



Alcohol: Drinking into Trouble?

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Drinking on campus is a popular pastime for Mont Alto students, of age and underage alike. Though quite common, consider the following: How much do you know when it comes to your rights concerning alcohol consumption and being under the influence of alcohol while on campus?

First off, let us cover the basics. If you're a minor (meaning under 21 years of age) it is illegal for you to drink anywhere in this country. On top of that, the campus of Penn State Mont Alto is a dry campus, meaning university policy, and controlled mainly by policy AD18, prohibits the consumption of

alcohol. Clearly, the consumption of alcohol is not allowed on campus.

This, however, has not stopped anyone. In interviewing numerous people in Mont Alto, everyone said that they either knew someone who drank regularly or drank regularly themselves. So we see that alcohol is quite a popular beverage.

At the same time, students were asked whether they agreed with the campus' alcohol policies. Most students did not agree and were resentful, although most of the students were underage anyway. In talking with Andrea Christopher, the Director of Student Affairs, and Kim Rushing, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, we can see why students



In recent years, nearly half, 48 percent, of all of the alcohol consumed by students attending 4-year colleges has been consumed by underage students.

are resentful. As compared to previous years, they state that policies are being enforced to a greater degree. This has been a source of major headaches to some

students.

Alcohol consumption would, of course, not be a problem for students if they did not get caught. It is apparent, however, that

students are managing to get caught, one way or another. The number of students involved in alcohol related incidents last semester was around 69, with approximately 25-30 total incidents occurring. Common reasons students get caught are acting drunk or smelling like alcohol. There are of course, other reasons, including having a party in one's room and attracting undue attention.

We must now turn to what happens when you actually get caught in an alcohol related incident. There are several distinct ways to become involved in an alcohol related incident. First, we will cover the policies as they apply to minors, then those of age. One

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Editorial:

Alternate Spring Break Club Rebuilds

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During our recent spring break, I was lucky enough to participate in the Alternative Spring Break Club's trip to Springfield, Georgia, a trip devoted to helping the Effingham County, Georgia chapter of Habitat for Humanity with its various endeavors to provide and improve community housing.

While there our group of nine students and two advisors performed myriad tasks, from painting walls to laying tile, and many things in between. Most of the work took place in one of Habitat's restores, warehouse-like buildings in which Habitat sells new and gently used home improvement goods at a fraction of the retail price. The restores are largely, if not entirely, dependent



The Alternate Spring Break Club team that helped rebuild included: (Top Row: Richard Wilt, Tony Arnold, Jordan Smith, Jared Fisher, Andrew Campbell, and Cory Sellers. Bottom Row: Kelly Pannill, Gwynn Turner, Abbi Moore, Amy Gloss, Jade Johnson, Linda Worley, and Jim Miller.)

upon donations from contractors and private donors and sell hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of merchandise, serving the dual purpose of providing bargain-

priced items for less wealthy consumers and producing substantial funds for Habitat's many ventures. Our group beamed with pride as we helped in putting

the finishing touches on this fine outlet. What were once a cluster of barren rooms at the prodigious building's head—lacking doors to enclose their somber chambers or even one coat of paint on their nondescript walls—were transformed into a finely clad group of offices, restrooms and utility areas, fully furnished and ready for use. Our work was required in other areas as well. Shelving was made to organize scattered materials such as carpet and drywall, and hooks were created to hang various lighting fixtures. Custodial duties were even performed as our group turned a chaotic work zone into a well-groomed banquet area for an afternoon luncheon to commend the restorer's completion. Four days of honest work was the time required from eleven eager volunteers to pump life into the

newborn operation.

Our work did not go unnoticed, either. Our every breakfast and lunch was provided during our stay from local churches and restaurants, donating selflessly in honor of a noble cause. And it was not just food that the fine people at these institutions furnished us. They also freely delivered a serving of southern and—what they will swear by—Christian hospitality that is increasingly more difficult to find—even comprehend—in an America that is moving too fast to pay such respect. What we witnessed was an anomaly in the otherwise uniform fabric of the modern American disconnect.

The ultimate example of such grace was embodied in the form of a selfless old woman by the name of Mildred. The ageless Mildred, see *ASB* page 3