BAR OWNERS SHOULD SCALE BACK 'DRINKING HOLIDAY'

Champaign and the University of Illinois could avoid a lot of problems and save a lot of money if Campustown bar owners, particularly Scott Cochrane, canceled plans for an 'Unofficial St. Patrick's Day' promotion.

Last March 4, the University of Illinois and the city of Champaign hosted — unknowingly — an Unofficial St. Patrick's Day event. It was a promotion brewed up by Campustown bar owners to encourage UI students, as well as students from all over the Midwest, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day a few weeks early.

Celebrating the real St. Patrick's Day in Champaign wouldn't be as much fun or as profitable, the bar owners figured, because UI students would be gone on spring break.

So the Campustown bars opened early — as early as 8 a.m. that Friday — and what has been called a 'drinking holiday' began. The result, according to a report to the Champaign Liquor Advisory Commission:

— '190 calls for service in the campus area — an average increase of 52 percent over the same day the previous four weeks.' — 'Campus calls for service represented 47 percent of all police calls throughout the city.' — 'The cost of police and fire overtime totaled approximately \$6,500 for this day alone.' — '82 Notices to Appear were issued — 35 of which were to students attending college and universities outside C-U in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio.' — 'Cleanup costs were nearly \$900 for trash and related debris in the campus area above and beyond normal cleanup activities.' — 'Anecdotal reports indicated numerous students attending and 'crashing' classes while intoxicated.'

— 'Many complaints were received by campus area businesses and residents complaining about intoxicated people stumbling on sidewalks and being obnoxious.' — 'Anecdotal information from McKinley Health Center indicated intoxicated persons flooding their offices, making it difficult to serve injured and sick students who were not intoxicated.' Champaign Mayor Jerry Schweighart doesn't want a recurrence this year so he plans to issue an 'emergency order' prohibiting Campustown bars from opening before 11 a.m. on the Unofficial St. Patrick's Day, Champaign Police will have stepped-up patrols and the city will undertake other efforts to mitigate problems.

The UI will restrict access to residence halls that day to dissuade visitors from other schools, UI police will increase patrols, a hotline will be set up for UI faculty and staff to report problems, and sororities and fraternities will be asked not to hold any Unofficial St. Patrick's Day-related parties.

All of this work and expense is being done to try to counteract a promotion by Campustown bar owner Scott Cochrane who says he has trademarked the term 'Unofficial St. Patrick's Day' and who, authorities say, will hold the event again this year on March 3.

University and city officials already have met with Cochrane and other bar owners to urge self-regulation. They weren't successful, but they say they hope to meet again with Cochrane, to try to persuade him to at least rein in the promotion.

We join those officials, and appeal to Cochrane's sense of civic pride and responsibility.

The city and the university don't need the added cost, enforcement headaches, public safety concerns and publicity that come with a 'holiday' that encourages binge drinking.

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Guest column

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Time to end offensive 'Unofficial'

Put simply, "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day in Champaign-Urbana is offensive. It demeans the memory of an important religious figure, encourages illegal and dangerous activity, attracts an unsavory element of "visitors," discourages students from fulfilling their primary vocation as students and is blatantly racist.

St. Patrick was a bishop and evangelist bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to the Irish people. He is canonized by the Catholic Church and held in high honor by many Christians. The proper way to honor him would be to reflect on his life and message of conversion, reconciliation and peace; not to encourage binge drinking and rowdiness. Of course, a festival honoring St. Patrick can include fine food and spirits (for those of legal age), but it is blatantly offensive to encourage vices (like drunken debauchery) that he spent his life working against. This is like encouraging racist behavior on Martin Luther King Day.

Second, "Unofficial" encourages illegal and dangerous activity. One need only consult police blotters and ambulance reports from previous "Unofficials" to recognize that this "celebration" harms individuals (physically and morally) and costs taxpayers. It is particularly problematic at this great University because of our history, struggling to overcome being labeled as a "party school" with a considerable drinking problem.

Third, "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day attracts unsavory elements to our area. Recent problems at Wisconsin and Southern Illinois universities should give everyone in Champaign-Urbana pause. Do we want the problems that towns like Madison and Carbondale have had with similar "celebrations?" Outside crowds are now relatively small, but town officials indicate that each year they are growing. Now is the time to nip this problem in the bud.

