

Editorial opinion

Nice try

Paraphernalia ordinance will not stop sale of drug-related items

State College Municipal Council is using good intentions to battle drug intentions. Unfortunately, all the good intentions in the world are wasted if they do not accomplish anything, as in the case of the drug paraphernalia ordinance.

The council passed an ordinance that is practically impossible to enforce.

The drug paraphernalia ban is puzzling. It makes illegal the sale of paraphernalia when the seller knows the buyer intends to use it with illicit drugs. How to determine intent is a good question. How the police intend to be aware of intent is another.

The ordinance leaves itself wide open to evasion. Paraphernalia sales will not be affected because it is very easy to sell paraphernalia without knowing the buyer's intent. A law is not broken if a person buys a pipe after saying, "I'd like that pipe, please." However, if a person says, "I'd like that hash pipe," and buys the pipe, the store owner is in trouble and could be fined up to \$300.

The police are not going to camp out in the head shops, or any other store selling potential paraphernalia. Business will go on as usual, except people will have to be

careful what they say in stores selling paraphernalia. The ordinance also bans advertisements for "the sale of objects designed or intended for use as drug paraphernalia."

The purpose of the ordinance is unclear if paraphernalia can still be sold legally. It seems the members of the council who voted for the ordinance felt the need to make a social statement against drug use. They placed a pseudo-ban on paraphernalia to show the community's tough stance on the drug problem.

It's a nice try. The action and all the discussion leading up to the ordinance does show a large amount of concern — concern for the welfare of State College's youth.

Unfortunately, the ordinance is a weak attempt at solving the problem. It makes the members of the community think they're doing their part to fight the problem. As Dorothy Lennig, council member and one of the two council members who voted against the bill, said, this ordinance will just soothe the consciences of council members.

The ordinance is merely rhetorical. It is not the purpose of laws to accomplish a

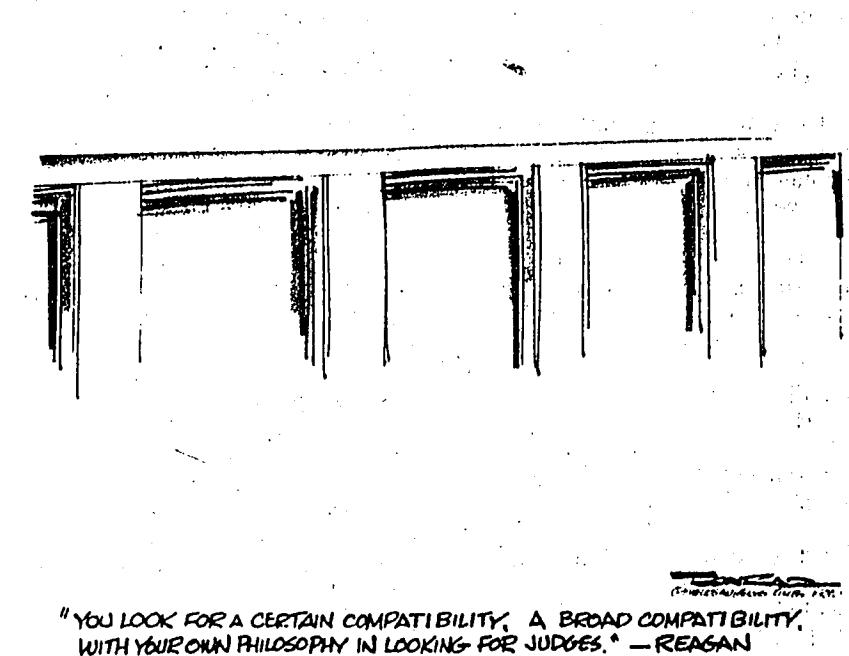
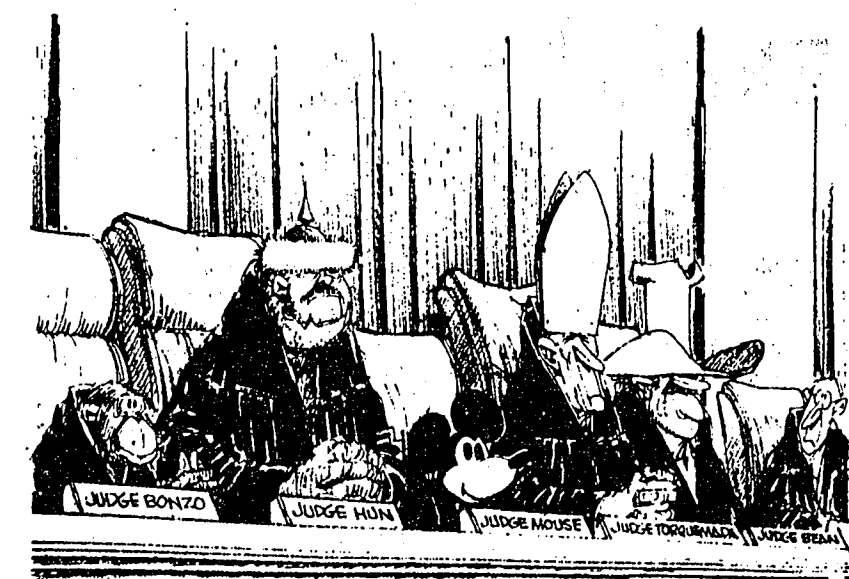
certain concrete goal? A law that can be gotten around with such ease doesn't impress anyone. It breeds disrespect for the law; it makes the lawmakers seem silly.

