

Playboy names Maggie's 'Bar of the Month'

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Emory received national recognition last month, but administrators aren't likely to mention it.

Playboy magazine's Web site named Maggie's Neighborhood Bar and Grill, a local favorite of Emory students, as its March "College Bar of the Month."

In his review, Playboy writer Marc Zawel describes the crowd and dress code at Maggie's.

"Ask any of the 11,000-plus students at Atlanta's Emory University to name the area's most notorious dive, and their answer is almost unanimously 'Maggie's,'" Zawel writes. "After most of the Dirty South is down for the evening, student crowds are still milling outside this landmark."

According to the review, Maggie's highlights include poker nights, "clothing-optional" karaoke and Southern beauties.

Maggie's Day Manager Joni McColley said she first learned

of Playboy's choice a few months ago when Zawel visited the bar on a Saturday.

"I think it's great," McColley said. "We are featured in an article in Playboy, and nobody had to take off their clothes."

Playboy.com claims the feature "takes you on a monthly tour inside the nation's most popular college bars, clubs and lounges — you know, the ones that'll guarantee you a blood alcohol level higher than your GPA."

Patrick Sisson, an editor for Playboy.com, said the magazine makes its selections after sending writers to scout out the best bars near various universities.

"We look for a place with the right college-bar mentality," he said. "We find the place most popular amongst the students."

She said business has not increased noticeably since the magazine bestowed its designation on the bar.

This is not the first time Maggie's has been recognized for



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Maggie's is highlighted on the Playboy Web site as the College Bar of the Month.

its excellence as a college bar — McColley said it was named the best in the city a few years ago — but McColley said she appreciates the attention.

— News Editor Rachel Zerkowitz contributed reporting to this article.

Third senior wins Fulbright to teach English in Germany

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Disappointment turned to excitement for one College senior when he opened a thin, unpromising envelope on Friday to reveal a congratulatory letter from the Fulbright award committee.

College senior David Cohen, who received a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to Germany, yelled so loudly that he startled a passerby.

"It was just a relief," he said. "I worked so hard to get it."

Cohen is the third Emory senior to receive a Fulbright teaching scholarship this year. The other recipients, Ashley Gleitman and Stephen Singerman, will head to Spain in the fall.

Because students apply to individual countries, which determine scholarship recipients at different times, five seniors are still waiting on the results of their applications.

Cohen will live abroad for nine months during the next academic year, teaching English to German students. For Cohen, a biology and German studies double major, living abroad will provide an opportunity to learn the "secret language" he heard spoken by adults while growing up among Swiss relatives.

Besides the language-immersion experience, Cohen said he is most looking forward to "becoming a part of a community, large or small,

and making a difference in the lives of students I'm working with."

Cohen, who has served as teaching assistant for biology classes at Emory, said he would apply these techniques to teaching English.

He said biology is similar to language because both require learning basic vocabulary to master the subject.

Cohen is president of Peace by Peace, a group that places volunteers in Atlanta elementary school classrooms to teach nonviolent conflict resolution techniques.

The Fulbright Scholarships were established in 1946 by then-Sen. William Fulbright, who wanted to send American students as ambassadors to other countries to improve international relations in the aftermath of World War II.

Students can apply for either teaching scholarships, in which they instruct foreign students in English language, or research grants to work in another country.

Cohen said he is hoping to help "bridge the gap" between Americans, some of whom still view Germany as "Nazi land," and Germans who are angry about American involvement in the war in Iraq.

"The most challenging part will be being the only American living among all these Germans," he said. "It will be a challenge to assimilate into that society."



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