Fourth, "Unofficial" distracts students from their studies. Perusing press reporting on previous "Unofficials," I find statements like "Everyone here probably has skipped a class today — they just don't care," and from a student partying since 8 a.m. about his 2 p.m. exam, "It should be interesting." Another student is quoted as saying that it's essential to begin drinking early because "If it's not by noon, it doesn't count." Besides tests and classes, students also miss other obligations. One student missed Engineering Open House for "Unofficial" at C.O. Daniel's joking, "I figured I'd do something better with my time." The purpose of education at the University is to

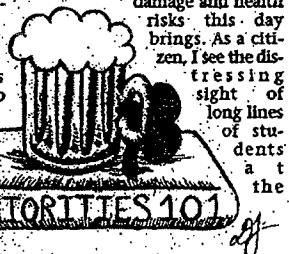


Monsignor
Stuart W.
Swetland

lead people into a deeper knowledge and understanding of the truth. "Unofficial" encourages a darkening of the mind in many ways.

Last, but certainly not least, "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day is blatantly racist. A few years ago The Daily Illini reported "Unofficial's" theme was "Drink 'til you're Irish." This slogan clearly promotes a racist idea, equating being Irish with drunkenness. Hasn't our community and University suffered enough division and turmoil over stereotyping people? Must we add to the list "drunken Irishmen?"

Perhaps I am in a unique position to see the sad consequences of the "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day. As University faculty, I see its adverse effects on education. As a chaplain, I hear in counseling and confession the moral and physical harm done. As a priest, I see the dishonoring of a great spiritual patron. As director of Newman House and Hall, I see the property damage and health risks this day brings. As a citizen, I see the distressing sight of long lines of students a t the



bars early in the morning only to see those same people stumbling and getting ill all over town just hours later.

Let's face it, "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day is the invention of a few bar owners to make even more money from college students. These people seem to care more for their bottom lines than the common good. They care little if they divide the community, harm the students, distract the University from its mission and cost the taxpayers thousands. But the rest of us should care. It's time for everyone to pull the plug on these so-called "celebrations."

Monsignor Stuart W. Swetland, is the Director and Chaplain of St. John's Catholic Newman Center. He can be reached at opinions@dailyillini.com.

UIUC Official Notice

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Please note that the University will have response teams involving Student Affairs staff and University of Illinois Police Officers to address immediate student needs and classroom disruptions or other disorderly conduct in the Campustown area, and the Champaign Police Department will have additional patrols including special enforcement details.



Happy St. Patrick's Day from Student Legal Service

Just a Few Reminders for you:

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- ▶ A DUI can get you a loss of your license for 1 year (2 years if under 21), jail time up to 1 year, and a fine of \$2,500.00.
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- ▶ Using another Leprechaun's I.D. will cost you your driver's license and 1 year in jail.
- ▶ There is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for the Leprechauns that are caught, just a LOT of debt!



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From: Kuntz, Kristi
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 4:29 PM
To: Riley, William
Subject: FW: Final Version - St. Pat's Letter

On Friday, March 3, 2006 Champaign bar owners will be hosting "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day. This event is not supported by the University in anyway. The Mayor of Champaign has issued an executive order that alcohol cannot be served in licensed premises before 11 a.m. on March 3.

It is possible that student behavior associated with this event may disrupt classes on Friday, March 3. The University discourages instructors from cancelling classes. It is suggested that both attendance and behavior expectations be addressed earlier in the week. Should behavior issues arise in your classroom, please keep the following in mind:

1) The Student Code addresses individual student responsibility in the classroom and the University will respond to student conduct concerns. Students can be asked to leave the classroom. However, if circumstances suggest that a confrontation is best avoided, a complaint can be filed with the Office of Student Conflict Resolution once class has been dismissed. Please contact: 333-3680.

For your information, the Student Code can be found at <http://www.admin.uiuc.edu/policy/code/index.html>. Sections 1-102(d), 1-302(f), and 1-307 are relevant to this situation.

2) On March 3 Student Affairs Staff and the University of Illinois Police Department will step up patrols at various places on campus including large classroom facilities. If you are in need of assistance in addressing a disruption, please contact 911 or 9-911(from a campus phone) for emergencies where you need police immediately or 333-8911 for non-emergency situations where you need a Student Affairs/Police intervention.

Office of the Provost
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Date: February 13, 2006

To: Fraternity and Sorority Community Council Officers and Chapter Presidents

From: Dan Bureau, Assistant Dean of Students

Re: Unofficial St. Patrick's Day

Hello. I hope the semester has gone well for you and your organization. This letter serves as documentation regarding the stance of The Office of the Dean of Student and Greek Affairs on "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" ("Unofficial") events as well as requests for you as chapter and council leaders.

"Unofficial" is in no way supported by the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, the Division of Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Students, or Greek Affairs. We have no role in its planning or how it is run as an event. We believe this event to be in direct contradiction to the institution's mission of providing a sound educational experience and can result in students and community members being placed in danger. The day has become an embarrassment to the public image of the university. It also places a growing burden on local health care providers

While some students may find the day to be a tradition worth preserving, I hope you can understand how persons who support education and the safety of students would find the day's activities problematic. Unfortunately, how some students are creating their college experience is not something persons advancing the mission of the institution can support. With this in mind, there are some requests I am asking you to follow.

