

Alcohol Awareness

Police and Safety alerts students

Police and Safety—Alcohol and drug abuse is a problem that frequently occurs on college campuses. Our goal is to alert students that if they use alcohol or drugs, they should use common sense. The drinking age in Pennsylvania is 21 years of age and there are criminal penalties for underage possession, consumption, purchase or transportation of alcohol by people less than 21 years of age.

If you are drinking alcohol, set up a reasonable pace for yourself and stick to it. Know your limit and cut yourself off before you go over it, regardless of peer pressure.

Whatever you do, don't drink and drive. Driving while intoxicated carries with it mandatory jail sentences. If you are going out, it is a good idea to designate a driver who will not drink. Also, some bars give free soft drinks to the designated driver.

About 50,000 of all fatalities from traffic accidents are caused by

drunk drivers or drivers under the influence of drugs. The ultimate goal here is not to discourage alcohol and drug use, only to discourage their abuse. There are many agencies available to provide confidential and professional assistance to people wanting advice in alcohol and drug abuse.

If you want more information on alcohol or drug abuse, call Police and Safety or Student Affairs.



Voters registration due next month

House of Representatives—Rep. Harry E. Bowser today reminded area residents that Monday, Oct. 6, is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 4 election.

To vote in Pennsylvania you must be registered, Bowser said. In order to register, an individual

must have been a U.S. citizen for at least 30 days preceding the election, be at least 18 years old on the day after the election and have lived in the election district at least 30 days prior to the election.

Bowser said that anyone who has not voted in the last two years or

has recently moved should check with the courthouse in Erie County to determine if their registration is up-to-date.

Postage-free registration forms are available at Bowser's district offices at 2200 North Brickyard

Road, North East, 410 West Church Street, Corry and 33 North

Main Street, Union City. The registration forms are also available at the courthouse, state stores and many other public offices.

From Congressman Ridge's office

A vote for more severe punishment

Congressman Tom Ridge's Office—The broad, "anti-drug" legislation which passed the House with my support last week, is actually a combination of 20 pieces of legislation drafted by a dozen committees in the House. No single committee examined the bill at any one time.

The legislation reflected what I believe is a sound approach to the drug problem. We must limit the supply of drugs coming into the country, and also make efforts at education, prevention, and treatment, so that the demand for illegal

drugs diminishes. We must take effective action to attack the supply of drugs and the demand for drugs.

Some of the provisions to work on the supply side of the equation are: stiffer penalties for drug offenders; minimum 5 and 10-year prison terms for new crimes of money laundering, the sale of "designer" drugs, using children to manufacture or distribute drugs; greater funding for personnel for the Drug Enforcement Agency, more U.S. attorneys and marshals; more funding for Coast Guard

equipment and personnel to step up seizure of drugs before they reach our shores; and funding for new prison facilities. In addition, the bill would require the president to deny trading benefits to countries that do not cooperate.

On the demand side, the bill would increase spending for federal state and local drug-abuse education programs; more money for drug treatment and prevention; a White House Conference on Drug Abuse and Control; grants to states for model curricula to be used in

schools.

I supported an amendment that would allow the use of the U.S. military in drug interdiction and seizure operations outside of U.S. orders. We spend a great deal of money to maintain military preparedness, and I believe the military could be put to good use here. Another amendment for which I voted would mandate life imprisonment to children. I think that's an appropriate punishment; it's time we got tough on drug pushers.

Freshmen elect senators

by Chris Rapach
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On the evening of Tuesday Sept. 16, Doug Gainor, President of the Student Government Association, announced the two winners of the Freshman Senate Elections. The two newly appointed Senators are James Hague and Steven McGarvey. The other competitors were William Davis, Hillary Kun, and Angela Papeleo.

The polls were open to members of the Freshman Class on Monday, Sept. 15, and Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The recorded percentage of freshmen who voted during these 2 - 8 hour sessions was only 23%. The election was such a close one that the results had to be recounted three times in succession. Doug Gainor was accompanied with Jamie Grimm, Assistant Dean of Student

Affairs (Student Activities and Union); Jack Horner, Editor-in-Chief of the Collegian; and Jim Stenger, Vice-President of the Student Government Association.

Tim Zbel, the head of the Election Committee, was elected by Doug to prepare the campus for the election. However Tim was elected approximately one week before the days of voting. Each candidate at that time had already prepared and started to display their posters. Since the committee was competing with time to make the election a success not much could really be done in such a short time.

James Hague and Steven McGarvey seemed to make the most out of the opportunities presented to them and were justly rewarded. Jim stated that, "being qualified is only half of the battle, you must let others know that you are capable of success." Obvious-

ly he achieved that, because the freshmen class responded by electing him. Steve also understood the importance of being known when he stated, "I want to be able to say that I am not only running for Senator to better the Class of 1990, but also to say that I represent each individual student and their best interests."

The other rivals in the election were disappointed in losing the election but they accepted the class' decision in a positive fashion. After the election Hillary Kun said, "Disappointed, yes; upset, yes - not at Jim or Steve but rather at myself for not trying harder; but I'm not bitter at either of them." It seems that the election was not a complete success in bringing the class together to become politically united, but many did form strong links of camaraderie and friendship.



Freshmen senators Steve McGarvey and Jim Hague

photo by Jan Thompson

Falling fences by apartments stir residents' disapproval

by Holly Lew
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On Sept. 6 a construction fence fell or was pushed over, damaging students' cars in Lot F, behind the apartment complex. According to Chief Gene Johnson of the Police and Safety Services, "All damage was minor." The six or seven cars incurred minor dents, scratched paint, or had no apparent damage.

It is unknown who will be held liable: the construction company, Sesler, Inc., the University, or the students.

According to PSU Vehicle registration, Parking, and Traffic Regulation, "Any vehicle parked on campus shall be parked at the risk of the owner. The University assumes no liability." This regula-

tion is also stated in the current Policies and Rules for Students.

John Ream, Director of Operations, said, "It is my assumption that the contractors will pay for the damages." When there is construction on a PSU campus, the contractor buys the land where the work is to be done, and "that relieves the University of liability," said Mike Shanshala, Resident Senator of the Student Government association. The subject will be brought up at a routine closed meeting, Thursday, Sept. 18. A decision will be made as to who will pay for the damages.

Mike Ryan, head of Housing and Food Services here said that the fence, separating Sesler's property from the University's property, was pushed intentionally, but nobody was caught. Paul Douglas,

Community Service Officer said a student is believed to have run into the fence causing it to come down on the cars.

"I would assume that students would have to take care of their own damages," said Douglas. "I can't see how the construction company could be held responsible," he added. Construction is discontinued during the weekend, and it is unlikely that the fence was blown over by wind. "There's no proof one way or the other. There's no way of even getting evidence. If it was an act of God, it was an act of God (if the wind blew it over)," said Douglas.

The construction is part of the expansion of housing on the Behrend campus.

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