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Panel debates hazing policies

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Members of the greek community stressed their frustration over a lack of clarity regarding the university's definition of hazing, at a forum in the Gallagher Theater yesterday afternoon.

"There is a difference between capital H hazing and little h hazing," Marc Viscardi, a panel member and president of the Chain Gang honorary, said.

The panel included Steve Adamczyk, from the UA Attorneys Office, Carol Thompson, senior associate dean of students, and several members of the greek community and honoraries. Nearly 100 people attended the panel discussion.

At face value, having pledges take tests on a fraternity's history, forcing them to clean the fraternity house, or take part in scavenger hunts, all of which are common initiation activities, are not inherently

harmful, said various members of the panel.

The university defines hazing as "any intentional, knowing or reckless act committed by a student, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against another student."

The act must also be committed in connection with an initiation into an organization affiliated with the university and there must be a substantial risk of physical injury, mental harm, or personal degradation, according to UA policy and

procedure.

The panel maintained that student health and safety should be everyone's primary concern and that all forms of dangerous or violent behavior directed at students should be addressed.

Viscardi voiced his concern that some organizations are being unfairly accused of hazing.

Last year, the Chain Gang was put on probation by the dean of students, after members

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Plaza plan going to regents

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The Arizona Board of Regents will consider plans today and tomorrow to build a \$4.85 million plaza at the center of campus, and will also discuss plans to double the number of nursing graduates, guidelines for top officials' salaries and regulations for off-campus learning.

The UA will seek approval to begin building the alumni plaza, which is funded entirely from gift money and would cover 108,000 square feet of Mall space in front of the Administration building.

The project, which includes fountains and a shaded walkway east of the Administration building, met opposition two years ago from people who opposed moving the cactus garden in the middle of the Mall. The garden is now being incorporated into the project.

The regents will most likely approve the alumni plaza without opposition, said Joel Valdez, senior vice president for business affairs.

"If there were state funds (used) there might be a problem," said Fred Boice, assistant secretary for the regents.

The board will also review a five year plan to double the number of nursing graduates in Arizona — a goal set by the Arizona Legislature in the spring of 2002 to help solve a nursing shortage, according to the agenda.

The College of Nursing has already instituted an accelerated second degree program for individuals who have a

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PIE IN THE FACE



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Reena Kumar, health education senior, wipes off the whipped cream after having a pie thrown at her at Yuma Hall last night. The hall collected money for the American Cancer Society and as a bonus for high donations, residents were invited to throw pies at their resident assistants.

Fraternity remembers lost brother

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The Delta Tau Delta fraternity held a memorial service last night for one of its members killed when a porch above him collapsed at a Chicago party last June.

Sam Farmer, 21, was remembered as someone who brought joy to those around him and lived life to the fullest. Farmer was a sophomore who had returned home after taking a pre-session class.

"I have a lot of great memories about Sam. It's hard to think about, but when I do I have those memo-

ries," said Josh Michael, a communications junior. "Sam touched a lot of people."

Members gathered in the main hall of the fraternity house and took turns talking about Farmer, sharing stories and sentiments about what he meant to them. They each blow out a small candle when they were finished speaking.

"For those that didn't know him, no words can describe him. For those that knew him, no words are needed," said Delta Tau Delta President Jamie Mac George.

The accident that killed Farmer also killed 11 others and injured more than 57 more. Partiers were gathered

on the porch where the keg was located when the structure above them collapsed, crushing them.

Many of Farmer's fraternity brothers remembered him as someone who loved to make people laugh.

"I can't think of Sam without thinking about the Elvis costume he wore to every date dash," said Steve Holtzclaw, a political science junior.

Jeff Pavlak, a friend of Farmer's who came to the UA from the same Chicago high school, described Farmer as someone who stuck by his friends and helped them out if they had a problem.

"He went out of his way for me as a

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Jeff Pavlak, political science junior, leans over to blow out a candle after speaking at the Delta Tau Delta house last night about his fraternity brother Sam Farmer. Farmer was killed when a porch collapsed at a party in Chicago last June.