Greek Affairs has asked the governing councils to place a ban on any social activities held on March 2nd and 3rd. It is in your best interest to not host or sponsor any social activities connected with "Unofficial". The mixture of members consuming alcohol at "unofficial" activities and then attending events could be very problematic to your organization. In addition, it is widely known that some students choose to begin prepartying on the night before "unofficial". It is just bad practice to host an organizational event during this two day period.

All organizations should share with their members that their individual actions are closely monitored by police and the institution. Individuals choosing to act as organizational agents will be dealt with individually and could put the organization in jeopardy of being disciplined. Please watch for ads in the paper and communication from our Office of Student Conflict Resolution and Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

I strongly encourage you to provide full food service and alternative beverages and food for your members on these dates. I also recommend reviewing strategies related to intervening should someone drink too much. Helpful information can be found at http://www.brad21.org/alcohol_poisoning.html and <http://www.interventionsolutions.com/helpintervention.htm>. In addition resources are available throughout campus at McKinley Health Center and the Campus Counseling Center (2nd Floor of Turner Student Services on the corner of 6th and John).

Finally, should someone drink too much and need help, please do not hesitate to take them to take them to the hospital. If you believe someone should be transported, call the hospital. **You will not get in trouble!**

Please contact me with questions you may have. I thank you now for your good work during these events.

CC: Chapter Advisors and Headquarters Representatives (via email)
Ruth McCauley, Acting Dean of Students
William L. Riley, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Dads and Mothers Illini

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Dear Fellow Parents:

Greetings from the Mothers and Dad Associations! This newsletter comes to you just as the Spring Semester begins on the University of Illinois campus at Urbana-Champaign. We hope that each of you had the opportunity to spend some quality time with your sons and daughters during the semester break in December/January.

Our sons and daughters attend the University of Illinois to take advantage of an excellent opportunity to learn and prepare for a successful future. Education happens both inside and outside the classroom, and our role as parents continues even though our children are miles away from home.

Most of the articles in this newsletter have content aimed at providing information to you that hopefully will generate some discussion between you and your children. The Mothers and Dads Associations keep abreast of activities and initiatives on campus in the interest of insuring a healthy and safe environment for our sons and daughters. The content of this newsletter focuses on risky behavior surrounding celebratory drinking and, in particular, the "unofficial" St. Patrick's Day celebration that has evolved on this campus. The "unofficial" nature of the event is arrived at since the "official" St. Patrick's Day typically occurs when the University is on, or about to go on, Spring Break. Whenever it occurs, recent practice has included a party environment that starts on the evening before, and continues into the next day with many local bars opening at 7am. The campus reports that during the morning, the campus town area is packed with inebriated students, and there have been many reports of students going to class throughout the day in such a state.

At the time of this newsletter, the City of Champaign has agreed to limit operating hours of liquor establishments by not allowing them to open before 11am. Many local establishments had previously agreed to this strategy. The University is taking action to curtail the celebration, and in particular that behavior that would be viewed as unsafe and counterproductive to the academic mission.

We sincerely hope that each of you will find useful information in this newsletter that will prompt a discussion with your children. If there is anything else that the Associations can do to make your child's experience at the U of I a positive one, please contact us at our web site
www.uofiparentprograms.uiuc.edu.

Sincerely,

Kathy Phillips, President
Mothers Association

John Cieslak, President
Dads Association.

GENERAL TIPS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR SAFE DRINKING

Amy Carmen-Peck

~UIUC Conseling Center~~

Over the last two years much attention has been called to the high-risk nature of Unofficial St. Patrick's Day and St. Patrick's Day as drinking-related holidays. It's worthwhile to pay attention to times and events that lend themselves to potential health and safety-related consequences from alcohol overuse. It provides an important opportunity for parents and students alike to review their own set of personal standards about what is behaviorally acceptable and what is not. It also brings an opportunity for parents to initiate a dialogue with their student around drinking behaviors in general, not from the perspective of the enforcer, but from the perspective of a loving guide. Here are some general tips that might help clarify what expectations are reasonable at any time.

- The drinking age is 21 years, even if bar entry ages are younger.
- The University expects students to abide by both campus policy and also the law.
- Drinking and operating a motor vehicle is never advised but if it's done, be sure you understand that the legal limit is .08 blood alcohol level.
- Safe drinking is defined as one drink per hour which would be 1 beer, one shot of hard liquor or 4 oz. of wine.
- Drinking after eating will slow down the metabolism of alcohol.
- Know how alcohol interacts with ANY medication you are taking.
- Mixing alcohol with energy drinks increases risk.