Paraphernalia buyers must now play a little game with the laws of State College. "I'll take this long plastic cylinder with a bowl on it... What? Put marijuana in it? Are you crazy? (chuckle chuckle)."

State College has gone on the record as an anti-paraphernalia town. Maybe that was the purpose of this law. State College can be used as an example in the nationwide controversy over drug paraphernalia.

But State College is getting ahead of itself. Let the state and federal government decide and battle the issue. The State College ordinance could be challenged and cost taxpayers a lot of money, as well as wasting the time of a lot of people.

Banning paraphernalia sales to minors — another ordinance being drawn up right now — would be sufficient, as well as reasonable and enforceable. Instead, State College has a law that does nothing but make people laugh.



Every election vote counts not just presidential

by STEVE DAVIS
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The hostages, Iran and Iraq, Afghanistan, Energy, Inflation, Unemployment.

With less than four weeks left before the November election, everyone's attention is turning toward who will occupy the White House next year and attempt to solve these problems.

As Penn State students, we represent an important part of the national constituency of young voters. And it is very important that we be heard on Nov. 4.

But too often presidential elections appear to be only that — elections. President — and voters sometimes pay too little attention to the forgotten politicians on the ballot.

I am talking about the senators and representatives we elect. While a vote for president is vital, we should not cast aside the matter of choosing a senator or a representative. These are the working politicians who will run Congress efficiently and be reasonably cooperative with the president.

This year is different from past election years because we have three major candidates to choose from. John Anderson's independent campaign has brought an interesting alternative to the usual choice between the Democratic and Republican candidates.

Though many voters have likened the choice between Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan to picking the lesser of two evils, both are well ahead of Anderson in recent public opinion polls, with Reagan as the frontrunner.

Three candidates make the question of

leadership ability one of the diverting attractions of the presidential campaign. Reagan has been criticized for ineptitude, Carter for mistating the facts and Anderson for not capturing the public's attention.

America no doubt needs a president with strong leadership abilities. In the next four years, the most eminent danger appears to be the possibility of military conflict in the Persian Gulf and we need a president who can handle such a situation with stability and good sense.

But we also need a strong Congress to work with the president in attaining the goals of the nation. So before voting in November or filling in your absentee ballot and sending it to the county board of elections, consider the other races besides Reagan, Carter and Anderson.

