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Wright to earn award for veteran assistance

By ANDY WELLS
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College President James Wright will be honored for his efforts to aid injured veterans in securing higher education opportunities when he receives the Semper Fidelis Award from the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation this April. The recognition stems mainly from Wright's work with the American Council of Education and his influence in the creation of a program that helps wounded veterans and their families plan for their future

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College develops 'all-hazards' plan

By NATHAN SWIRE
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In the years following Sept. 11, 2001, the nation has seen an increase in the development of plans of emergency preparedness. Both Dartmouth and the state of New Hampshire have developed an "all-hazards" philosophy of disaster management that emphasizes programs to combat any threat, from disease epidemics to natural disasters and terrorist threats.

Harry Kinne, head of Dartmouth Safety and Security, said his department is currently working with the New England Center of Emergency Preparedness, a non-profit organization, to develop scenarios testing the College's handling of a crisis. He could not discuss details on the current project but said a previous scenario had tested the College's ability to deal with a SARS outbreak.

"The most extensive work we've done has been on pandemic planning," Kinne said. He added that a plan to fight pandemics "is still in effect, though hopefully we won't have to use it."

Dr. Robert Gougelet, assistant professor of emergency medicine at Dartmouth Medical School and head of New England Center of Emergency Preparedness, said these drills represent an important part of disaster training.

THE DATING GAME



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Hiba Siddiqui '08 flaunts her cat's cradle for host Andrew Klein '08 at Thursday night's date auction to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

"We think exercises and drills are very valuable for assessing if people are prepared for actual events," he said.

Gougelet said one of the biggest challenges emergency planners face is making people aware of how a disaster can completely overwhelm states or communities, though he said the problem can be mitigated by designating "buildings of opportunity" — such as schools and hospitals — to function as medical centers for both emergency and routine situations. For instance, patients were housed in the Leverone Field House last year when the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center was filled to capacity, he said.

The EHS also used the Leverone Field House to run simulations of a hazardous materials incident, Michael Blayney, Environmental Health and Safety director, said. EHS has not yet had to implement these skills for anything more dangerous than minor chemical spills in laboratories.

Blayney said that in his 12 years working at the College, he has seen a change in the way the school responds to emergencies, especially since Sept. 11, 2001.

"The real change is we don't just talk about a discreet emergency; now what we do is talk about 'all-hazards,'" he said.

In order to coordinate work between different departments, Dartmouth will

implement a new digital radio station to sync communication across the College. The station will also make it easier to talk to officers in Hanover,

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Site of former shop to host dance party

By RIGEL CABLE

Local band Gusano will bring Latin beats and New Orleans funk music to the former site of the Camera Shop of Hanover on Saturday night during a dance party organized by several local art enthusiasts. The alcohol-free event, called "Kick Out the Jams," represents an attempt by the event's organizers to invigorate Hanover's nightlife and will include a number of Main Street vendors, with drink specials at both the Canoe Club and Murphy's and free coffee at the Dartmouth Bookstore.

The idea for the event originated with Barbary Coast Jazz Ensemble Director Don Glasgo. Glasgo, who has performed at the Hopkins Center with his long-time friend Joe Bowie, leader of the critically-acclaimed New York City band Defunkt, decided to take advantage of Bowie's return to Hanover by organizing a party to showcase his music.

To plan the party, Glasgo contacted

Beta alumni address fraternity's past actions

By ALLIE LOWE
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Students asked alumni to explain the reasons behind Beta Theta Pi fraternity's 1996 derecognition and to clarify their plans for the organization's future at Dartmouth at the second informational session held by the trustees of Dartmouth's Beta chapter Thursday evening. Female students, who made up about half of the 12-member audience, made substantial contributions to the discussion.

The trustees were asked to respond to 1991 reports of the torture of a member of Chi Gamma Epsilon fraternity by Beta members. Scott Sipple '84, co-chair of the Dartmouth Beta Board, said that the event was likely the result of "a couple of guys doing something stupid," and expressed the group's commitment to recruiting individuals that are willing to take responsibility for their actions.

One student asked the alumni group to explain the reasons behind the organization's removal from campus. Although Sipple originally addressed the group's history of alcohol violations, Dimitri Gerakaris '69, a member of the alumni group, interjected.

"It's plain it went beyond violation of

alcohol," Gerakaris said. "There were people who were not respecting of other people's rights. We were every bit as aghast, if not more, than the general population."

A number of female audience members pushed the alumni group to clarify how the fraternity would attract the campus leaders that the Beta trustees have said would join the new organization.

Although noting the occasional success some fraternities have had in creating a culture of accountability and leadership, Tyler Frisbee '08 cautioned the group about the difficulty of consistently maintaining such an environment.

"What you guys are describing is something that has not been able to be recreated on the Dartmouth campus," Frisbee said.

Robert Bartles '64, a member of the Beta alumni group, said that he believed Dartmouth students are willing to work to enact change.

"I'm a little disappointed to hear you say that the culture here isn't going to allow this sort of thing to happen easily," Bartles said. "I've never met a Dartmouth student who, if challenged,

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Sharon Amberger, head of Amberger Productions, who organizes events in the area and had recently coordinated a performance by a Hanover High school band at the Camera Shop of Hanover. The event will be open to

Dartmouth students and community members for a \$10 cover charge.

"We need a party in Hanover," Amberger said, adding that the event

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ADRIAN MUNTEANU/The Dartmouth Staff

The site of the Camera Shop of Hanover will play host to a community dance party featuring live music from local band Gusano on Saturday night.