- Drinking games promote drinking too much and too fast.
- Have a trusted friend on hand for support.
- Remember, other people around you **may not** be drinking safely which increases your chance of becoming someone's victim.
- Always monitor your drink, don't leave it unattended, and don't let other people mix for you.
- "Punches" and "juices" can be anything.
- It is every student's responsibility to support a healthy campus culture.
- Calling 911 for someone who is ill from the effects of alcohol is a caring act, not a betrayal.
- Letting friends know you don't support inappropriate drunken behavior benefits everyone's health and safety.

Problem Solving with UIPD

Jeff Christensen
~UI Police Department~

The University of Illinois Police Department holds a sincere commitment towards policing our campus in a community based philosophy. The tenets of community policing include building partnerships and problem solving. "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" has clearly been identified as an event of concern due to the demonstrated abuse of alcohol and disruption of our institution's and students' academic missions.

As with meeting other challenges facing our campus, we rely on our strong network of established relationships with other community public safety agencies and service providers. This network can include all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies; fire, rescue and emergency medical providers; health care providers; as well as public health and social service agencies. Additionally, we work together with other University units and administrators who work closely with city government staffs. In order to effectively address the concerns of "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" we will continue to strategically plan both proactive and reactive responses within this network. The established partnerships built within this network are valued and have proven effective.

Parents of our students are recognized stakeholders holding great concerns for their sons and/or daughters health, safety, welfare and success on campus. We recognize that a student's behavior and choices are individually based; however, we also appreciate the parental bond and influence. For this reason, the University of Illinois Police Department is recruiting your assistance in a partnership based spirit, to assist with our problem solving efforts surrounding "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day".

The health and safety issues involving alcohol are well documented. Our officers work together with the University's Alcohol and Drug Office in referring students who have abused alcohol to the point where it is detrimental to their health, safety or academic success. The abuse and use of alcohol is

also a factor for those committing and being a victim of criminal acts.

The illegal use of alcohol holds legal consequences. In addition to arrests for state alcohol violations such as Driving Under the Influence, Transporting Open Containers, and Minor in Possession, our officers also enforce city ordinances. These city ordinances include: Purchasing, Possessing or Consuming Alcohol by a Minor; Unlawful Use of Identification; and Possession of Alcohol on Public Property or Business Parking Lots. Fines for these ordinances range from \$145.00 to \$290.00. Alcohol related violations associated as potential behaviors while under the influence such as Public Urination, Fighting or Loud Music hold fines from \$145.00 to \$195.00.

Additionally, students under the age of twenty-one who are convicted of possession, consumption, purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol may face a suspension of their driver's license for up to one year. This law applies to either a state conviction or a conviction of a similar local ordinance. Local authorities are required to notify the Illinois Secretary of State of these convictions.

In summary, in addition to the health, wellness and academic success issues involved with alcohol use and abuse, the consequences can range from arrest, suspension of driver's license, transport to the hospital and a greater risk of being involved with criminal activity.

Your student's safety is important to us. Your partnership in assisting us with alcohol abuse issues in general and addressing the activities of "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" is appreciated.

STUDENT CODE

Richard Justice

~Office of Conflict Resolution~~

The Office for Student Conflict Resolution (OSCR) plays an important role in promoting character development, ethical decision making, and good citizenship in the students at the University of Illinois. As the office primarily responsible for campus disciplinary action for violations of the Student Code, OSCR responds to violations of the expectations of our academic community by meeting with students individually, determining how much responsibility a student has for a violation (if any), and assigning appropriate sanctions that both educate the individual and protect the integrity and security of the University community. A relatively new "tradition" in the Campustown area is "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day. Because March 17 tends to occur near or during spring break, it has become customary for revelry and celebration to occur on a Thursday night and Friday a week ahead of actual St. Patrick's Day. In too many cases, the celebration involves students' use and abuse of alcohol, leading to unsafe situations and, occasionally, the disruption of classes. In light of the many concerns regarding underage consumption and alcohol abuse associated with "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day, we thought it would be appropriate to review how our office responds to all alcohol violations as well as to describe new initiatives the campus is considering in order to respond to this event.

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Specifically in response to the concerns brought about by "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day, the University plans to create response teams involving Student Affairs staff and University of Illinois Police Officers to address any immediate student needs and any classroom disruptions or other disorderly conduct in the Campustown area. These teams will be readily available to encourage appropriate behavior and to confront those students who become disruptive or threaten their safety or the safety of others. The University will widely publicize the expectations and the potential consequences to the campus community.