Running for the U.S. Senate from Pennsylvania are Democratic candidate Pete "The Big Red" Republican "Red" Arlen Specter. In the race for the 23rd Congressional district seat are incumbent William F. Clinger, R-Central Pa., Democratic candidate Peter Altman and Consumer Party candidate Douglas Mason.

Candidates for state government should also be considered carefully.

While we are hearing cries of, "Let's make America great again," "Re-elect Jimmy," and "Anderson for president," let's not forget the whispers of those running for positions in Congress.

When you get down to it, a president can't be very successful at leading the country without its approval and support.

Why do you think it's called high school

There's no real drug problem in our schools. The only drug problem we have is when there aren't enough drugs. — State College Area High School Senior

That statement probably doesn't amuse parents in State College. They don't like their kids using drugs in or out of school, and understandably so.

Getting high just isn't the best thing for kids to do. Drugs are illegal, don't do much to further the learning process, and tend to upset the academic atmosphere. However getting high, especially in school, is a hell of a lot of fun.

What is the best way to make kids not want to get high all the time?

Since about February, particular attention has been paid to the drug problem afflicting the youth of State College. A 300-member group called Informed Parents began, primarily to combat drug use.

An anti-paraphernalia bill was just passed by the State College Municipal Council. And this summer, the State College Area School Board passed a 10-page Policy On Drugs which clearly states the school's position on illegal drug use.

The paraphernalia ban is a genuine attempt to curb drug use. But the council members don't realize that trying to remove the glamour of drug paraphernalia will increase the mystique, espionage and thrill. They must have been high when they passed an ordinance that's practically impossible to enforce.

The school board's Policy On Drugs is reasonable and a great deal of time went into forming it. They didn't just make a list of penalties; the school board realizes that finding ways to prevent drug abuse is better than chopping off the fingers of drug offenders. The policy stresses prevention over punishment as a way to solve problems.

Unfortunately, an effective prevention program is hard to come by. As I recall, the anti-drug programs given in my school were a complete joke. "Marijuana, sometimes known as 'tea' or 'marijuana,' has been found to cause homosexuality and large white pimples."

Surely there are better anti-drug programs than the ones I got — something where there isn't a tired old gym teacher lecturing straight from a pamphlet.

Prevention programs are necessary and probably helpful, but they just scratch the surface of the problem.

Why does a high school or a junior high student want to be stoned in school? There are plenty of good reasons. First of all, it is fun. Well, funner than being straight. Cruising through the halls, hanging out in class and eating lunch are all more fulfilling while one is high. It's different.

School meant nothing to them. They had no qualms about drifting through school, possibly picking up a piece of paper when they left. School was just a pain in the ass.

So now I'm getting to the root of the problem — school stinks.

Making school interesting for everyone is no easy task. But it should become a goal of this nation, as soon as we get the hostages back. The education of our youth determines the future of our country and should be given high priority.

Revamp the system, hire better teachers, start different programs for different students, make classes more rewarding and more rewarding, make public school worthwhile — so kids realize a benefit.

Okay society, do that and have it on my desk by next week.

I realize the changes I'm talking about are immense and idealistic. They can't happen overnight and may be impossible for one group to control. Parents are ultimately responsible for the behavior of their children. Fortunately, my generation will get a shot at being parents. I hope we act appropriately.

As for State College and its drug problem, things sometimes seem worse than they are. I think the concern of Informed Parents, municipal council and the school board is excellent, but I hope you all don't get carried away.

Don't make school a prison. Too much pressure can cause different troubles. Look for changes within the school system that will make education more engaging, and you'll help more than just the drug problem.

But please, whatever you do, don't show the movie about the kid coping out under peer pressure, trying that first drag of a reefer stick and locking mom's pearl necklace two months later to pay for his heroin habit.



Certainly status plays a part. "Yeah! I'm pretty high right now. Yeah, me and Crazy Eddy went out in his Jeep and smoked a few jays, I copped a buzz, it's cool."

