Baker proposes liquor on campus for cheaper parties in commons

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A proposal to allow semi-formal social activities in the commons of each of the colleges, including liquor parties, was passed unanimously by the Baker College Cabinet in its meeting Monday night.

The proposal will be formally drafted by Jim Scott, Baker president, and Sandy Mueller, first vice-president, and presented to the Undergraduate Affairs Committee for consideration.

Cited as reasons for the liquor proposal were the high cost and difficulty of securing places for off-campus parties, the danger to drivers and dates returning to the campus from such parties, the convenience and fairness to students without cars (who now subsidize the social events through their college dues, through they cannot attend), and the tendency the proposal would have to center social affairs around the college, thus strengthening the Rice college system.

The proposal itself states that colleges or the entire school may schedule such social functions for the college commons, contingent upon approval by the master of the involved college or the Dean of Students. The proposal would be interpreted to exclude beer or “groady” parties, including only coat and tie affairs.

The Cabinet also approved a motion to allow the president and vice-president to draw up, subject to the Cabinet’s approval, a change in the Open House policy, allowing the Babinet or Executive Committee to schedule as many afternoon open houses during one week as decided. After approval by the Baker Cabinet, the proposal will also be submitted to the Undergraduate Affairs Committee.