We understand that you have high expectations for how your daughters and sons will conduct themselves. We appreciate when we can work in partnership with you to promote safe, responsible, low-risk behavior. We sincerely hope that you will take this as another opportunity to discuss the improper use of alcohol and other drugs with your daughter or son and to reinforce our expectations. Ultimately, it is the individual student who is responsible for making appropriate decisions about her or his behavior. We know that you will join us in encouraging that these choices be positive and safe, and reflect the character and integrity you have instilled in them.

Appendix B

RS.06.01

March 27, 2006

AS AMENDED, APRIL 3, 2006

Passed 4/24/06

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Prefiled Resolution (Final;Action)

RS.06.01 Prefiled Resolution To Eliminate Unofficial St. Patrick's Day

I present this resolution for Senate approval. The Senate Executive Committee endorsed this resolution in principle on March 6, 2006 and the Senate Committee on Educational Policy endorsed this resolution in principle on March 13, 2006.

Whereas, Friday, March 3, 2006, was a regularly scheduled day of instruction at the University of Illinois;

Whereas, Several campus area liquor licensees have promoted March 3, 2006 (and a corresponding date in previous years) as a so-called Unofficial St. Patrick's Day (USPD);

Whereas, USPD promotes binge drinking and disruptive behavior among students during a regularly scheduled class day;

Whereas, The effect of USPD is to reduce class attendance, induce many instructors to cancel class, disrupt the conduct of classes that are held by the presence of intoxicated students, and increase the incidence of other undesirable behavior, such as assaults and vandalism;

Whereas, Significant University resources must be diverted each year to maintaining normal University activities on USPD; and

Whereas, Despite the University's best efforts to mitigate the effects of USPD, it remains an event that seriously undermines the educational mission of the University; therefore be it

Resolved, That the University take affirmative additional steps to prevent the occurrence of any future USPD or any other alcohol-related event on a regularly scheduled instructional day at the University of Illinois; and

Resolved, That the Chancellor shall establish a commission including students, faculty and staff to make recommendations to the Chancellor to advance the aforementioned goals. Such steps shall particularly focus on eliminating academic disturbances and promoting campus safety by taking appropriate measures consistent with all existing laws, regulations and the *Student Code*, including Section 3-603(b)(4).

Sponsor,
Sen. Mark E. Roszkowski (BUS)

Appendix C

1 **Illinois Student Senate Resolution (03-15-06-02)**

2 **Author: Ryan Ruzic**

3 **Supporters: Hassen Al-Shawaf, Christopher Kantas**

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5 **ISS RESOLUTION REGARDING THE OPPOSITION TO THE**

6 **PROHIBITIVE FACULTY RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE UNOFFICIAL**

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8 *Whereas*, Mark Roszkowski, a faculty senator has entered a resolution asking the
9 University to use extreme prohibitive measures to ensure that the celebration of
10 Unofficial St. Patrick's Day (USPD) is banned.

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12 *Whereas*, many of the suggested actions that the resolution call for are counter
13 productive, such as forbidding the sale of kegs for several days leading
14 up to Unofficial and the refocus of police man hours from other, far more vital areas.

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16 *Whereas*, the resolution also encourages professors to give quizzes and tests on
17 USPD, and the suggestion that autonomous faculty members revise their syllabi on
18 account of this event is inappropriate and limits the academic freedom of professors
19 to structure their courses.

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21 *Whereas*, efforts to curb student drinking with prohibitive methods of enforcement
22 will be, and have been, unsuccessful, and only exacerbate the binge drinking that can
23 be better controlled in environments like bars and restaurants.

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25 *Whereas*, students will be forced to gather in apartments, houses, and other alternative
26 unsafe locations where students will drink without supervision.

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28 *Whereas*, the approach the University should take to USPD is by educating students
29 to the dangers of binge drinking, which would succeed in increasing safety during
30 USPD.

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32 *Let it be resolved*, that the Illinois Student Senate as the official voice of the student
33 body opposes the proposed legislation under debate in the UC Student-Faculty Senate
34 and asks that the University focuses on an educational approach to alcohol safety
35 rather than a prohibitive one.

Appendix D



"Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" (USPD) Survey - Students

This form is **NOT** yet live.

1. Have you heard about "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" (USPD) and/or other similar events?

- Yes
 No
-

2. Have you participated in "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day"? If so, where? Please choose all that apply.

- UI Residence Hall
 Private Certified Housing
 Fraternity/Sorority
 Campus Bar
 Restaurants
 No, I have not participated in "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day"
 Other: Please specify
-

3. Have you encouraged people from outside Urbana-Champaign to participate in "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day?"

