

# Poll Shows FSU as Top Party School

Brigham Young University was voted the "soberest" school, contrasting Florida State University's ranking.

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Prospective college students looking to spend more time with a buzz than with a book should look South and not West when choosing schools, according to a poll of 59,000 college students.

The Princeton Review, an annual survey of students at 331 schools across the country, dubbed Florida State University the country's number one party school, while Brigham Young University in Utah topped the "stone-cold sober" category.

But FSU officials took issue with the ranking. Representatives said the "qualitative and anecdotal" survey presented a negative and inaccurate image of the school.

"Our problem is that we have a lot of hard-working students on campus, and they resent this falsehood," said Jeffery Seay, FSU's editor of media relations, who said the negative image of the school created by the ranking could hurt FSU graduates.

FSU President Talbot D'Alemberte cited a high number of Merit Scholars and Honors students at FSU as proof of

the survey's fallibility. She bestowed the "Golden Gargoyle Award" on the Princeton Review for "bogus research." But Ed Custard, co-author of the Princeton Review's annual book, "The Best 331 Colleges," said that although the polling process was not as encompassing as some might like, using students as the sole source of information often gave a realistic and accurate portrayal of college life.

Admissions offices often glossed over the less parent-friendly aspects of schools, said Custard, a former college admissions director. "We think students' opinions have been under-recognized over the years," he said.

"The best people to talk about a college are the students who go there."

The survey used seven criteria to determine whether a school qualified as a party school.

Pollsters asked questions about the prevalence of beer, hard liquor, marijuana, cocaine and hallucinogens on campus. They also asked about the popularity of Greek activities and how many hours students studied per day.

If the surveys indicated a school had widespread alcohol and drug use, a popular fraternity and sorority scene, and relatively low average of student study hours, they would qualify as a party school, Custard said.

He said that being classified as a party school did not necessarily mean a school was a hedonistic den of iniquity.

According to the survey, Custard said, FSU students studied an average of two and a half hours per day.

He added schools that had exceptionally high academic standards, such

## Drunks vs. Dorks

The Princeton Review used criteria such as drug and alcohol use and the popularity of Greek events to gauge the nation's best and worst party schools. No N.C. schools made either list.

"Party Schools"	"Stone-Cold Sober Schools"
1. Florida State University	1. Brigham Young University
2. University of Florida	2. Wheaton College in Illinois
3. Michigan State University	3. California Inst. of Technology
4. Seton Hall University	4. U.S. Coast Guard Academy
5. University of Mississippi	5. U.S. Naval Academy
6. University of Montana	6. Bryn Mawr College
7. Univ. of Alabama-Tuscaloosa	7. Wellesley College
8. Sonoma State University	8. Mount Holyoke College
9. Washington State University	9. Calvin College
10. University of Georgia	10. College of the Ozarks
11. University of Vermont	11. U.S. Air Force Academy
12. Louisiana State Univ.-Baton Rouge	12. Grove City College
13. Loyola University New Orleans	13. Swarthmore College
14. Ohio University-Athens	14. Wesleyan College
15. Lehigh University	15. Haverford College
16. Southern Methodist University	16. CUNY-Queen's College
17. Randolph Macon College	17. Golden Gate University
18. Univ. of Arkansas-Fayetteville	18. Wells College
19. New York University	19. Cooper Union
20. College of New Jersey	20. Simmons College

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as UNC, could have a large party scene and never be classified as a party school.

On the other end of the spectrum, BYU was the "soberest" school in the country, according to the survey.

Carrie Jenkins, spokeswoman for BYU, said they were proud of the rank-

ing. "We're also number one in quality of life," she said. "That says something to us - that you can go to college, have a great time and stay sober."

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# Outer Banks Beacon Ready for Hurricane

Officials are confident the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse can withstand any storms, despite its recent move.

