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## RA Programs Aim to Provide More Options

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Camille Bullock, a returning RA  
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Center, said she used a bed sheet as a  
background to take prom-like photos  
and incorporated an alcohol education  
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Bullock provided shots of Coca-  
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In October 2008, the NIH announced that it would be imposing tighter conflict-of-interest guidelines on all ongoing and future grants to Emory.

Emory responded to national scrutiny in part by creating a University-wide office to oversee conflicts of interest in research headed by the Director for the Center for Ethics Paul Wolpe.

However, the President's Advisory Commission (PAC) on Research Integrity and Professional Conflict did not consider the Nemeroff case.

"The President's Advisory Commission didn't decide anything about the Nemeroff case because we were explicitly directed not to consider Nemeroff," Wolpe said. "It was about using the experience of the Nemeroff case to examine the University's policies and procedures and see how they could be strengthened or changed."

The PAC has since submitted several suggestions to the University on conflicts of interest issues.

Goldschmidt said that while Nemeroff has undergone scrutiny over the past year, he believes Nemeroff will bring a level of expertise to UM.

"Individuals like Dr. Nemeroff are very important to help us move the knowledge of medicine forward, but I have no tolerance for conflict of interest," Goldschmidt said. "I can't change the past, but I think I can help with the future and providing patients with the opportunity to have someone like Dr. Nemeroff engaged in research and engaged in making progress for patients."

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Freshman Complex resident Elyse Albert said she enjoyed the residence-hall programming, but she does not think it deterred people from drinking.

"Generally, people are just going to drink if they're going to drink. The programs are a nice idea, but I think it's hard to prevent people who have a set plan to deter them from what they're going to do," Albert said.

Freshman Dobbs Hall resident Olivia Farley disagrees.

"Most people would have pre-gamed before, but since we were all doing stuff together as a hall in the parlor, I don't think as many people pre-gamed," she said.

Farley said she attended the programming because there was a lot of promotion surrounding the events and her friends were attending.

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## Harris Speaks On Meaning of Diversity

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address and to do to acknowledge  
our current state of affairs?" Harris  
asked as a challenge to the audience.

Harris then recounted the first  
experiences that he had as a child  
with issues concerning race.

"I remember a black woman at