- Yes
 No
 Not Applicable
-

4. If you participated in USPD, please indicate the approximate time period you participated.

5. Did the 2006 Unofficial St. Patrick's Day (USPD) inconvenience you in one or more of the following ways in the classroom, campustown/commercial or residential areas? Check all that apply.

- I was not present on campus/in campustown during USPD's 06.
 I was not distracted, disturbed or disgusted in any way.
 I was distracted by noisy parties or drunken participants.
 I was disgusted by the sights/sounds of drunken participants
 I was delayed traveling through campustown/across campus.
 I was confronted by a drunken student/person on campus/in campustown.
 I was prevented from reaching a class or appointment on time.
 A drunken student/person disrupted my class.
 Other: Please specify
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6. Have you felt unsafe during "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day"? If so, please describe briefly how, in what ways and/or where:



7. In your opinion and/or experience, does "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" increase or diminish the value of the educational experience at the University of Illinois?

- Greatly Increases
- Increases
- No Effect
- Diminishes
- Greatly Diminishes

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"Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" (USPD) Survey - Students

This form is **NOT** yet live.

For questions 8 through 14, please rate the effectiveness on public safety of the following measures in mitigating the negative effects of "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day," using your own experience and/judgment.

	Not Effective	Somewhat Effective	Very Effective	Do Not Know
8. Restricting keg or bottle sales	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Regulating bar opening hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Regulating bar closing hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Setting geographical boundaries for the event	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Increasing police presence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. Increasing police action/law enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. Enforcing campus disciplinary actions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. Please provide any suggestions for addressing problems you may associate with "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day".

16. Please add any additional comments you have about "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day".

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"Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" (USPD) Survey - Students

This form is **NOT** yet live.

Tell us about yourself.

17. Gender

- Female
- Male

18. Age

- 18-20 years
- 21-23 years
- 24 or older

19. Year in college

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate
- Other: Please specify

20. College

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Please click 'Submit Survey' to complete the form.

Submit Survey

Appendix E



"Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" (USPD) Survey - Faculty & Staff

This form is **NOT** yet live.

1. Have you heard about "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" and/or other similar events?

- Yes
- No

2. Have you experienced any disruption in your daily work activities because of "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day?" If so, how? Please check all that apply.

- I had to alter my classroom, laboratory and/or other activities
- I had to alter my syllabus and/or class schedule
- I had to dismiss class
- No, I have not experienced any disruption in my work on "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day"
- Other: Please specify

3. Have you felt unsafe during "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day"? If so, please describe briefly how, in what ways and/or where:

4. Did you receive the Provost Office and Student Affairs' message on "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" in spring 2006? If so, how would you rate its effectiveness?

- Not Effective
- Somewhat Effective
- Very Effective
- Do Not Know
- No, I did not receive the message on "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day"

For questions 5 through 11, please rate the effectiveness of the following measures in mitigating the negative effects of "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day," using your own experience and/or judgment.

	Not Effective	Somewhat Effective	Very Effective	Do Not Know
5. Restricting keg or bottle sales	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Regulating bar opening hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Regulating bar closing hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Setting geographical boundaries for the event	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Increasing police	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

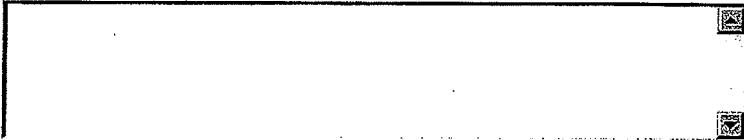
presence

10. Increasing police
action/law enforcement
11. Enforcing campus
disciplinary actions
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12. Please provide any other suggestions for addressing problems you may associate with "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day".



13. Please add any additional comments you have about "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day".



Please click 'Submit Survey' to complete the form.

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Appendix F

Unofficial St. Patrick's Day Survey Data Tables – Students

Q1. Have you heard about USPD?

Have You Heard	Number of Respondents	Percentage
No	64	3.26
Yes	1901	96.74
Total	1965	100.00

Q2a. Did you participate in USPD in a residence Hall?

Residence Hall	Number of Respondents	Percentage
No	1603	81.41
Yes	366	18.59
Total	1969	100.00

Q2b. Did you participate in USPD in private certified housing?

Private Certified Housing	Number of Respondents	Percentage
No	1619	82.22
Yes	350	17.78
Total	1969	100.00

Q2c. Did you participate in USPD in a fraternity/sorority?

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Fraternity/Sorority		
No	1464	74.35
Yes	505	25.65
Total	1969	100.00

Q2d. Did you participate in USPD in a campus bar?

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Campus Bar		
No	1143	58.05
Yes	826	41.95
Total	1969	100.00

Q2e. Did you participate in USPD in a restaurant?