Or, "Are my eyes red? I'm so high."

But most people get high in school because they know they can get away with it. I don't mean actually sneaking somewhere to get high; the school can be armed with Green Berets and people will still get high if they want to hard enough. People, especially secondary school students, love to play games with authority.

I mean "get away with" in the sense of their attitude. When I think of reasons why my friends and I got high in school, a main one is because we knew our schoolwork wouldn't suffer a great deal. We could get high and still manage to make decent grades.

Our attitude was, "High school is rinky-dink compared to college. We're not missing much if we get high and play around."

Letters to the Editor

Star horrors

A university supposedly educated and curbs superstition. Then which brilliant editor decided to run a horoscope column? The Daily Collegian has stooped to new lows in journalism by condoning this banal pseudo-science.

I hate to break this to you, but blobs of hydrogen light-years away are not really concerned with influencing our lives. Why would any educated person believe that we take on the characteristics of imaginary animals that constellations don't resemble in the least?

By the way, who is Jacob Schoenholtz — some astral authority? He sounds like a cheap fortune cookie. Just yesterday he said that with a little luck my life may improve. It did not. Perhaps the Collegian should quit trying to compete with the

National Star and let the sorority girls go back to reading Vogue.

Hey, Jacob, watch out for black cats.

James M. Jackson, 10th-physics and astronomy
Thomas A. Severin, 10th-mathematics
Oct. 8

Anderson defense

In Tuesday's Daily Collegian presidential candidate John Anderson came under fire in an article written by a representative of the Consumer Party. The vast majority of the statements made about Anderson were highly erroneous and deserve to be repudiated.

First, Anderson is not "running as an independent for the sole reason the Republicans refused him their party's nomination." That is simply the reason why Anderson is not the Republican nominee.

He is running as an independent because he feels that the choice of either Reagan or Carter is unacceptable to the American voter.

Secondly, although Anderson is a Republican, he is a very moderate one and he has, contrary to the position of the Consumer Party article, "publicly repudiated the Republican philosophy."

This he admirably accomplished on national television in the debate with Ronald Reagan. The two men disagreed on every issue except defense. Obviously Anderson is no run-of-the-mill arch-conservative Republican.

In addition, the Consumer Party article stated that the nation needs a "political party allied to the grass-roots movements among women, minorities, environmental activists and advocates of appropriate technology." I remind Tom Ortenberg, the article's author, that Representative Anderson has been a long-time advocate of the ERA and of minority rights.

He cast the deciding vote in the House Rules Committee for the Open Housing Act of 1968 and voted against a constitutional amendment banning bussing for school desegregation. He also co-sponsored the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, a most important piece of environmental legislation.

Looking closer, Congressman Anderson fits the Consumer Party's description of what this country needs: someone who will focus on the "deep structural issues of the economy," and has formed an important "coalition of progressive forces." I contend that the task does not merely "demand a political party allied to the grass roots."

Rather, it will take a man who is willing to put politics aside and move this country forward. That man is John Anderson. He offers us more than the rhetoric of the Republicans and the Democrats. He offers us an alternative.

Bill Heidt, 4th-liberal arts
Oct. 8

Phillie phuror

Tom Mosser's editorial cartoon of Oct. 9 really made me ashamed of my selfish attitude toward the Phillies. After all, I should phoret last phall when the Pirates won the division championship.

It must have been my imagination when I heard the phivian

phans telling me how lucky and undeserving the Pirates were of the championship. Almost every Philly phan that I talked with last year wished all kinds of bad luck on the Pirates in the playoffs.

Take a look at last phill's Daily Collegian and see how many letters were philled with putdowns and garbage from Philly phans directed at the Pirates and their phans. Well now, it's our turn.

I don't hate the Phillies but principle dictates that I must retaliate. I hope that the Phillies phan phat on their phans.

