

NMSU offers spring break awareness to students

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New Mexico State University campus services are urging to students to stay safe and responsible this spring break.

In an attempt to raise awareness, the Wellness, Alcohol, and Violence Education program (WAVE) set up shop in front of Corbett Center to make safety for students during the week-long break both fun and informative.

The program's main emphasis is to raise awareness about sex and drinking while on spring break.

"There are certain expectations for students during spring break, but we want to make sure they come back," said John Rivers, associate coordinator for WAVE.

Students were given free root beer floats, Hawaiian leis and prizes with condoms attached to them along with slogans like "the majority of NMSU students NEVER drink and drive" and "putting the sensual back in consensual."

Rivers said the WAVE program has an annual survey for NMSU students, and has recently revealed a trend for students.

"Risky behavior associated with drinking has reduced for NMSU," said Rivers. "But we don't know if this is related to spring break."

Students also spun a wheel to win prizes.

In addition to raising awareness about potential dangers one might encounter during spring break, the NMSU Housing and Residential Life was also spreading awareness, not about sex and alcohol, but protection from against the sun.

Free packets of sunscreen were passed out to students as well as a display board showing different types of skin cancer and skin spots students should watch out for.