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Restaurant		
No	1738	88.27
Yes	231	11.73
Total	1969	100.00

Q2f. Did you participate in USPD? No, did not participate.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Did Not Participate		
No	1125	57.14
Yes	844	42.86
Total	1969	100.00

Q2g. Did you participate in USPD in [other places]?

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Other		
No	1651	83.85
Yes	318	16.15
Total	1969	100.00

Q3. Have you encouraged people from outside Urbana-Champaign to participate in USPD?

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Encouraged People		
No	1021	52.01
Not Applicable	169	8.61
Yes	773	39.38
Total	1963	100.00

Q4. Approximate Participation Time Period

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Participation Time Period		
6:00 AM to 10:00 AM	118	10.81
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	355	32.51
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	279	25.55
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	77	7.05
8:00 PM to Midnight	244	22.34
Midnight to 4:00 AM	19	1.74
Total	1092	100.00

Q5a. Did 2006 USPD inconvenience you?
I was not present on Campus or in Campustown.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Not Present		
No	1689	85.78
Yes	280	14.22
Total	1969	100.00

Q5b. Did 2006 USPD inconvenience you?
I was not distracted, disturbed or disgusted in any way.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Not Distracted/ Disturbed/ Disgusted		
No	845	42.92
Yes	1124	57.08
Total	1969	100.00

Q5c. Did 2006 USPD inconvenience you?
I was distracted by noisy parties or drunken participants.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Was Distracted by Noisy Parties/ Drunken Participants		
No	1694	86.03
Yes	275	13.97
Total	1969	100.00

Q5d. Did 2006 USPD inconvenience you?
I was disgusted by the sights/sounds of drunken participants.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Was Disgusted by Sights/Sounds		
No	1690	85.83
Yes	279	14.17
Total	1969	100.00

Q5e. Did 2006 USPD inconvenience you?
I was delayed traveling through campustown/across campus.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Was Delayed Traveling		
No	1757	89.23
Yes	212	10.77
Total	1969	100.00

Q5f. Did 2006 USPD inconvenience you?
I was confronted by a drunken student/person on campus/in campustown.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Was Confronted		
No	1743	88.52
Yes	226	11.48
Total	1969	100.00

*Q5g. Did 2006 USPD inconvenience you?
I was prevented from reaching a class or appointment on time.*

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Was Prevented From Reaching Class/Appointment		
No	1938	98.43
Yes	31	1.57
Total	1969	100.00

*Q5h. Did 2006 USPD inconvenience you?
A drunken student/person disrupted my class.*

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Drunken Student/Person Disrupted Class		
No	1726	87.66
Yes	243	12.34
Total	1969	100.00

*Q5i. Did 2006 USPD inconvenience you?
Other: Please specify.*

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Other		
No	1872	95.07
Yes	97	4.93
Total	1969	100.00

Q7. Does USPD increase or diminish the value of the educational experience?

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Increase or Diminish		
Diminishes	251	12.89
Greatly Diminishes	140	7.19
Greatly Increases	362	18.59
Increases	214	10.99
No Effect	980	50.33
Total	1947	100.00

Q8. Please rate the effectiveness on public safety of restricting keg/bottle sales.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Restricting Keg/Bottle Sales		
Do Not Know	241	12.44
Not Effective	1028	53.04
Somewhat Effective	527	27.19
Very Effective	142	7.33
Total	1938	100.00

Q9. Please rate the effectiveness on public safety of regulating bar opening hours.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Regulating Bar Opening Hours		
Do Not Know	155	7.98
Not Effective	946	48.69
Somewhat Effective	561	28.87
Very Effective	281	14.46
Total	1943	100.00

Q10. Please rate the effectiveness on public safety of regulating bar closing hours.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Regulating bar closing hours		
Do Not Know	186	9.59
Not Effective	1074	55.36
Somewhat Effective	474	24.43
Very Effective	206	10.62
Total	1940	100.00

Q11. Please rate the effectiveness on public safety of setting geographical boundaries for the event.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Setting geographical boundaries		
Do Not Know	276	14.26
Not Effective	888	45.89
Somewhat Effective	498	25.74
Very Effective	273	14.11
Total	1935	100.00

Q12. Please rate the effectiveness on public safety of increasing police presence.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Increasing Police Presence		
Do Not Know	156	8.04
Not Effective	518	26.70
Somewhat Effective	760	39.18
Very Effective	506	26.08
Total	1940	100.00

Q13. Please rate the effectiveness on public safety of increasing police action/law enforcement.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Increasing police actions/law enforcement		
Do Not Know	193	9.95
Not Effective	627	32.34
Somewhat Effective	645	33.26
Very Effective	474	24.45
Total	1939	100.00