Mark Bolla, 12th-physics
Oct. 9

Persian problems

The Iran-Iraq War is raging on the Persian Gulf. But we sit wondering what is really happening thousands of miles away? The United States still has 50 people being held hostage but the war continues, placing their situation in the back of the mind and on the back page.

What are the causes of this war, as you understand them to be? Is the U.S. involved? Should the U.S. become involved in the conflict in any way?

How will involvement affect the economical and the political scene at home? On Tuesday, Oct. 21, The Daily Collegian will focus its weekly op-ed page on the Iran-Iraq War and its implications here. If you have any thoughts or comments on the subject, please submit them to the Editorial Office, 128 Carnegie. All letters must be typed, double-spaced and no longer than 30 lines. Deadline is Friday, Oct. 17 by 5 p.m.

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Bloodmobile opens for registration

- Alpha Phi Omega will hold registration for the Red Cross Blood Mobile from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today through Friday in the HUB basement.
- The School of Music is sponsoring a recital by bass-baritone Raymond Brown at 8:30 tonight in the recital hall of the Music Building.
- The Soil and Water Conservation Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 111 Tyson. Mike Ondik from the University's Deer Research Center will be the guest speaker.
- WSHR — South Halls Radio will have an organizational meeting at 8 tonight in Stephens lounge. The executive staff meeting will be at 7 p.m.
- The Penn State Outing Club Equestrian Division is sponsoring a riding and training demonstration by Ward Studabaker at 7:30 tonight. Meet at 111 Animal Industries Building. Anyone with a car is asked to bring it.
- Students for Anderson will meet at 7:30 tonight in 267 Willard.
- The Women's Collective will meet to discuss the first Women's Health Forum Week at 7:30 tonight in 323 HUB. All interested people are encouraged to attend.
- The Pre-vet Club will meet at 7 tonight in 301 Agriculture. Administration Building. John P. Kavanagh, professor of veterinary science, will speak on "Recent Research Activities at Penn State."
- The College of Business Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in 201 Business Administration Building. Provost Edward D. Eddy will be guest speaker. All business students are welcome to attend.
- Pre-law interviews for the Dickinson School of Law are being given by Dean W. L. Steinheimer from 2:30 to 4 Wednesday afternoon in 114 Burrows. Sign up in 107 Burrows.
- Pre-law interviews for the Washington and Lee School of Law are being given by Dean W. L. Steinheimer from 2:30 to 4 Wednesday afternoon in 114 Burrows. Sign up in 107 Burrows.
- Pre-law interviews for the Western New England School of Law are being given by Dean Diane K. Youn from 10 to noon Thursday morning in 114 Burrows. Sign up in 107 Burrows.
- Penn State alumni fellow Charles Bierbauer, ABC News correspondent in Bonn, West Germany, will be the guest at a wine and cheese party sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, at 7:30 tomorrow night at the University Club. Initiation ceremonies for the society will also be held.
- The Society of Physics Students will meet at 7 tonight in 105 Odom. D.R. Frankl, professor of physics, will speak.
- Auditions for the University Reader's production of Bertolt Brecht's "Socrates Wounded" will be held at 7:30 tonight in 227 Sparks.
- The College of Business Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in 201 Business Administration Building. Provost Edward D. Eddy will be guest speaker. All business students are welcome to attend.

Upcoming events:

'South Africa in Southern Africa' symposium in HUB

By ROSA EBERLY
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

A symposium titled "South Africa in Southern Africa" will be held today and tomorrow in the north lounge of the HUB.

Admission to the symposium is free to all members of the University community. The program is sponsored by the African Studies Committee of the University's Black Studies program in cooperation with the University provost, the Institute for the Arts and Humanities Studies, the College of the Liberal Arts, the Graduate School, the Institute for Policy Research and Evaluation, and the department of political science.

Richard M. Moose, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, will present the symposium's keynote address at 8 tonight in 105 Forum. Moose will speak on "The Carter Administration in South Africa."