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As a trio of tropical storms loomed in the Atlantic Ocean on Wednesday, orchestrators of the recent Cape Hatteras Lighthouse move insisted that the monument could stand up to nature's fury.

The National Weather Service predicted Wednesday that Tropical Storms Emily, Cindy and Dennis, all had the potential to strengthen into hurricanes, and that Dennis could impact residents of the United States' Eastern seaboard as early as Friday.

In recent months, the Outer Banks Division of the National Parks Service has organized the task of moving the lighthouse 1,600 feet inland, out of the grips of the encroaching ocean surf. The lighthouse now sits at its new location, with 60 percent of its brick foundation already in place.

Project Manager Joe Jakubik said enough bricks had been laid to ensure that the lighthouse was sturdy.

"In actuality, all of the weight of the lighthouse has been transferred to the brick work," Jakubik said. "We are confident that the lighthouse will survive the force of a hurricane on the brick work that is there already."

Jakubik said the bricks currently in place had already been mortared together. In the event of a hurricane, he said, the remaining bricks would be strategically placed to provide the structure with additional support.

Jakubik said the lighthouse was now much further inland than before its move, which would help it better endure the effects of a storm surge.

"In a lot of ways, (the lighthouse) is much more stable now than it ever was," Jakubik said.

But the new distance between the lighthouse and the shoreline has not stilled severe weather precautions.

Local officials have already begun preparing for the rising winds and surf that accompany tropical weather.

Bob Woody, public information officer for the National Parks Service, said

the service could prepare the lighthouse for a hurricane in a matter of hours.

"We have a hurricane plan that we go into once we are 72 hours away from a storm at the lighthouse" Woody said.

He said park service officials would work to secure loose materials, board exposed windows and push sand around the base of the structure, once it was determined that a hurricane was eminent.

But Woody also said he was confident the lighthouse was better equipped to deal with severe weather now that it had been relocated and its foundation had been replaced.

But it is still unclear when the lighthouse will first have to battle foul weather at its new site. Stacy Stewart, of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, said Wednesday that the projected track of Hurricane Dennis would have the storm make landfall on the northern cusp of the South Carolina coast.

If Dennis continued on this track, Stewart said it should pose few problems for the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

But Stewart stressed that projections were not written in stone, and it was still too early to know exactly where the eye of the storm would hit land.

Still, Woody said he was confident that the lighthouse would stand up to hurricanes whose strength rivaled those it had seen in the past.

"The lighthouse could withstand hurricanes the size of Hazel or Donna."

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# Local Police Keep Pace Despite Shortages

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In the face of staff shortages, Chapel Hill and Carrboro Police Departments are finding ways to fill the gaps.

"We are continuing to do what we were doing before," said Carrboro Police Chief Carolyn Hutchison, whose department is operating without five of its usual 34 officers.

Hutchison said the department was maintaining the minimum number of officers on the street while trying to recruit new officers. "It does get difficult, for example, when someone calls in sick and we have to scramble to find someone on short notice," Hutchison said.

John Butler, a Carrboro police officer, said conditional agreements had been made with four applicants, but that they required extensive training.

"There is no way we'll be up to staff for about 10 weeks," Butler said. "We'll probably still be short until December."

But working long hours was nothing new for the Carrboro police, Hutchison said. "We have been operating short-staffed for the better part of a year now. Unfortunately, the officers have gotten used to it. They are resigned to it."

Butler said the police department's response time had not been affected, but longer hours had taken a toll on officers.

"The constant shifting people around certainly increases the fatigue factor, which is generally an adverse effect," he said. "You can see the tiredness in their eyes, and some of the officers aren't as jovial as they used to be."

The Chapel Hill Police Department has also experienced a shortage but not a drastic one, said Capt. Gregg Jarvies, assistant chief of the department.

Seven of the department's 107 positions are not filled. Jarvies said vacancies occurred every year, so the shortage was expected. He said there were six open slots in the department on average, adding that this year's number was slightly higher due to a larger number of retirements, he said.