Q14. Please rate the effectiveness on public safety of enforcing campus disciplinary actions.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Enforcing campus disciplinary actions		
Do Not Know	230	11.88
Not Effective	776	40.08
Somewhat Effective	528	27.27
Very Effective	402	20.76
Total	1936	100.00

Gender

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Gender		
Female	923	47.02
Male	1040	52.98
Total	1963	100.00

Age

Age	Number of Respondents	Percentage
18-20 years	847	43.24
21-23 years	768	39.20
24 or older	344	17.56
Total	1959	100.00

Year in College

Year in College	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Freshman	216	11.00
Graduate	404	20.58
Junior	437	22.26
Others-Please specify	16	0.82
Senior	524	26.69
Sophomore	366	18.64
Total	1963	100.00

College

<i>College</i>	<i>Number of Respondents</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
College		
College of Veterinary, Consumer and Environmental Sciences	132	6.85
College of Applied Health Sciences	85	4.41
College of Business	214	11.11
College of Communications	57	2.96
College of Education	56	2.91
College of Engineering	365	18.94
College of Fine and Applied Arts	109	5.66
College of Law	33	1.71
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	791	41.05
College of Medicine and Animal Campuses	8	0.42
College of Veterinary Medicine	21	1.09
Other Classes/Programs	48	2.49
School of Social Work	8	0.42
Total	1927	100.00

Appendix G

Unofficial St. Patrick's Day Survey Data Tables – Faculty & Staff

Q1. Have you heard about USPD?

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Have You Heard About USPD		
No	17	3.23
Yes	510	96.77
Total	527	100.00

Q2. Have you experienced any disruption in your daily activities because of USPD?

a. I had to alter my classroom, laboratory and/or other activities.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Altered Classroom, Laboratory and/or Other Activity		
No	488	92.25
Yes	41	7.75
Total	529	100.00

b. I had to alter my syllabus and/or class schedule.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Altered Syllabus and/or Class Schedule		
No	520	98.30
Yes	9	1.70
Total	529	100.00

c. I had to miss class.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Missed Class		
No	526	99.43
Yes	3	0.57
Total	529	100.00

d. No, I have not experienced any disruption in my work on USPD.

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
I Experienced Disruption		
No	162	30.62
Yes	367	69.38
Total	529	100.00

e. Other: Please specify

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Other: Please specify		
No	403	76.18
Yes	126	23.82
Total	529	100.00

Q4. Did you receive the Provost Office and Student Affairs message on USPD in spring 2006? If so, how would you rate its effectiveness?

Message Effectiveness	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Do Not Know	211	40.50
No, I did not receive the message until mid-April St. Patrick's Day.	25	4.80
Not Effective	142	27.26
Somewhat Effective	133	25.53
Very Effective	10	1.92
Total	521	100.00

Please rate the effectiveness of mitigating the negative effects of USPD on the following measures:

Q5. Restricting Keg/Bottle Sales

Restricting Keg/Bottle Sales	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Do Not Know	97	18.69
Not Effective	116	22.35
Somewhat Effective	206	39.69
Very Effective	100	19.27
Total	519	100.00

Q6. Regulating Bar Opening Hours

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Regulating Bar Opening Hours		
Do Not Know	69	13.17
Not Effective	75	14.31
Somewhat Effective	184	35.11
Very Effective	196	37.40
Total	524	100.00

Q7. Regulating Bar Closing Hours

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Regulating Bar Closing Hours		
Do Not Know	80	15.41
Not Effective	84	16.18
Somewhat Effective	201	38.73
Very Effective	154	29.67
Total	519	100.00

Q8. Setting Geographical Boundaries

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Setting Geographical Boundaries For The Event		
Do Not Know	93	18.06
Not Effective	148	28.74
Somewhat Effective	159	30.87
Very Effective	115	22.33
Total	515	100.00

Q9. Increasing Police Presence

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Increasing Police Presence		
Do Not Know	57	10.98
Not Effective	30	5.78
Somewhat Effective	193	37.19
Very Effective	239	46.05
Total	519	100.00

Q10. Increasing Police Action/Law Enforcement

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Increasing Police Action/Law Enforcement		
Do Not Know	71	13.65
Not Effective	45	8.65
Somewhat Effective	177	34.04
Very Effective	227	43.65
Total	520	100.00

Q11. Enforcing Campus Disciplinary Actions

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Enforcing Campus Disciplinary Actions		
Do Not Know	75	14.42
Not Effective	53	10.19
Somewhat Effective	164	31.54
Very Effective	228	43.85
Total	520	100.00