Also, several seminars featuring various speakers will be held today and tomorrow in the HUB.

James Callaghy, associate professor of political science and head of the African Studies program, said there are two major objectives involved in the symposium. He said the program is intended to increase the University community's level of knowledge about South Africa and "to increase the visibility of the African Studies program."

Members of the state department, the media, and scholars from many different areas will be attending the event, Callaghy said.

"Some of the people coming here are policymakers," he said. "The interchange is important between us and them."

boards and commissions. Work sessions and committee meetings are now closed to the public.

Although formal decisions are not made at private meetings, Wakeley said in September that he feels the public has a right to hear the discussion that precedes a decision.

In other business, the council is scheduled to consider the appointment of

a student representative to the Centre Area Transportation Authority board and to hold a public hearing to discuss revenue sharing.

Municipal Manager Carl B. Fairbank said Friday the public hearing is the first step in establishing the council's budget for next year.

—by Lorraine Orlando

Council to consider opening work sessions to public

The State College Municipal Council tonight will consider a resolution that would open more council meetings to the public, including meetings that now are closed work sessions.

The resolution, proposed by council member Joseph Wakeley, would open council meetings and meetings of the council's committees, authorities,

discussions regarding litigation, personnel problems and purchase of real estate.

A resolution is a commitment by the council to regulate itself and adhere to certain procedures, but is not an enforceable ordinance.

In other business, the council is scheduled to consider the appointment of

Denise Arieu said. If prospective students can talk with the local artist who will be teaching them, they will feel better about taking the course with that person, Arieu said.

Some courses, such as calligraphy, occasionally offer additional sections because of student demand. Other advanced courses and special courses such as figure drawing, weaving and batik, change from session to session.

Projects designed in class may be kept by the student. Said Ellen Feinstein, assistant attendant supervisor for the center. Classes run from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday to Thursday. Prerequisites for upcoming sessions are accepted anytime.

The center, opened to the public this summer, is a studio where members can

practise the crafts they learn in class while enjoying an eye-opening view of the campus. Since classes are half-price for members, there is ample opportunity to become proficient in the crafts the center offers.

Most of the 123 members are not art majors, so creative expression is virtually unlimited, Feinstein said. Supplies sold at the center and new equipment, such as the two pottery kilns, further develop a community-style atmosphere, she said.

"We've never had a dissatisfied customer," Feinstein said.

The center is open afternoons Monday through Saturday and also Friday nights. Free parking is available behind the HUB for the open house, and refreshments will be served.

HUB Craft Centre holding open house, class registration

By ANDY O'HARA
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

The HUB Craft Centre will sponsor an open house at 7:30 tonight in 312 HUB to familiarize people with the center and to provide an opportunity for the artistically minded to register for classes.

Classes in tapestry, pottery, macramé, silkscreening, calligraphy and stained-glass begin tomorrow and will continue for the next four weeks. Classes are small, ensuring individual attention, and evaluations after each class help instructors improve the course.

At the open house, instructors will provide demonstrations of the diverse crafts and will answer questions about the center.

"We try our best to make it a relaxed atmosphere," Craft Centre supervisor

Frank Vogl, journalistic correspondent for the Landolt Times, will speak at 8 tonight in Schwab Auditorium.

Vogl plans to speak on current economic problems. The speech is sponsored by Colloquy, and admission is free.

—by Chris Delmastro

Analyst to discuss economics

Forbes magazine, as well as other publications dealing with economic affairs.

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Where: in East Halls (Exact location will be posted in info desk in HUB and the door of 128 Friday. We will be showing a slideshow about normalization.

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2. SURVEY — This is the opinion phase: A random phone survey will be carried out, in which students will be phoned and asked to express their opinions of the proposed change to the semester system.
3. REPORT — A report of both the workshop results and the survey results will be submitted to President John W. Oswald. In this way, the educated opinion of the Pennsylvania State University will be available to President Oswald prior to his final decision.

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