"The turnover this year is not any greater than in the past," he said. "It is part of the normal process. It is very rare that we don't have vacant positions."

Lt. Joe Jackson, Chapel Hill police recruiting officer, said the department recruited once a year. "It would be nice to have more officers on the street, but everyone realizes that (a shortage) comes with the territory. You look for it every year."

Jarvies said he did not think low salaries hindered recruitment efforts.

"After a year of service, an officer can

make close to \$30,000," he said. "To most college graduates, that is an attractive starting salary."

A starting police officer in Chapel Hill makes \$26,977 per year, while a Carrboro rookie makes \$25,569 per year. In Raleigh, the base pay is \$26,200 per year, records state.

But Hutchison said she would not rule out the possibility that low salaries deterred people from going into the field.

"It takes a special sort of person to be a police officer anyway," she said. "When you take this job, you expose yourself to risks that other people don't take. We do this because we believe we are in a service occupation and we want to help people."

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## MARCH

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Brady, co-chairwoman of Women's Issues Network.

"This year, I think the focus is more to raise people's awareness because (BOLO) is not the only one who is out there, and I hope people will be conscious of that," she said.

Haddad placed ads in The Daily Tar Heel, posted more than 280 fliers and started a mass e-mail campaign. Organizations such as WIN and the Campus Y plan to participate.

Brady said campus safety weighed heavily on students' minds this year.

Alexis Richardson, a junior from Akron, Ohio, said she had felt safe at UNC since her first day on campus as a freshman. "(But) if I was a freshman dealing with all this BOLO stuff, I would be very afraid every time I walked at night," she said.

Julie Clark, a freshman from Raleigh, said she was wary. "Ever since I heard about BOLO, I just don't walk alone at night. (UNC) is doing everything that is possible, but there is always going to be mean people out to get you."

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## GOODFELLOWS

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years or more," Humphreys said. "(Keele and Shepherd) came in and tore out the interior and changed everything around."

"I hope it will do well. I am excited about the new renovations."

Humphreys said Groundhog Tavern did not close this summer due to bad business and that patrons should continue to flock there when the bar reopens.

In a Daily Tar Heel story Tuesday, officials from the Chamber of Commerce and Chapel Hill Planning Board said they expected a retail store to replace Groundhog Tavern.

Humphreys said Keele and co-owner Mike Shepherd did not have to go to Chapel Hill Town Council or the Planning Board for permission to open a business, which could explain why some officials were not aware of the new bar.

"(The Downtown Commission) is here in case someone is new in town," he said. "We show them who to go to and when."

Humphreys said the owners were responsible for purchasing a building permit and securing an ABC license.

Goodfellows will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 2 a.m. Sunday.

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## DINING

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more options.

She said an on-campus grocery store was also under discussion. "It's a lot more complicated than you might first think," she said. "There's a reason why convenience-store pricing is higher than say, Harris Teeter. It's a distribution problem."

Regardless of a new food emporium or grocery store, Scottie said, Chase was due for repairs. "The existing Chase facility has a lot of physical problems we need to address."

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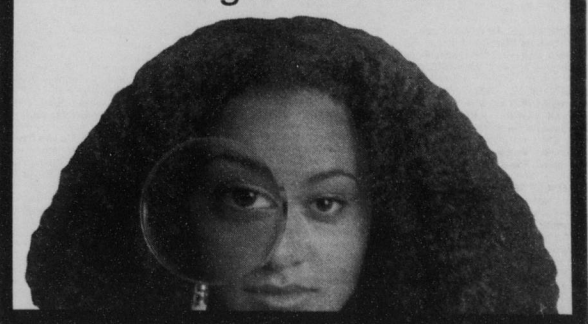
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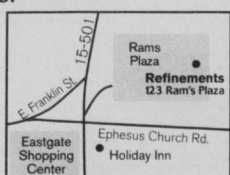
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