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Guillermo Herrera, 22, provides information about alcohol awareness.

## Frat gets MADD

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Omega Delta Phi, in association with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission), will hold an alcohol awareness seminar Friday at 8 p.m. in Wichita 1 and 2.

The event is free to everyone and refreshments will be served. A major theme of the seminar will be how alcohol affects everyone and the only way to be safe is to be aware.

Guillermo Herrera, a 22-year-old respiratory care major, helped organize the event.

"We only really started preparing about two or three weeks ago for this," he said, "but we really wanted to get this seminar out there before spring break and not during midterms."

Herrera said Omega Delta Phi has contact with the national MADD group, from whom they get much support.

He went to a conference where he was presented with the idea of a seminar.

Omega Delta Phi, he said, is a fraternity that values service over enrollment.

"It's something we hope to instill in all organizations on campus, all fraternities and all sororities," he said.

During the seminar, information will focus on how the brain develops, how various levels of partying affect the brain and state laws.

"Some people are so ignorant of Texas laws regarding alcohol," Herrera said. "People don't know what's legal and what's not."

Though Omega Delta Phi has a strong relationship with MADD and is dedicated to service, this is the fraternity's first alcohol seminar.

Herrera said it wouldn't be the last.

"We're hoping to do this seminar every semester," he said. "The information will change each time it's presented. There'll always be something new to learn."

Also, Herrera noted how he and his brothers hope alcohol awareness doesn't stop with just this seminar.

"We want it to be a full week of alcohol awareness," he said. "We're going to be posting flyers and putting red ribbons on cars in all the parking lots."

## Visiting prof fuses students to learning

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On Thursday, they built a bridge on campus. It was a class act.

The feat was accomplished by students in Suguru Hiraide's sculpture class. Hiraide and visiting artist William Cannings showed students how to fire up their acetylene torches that morning and fuse pieced of metal together. By 2 p.m. they were working in three separate groups. The students had to complete the project using no more than 30 feet of cold, rolled steel. The idea of the project was to create the structure

that could support the weight of each group member.

It did. In three and a half hours, the 36-inch long structure was placed across the span of two tables. Members of each group had to walk across the bridge-like structure to demonstrate that their weld was strong enough to hold the weight of their group. At some point, as many as three people stood on their new creation.

Cannings, an associate professor of art for Texas Tech University, brought examples of the project with him. Cannings said he usually gives his students a week to com-

plete the project. Cannings also gave safety tips on the handling of oxygen and acetylene gas.

"If a neck breaks off a full bottle you've pretty much got a missile, and they'll go through several concrete block walls if left unattended," Cannings warned.

The artist held a PowerPoint presentation of his work in C111 of the Fain Fine Arts Center.

Cannings and his wife exhibited "Under Pressure" in the main gallery until Friday. The exhibit consisted of his many sculptures and numerous pieces created by his wife, Shannon.

### Critic

According to Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hawley have also provided substantial patronage for scholarships to the MSU English program.

Smith hopes that the lecture series will provoke MSU students' interest in literature.

"This lecture series will affect the English program by contributing to awareness of literary scholarship," Smith said. "It also opens commu-

nication lines to national contacts, and that will particularly impact our graduate program."

Smith said a classroom for the lecture has not been selected.

The reception will probably take place in the foyer on the second floor of the building, he said.

The event is free and open to MSU students and the general public. No tickets are required.

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Smith wishes to begin the lecture series with one speaker per year and add more speakers as the program grows.

Smith anticipates that the new series will affect everyone at MSU, not just students.

"This lecture series is a very positive addition to academics at MSU. It will enrich the life of the whole university," Smith said.

### Marines

just because no other options were available to them. He said that situation caused some people to be grumpy on base, while others enjoyed their stay.

Mujica recalled a story of one homesick Marine who took his own life after his arrival. He said a gunshot late one night woke everyone. Mujica said the person had been depressed since his arrival in Iraq and took his life inside a bathroom on base.

Mujica's own life was endangered one afternoon as he was doing guard work on a tower with a friend.

"I was working the tower and I grabbed my bag of Gummy Bears to snack on. Right when I opened the bag I heard a loud whistle coming at me and two rockets flew over the tower," he said.

Mujica jokingly said he was very fortunate the guys launching the rockets at them were bad shooters.

Mujica then left to Fallujah for his next mission and said he did not have any problems during his time there. He said the children there were special and it changed his own stereotypes of every Iraq native.

"For the most part, they are hard-working citizens trying to make a living," he said.

Mujica now has a sense of appreciation for the cultures he witnessed during his 7-month stay.

He said it has helped him think of others' beliefs before making quick judgments.

It also gave him a different outlook on life itself.

"I now think of the worst that can happen to better prepare myself. It works for some and not for others," he said. "I now have come to peace with dying someday."

As far as the future and war in Iraq goes, Mujica believes bloodshed and violence will always be there.

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"There's over 150 tribes and beliefs there, so to have everyone there under one democracy is very difficult," he said. "The good is we ended a violent regime, but the bad is the lives that were lost."

The possibility that Mujica could go back still exists, but it is something he would comply with excitedly.

He said the positive experiences outweigh the bad, so a return would be second nature to him.

Mujica now has his sights set on another phase in his life with education. He is currently enrolled in 14 hours of school while managing a job on the side.

The discipline gained from basic training to his time in Iraq have all fused together to give him a dream that was not available to family members in the past: An opportunity to attend college.

## Bathroom to Boardroom



Eddie Douglas, 22, struts his stuff at the Bathroom to Boardroom fashion show. The program demonstrated how to dress professionally for occasions such as job interviews.

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