

## Alcohol Abuse Can Affect You

by Carol Kilko

We all have heard the stories about alcohol and its effect on families and friends. I'm sure most of you are like me and feel alcohol abuse is a problem that does not affect you personally. Recently I have come across some interesting facts about alcohol use and abuse that can and do affect me as a college student and a mother of two young children.

1. Alcohol is twice as popular among college students as the next leading drug, marijuana, and more than five times more popular than cocaine.

2. About 10,000 young people 16 to 24 years of age are killed each year in alcohol-related accidents, including drowning, suicides, violent injuries, homicides and injuries from fire.

3. Alcohol related highway deaths are the No. 1 killer of 15- to 24-year-olds.

4. Nearly 100,000 ten- and eleven-year-olds reported getting drunk at least once a week in 1985.

5. Many surveys suggest that the best predictor of the drinking habits of adolescents is the attitude and behavior of their parents regarding the use of alcohol. Adolescent heavy drinkers tend to come from homes where one or both parents are heavy drinkers, or from homes where both are abstainers.

6. Statistics show that 25 percent of all DUI arrests in Pennsylvania are persons from 18 to 24 years of age.

7. In 1986 the Penna. Dept. of Education conducted a statewide survey

in 133 institutions of higher learning. Its findings revealed that drugs and/or alcohol were the causative factors in the following:

- 84 percent of the discipline problems

- 66 percent of the cases involving the destruction of campus property

- 74 percent of the academic problems

One last fact: Penn State Harrisburg has formed a Task Force on Alcohol Awareness. The task force is made up of Student Affairs Staff, faculty and students. If you are interested please join us. You can get information through the Counseling Center.

The Task Force on Alcohol Awareness has designated the week of April 11-15, 1988 as Alcohol Awareness Week at Penn State Harrisburg. The following events have been scheduled:

Monday, April 11, 1988

6-7:30 p.m. Gallery Lounge  
Panel discussion about many issues related to alcohol--Breathalyzer, DUI, recovery from alcoholism, effects of alcohol on the family.  
Refreshments will be provided

Wednesday, April 13, 1988

12-1:30 p.m. Gallery Lounge  
Movie presentation promoting alcohol awareness. Lunch will be provided.

Please keep these dates in mind and plan to attend the events. You might find the information helpful. Also, throughout the week freebies will be given out through contributions from Wilsbach Distributor (\$800 worth of contributions underwritten) and each office of Student Affairs and SGA (\$50 each).

## Friedan Defines Aging and Roles

by Andrea Abolins

In order to define what is human, society needs a clearer image of the roles of women and the aged, according to Betty Friedan.

Friedan, feminist author, spoke to a largely female crowd at Penn State Harrisburg March 24. She said society judges people according to narrow standards.

"The very things you measure are in youth, and in male youth at that," she said.

In 1963 Friedan published the *Feminine Mystique*, challenging the traditional roles of women. She became a pioneer of 20th century feminism and an advocate of social change.

*The Fountain of Age* is Friedan's current book. Through it, she said she hopes to provide an understanding of the aging process. When she began her research eight years ago she said she was surprised by what she found.

"In society's view of age in general there was an age mystique that was comparable to the feminine mystique," Friedan said.

Young doctors holding seminars on the aged remind Friedan of male experts on women's problems 25 years ago she said. She decided to link the aging process to changing sex roles.

"Our definition of what is human is coming from women, not just men," Friedan said.

She continues to support the women's movement and is the author of two other books, *Second Stage* and *It Changed My Life*. She was recently seen on MTV's feature *Taboo Video* where she discussed women's roles in music videos. Friedan is presently a distinguished visiting professor at the School of Journalism at the University of Southern California.

## It's an International Spring Week

by Laura Karinch

The International Affairs Association is sponsoring International Spring Week, entitled "An Asian Occasion," this week, April 4-9, 1988.

The International Affairs Association, advised by Clem Gilpin, hopes to "increase Western awareness of Eastern culture" through this week-long program. All students are encouraged to attend and participate in events as West meets East. Lectures, food tasting, and entertainment are being provided.

On Monday, April 4, two discussions were held in the Gallery Lounge. The first, entitled "Education in China: A Great Leap Forward," featured Dr. Frank Swetz, Director of International Activities, Dr. Jacob Susskind, Professor of Social Science, and Dr. Patricia Stevens, Dean of Mathematics and Engineering Technology at HACC.

The second, entitled "Partners in Trade: Japan and the United States," featured Mr. Shinichi Nishimiya, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan, Washington, D.C., and a local union representative. The moderator was Dr. Kurt Parkum.

On Tuesday evening, April 5, an Asian Foodfest was held in the Dorm Lounges featuring samples of Asian delights.

To find out what other interesting events will be taking place this week, see the International Spring Week schedule that follows.

Wednesday, April 6, 12:00 Noon

A Focus on Saudi Arabia

Featuring a slide show presentation  
Black Cultural Arts Center (BCAC)

Thursday, April 7, 12:00 Noon

An American in Asia

A round table discussion:

Keith Basehore - lived in Korea

Brian Champaign - lived in Japan

Kay Trebatoski - lived in Thailand

Moderator: Clem Gilpin

Refreshments will be provided

Gallery Lounge

Friday, April 8, 12:00 Noon

Asian Cooking Demonstration

Angi Jones - Vietnamese cuisine

(recipe provided by My Guidarelli)

Mahara Al-Redha - United Arab Emirates cuisine

Black Cultural Arts Center (BCAC)

Saturday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

West meets East: A Night of Asian Entertainment

Korean singing presentation - Mrs. Song

Classical Ceylonese dancing - Mrs. Esha Bhavanandan

Tai-Che Demonstration - Mrs. Carol Derrickson

Asian Fashion Show - Mrs. Rosentrater

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