

Legal rights explained USG clarifies confusion on student rights

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John has a bong in his room. There's a knock at the door. John yells, "Come on in." Two University Police Service officers enter his room.

If this hypothetical situation actually occurred, what rights would John have? Could the police confiscate his paraphernalia?

To clear up the confusion about what the University police can and cannot do, several members of the Undergraduate Student Government Senate have formed a Police Security Committee.

"Most of the time students get so nervous, they don't know what their rights are and they don't question the officer," said Leni Barch, former chairwoman of the committee.

The committee's key project is to publish a pamphlet informing students of their legal rights, Barch said.

"We want to find out all aspects of the alcohol policy and drug paraphernalia policy," she said. "What rights do they have in confiscating paraphernalia from your room?"

Another major goal is to increase communication between police and students.

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David E. Stormer, director of University safety, said many students are unclear on police policies concerning parking and alcohol and drug consumption because the high rate of student turnover limits communication between police and students.

"Communicating with students is a consistent challenge because of the relatively short time the student body resides on campus," he said. "So many times we say things every year, and we assume everyone knows."

Also, students seldom hear if any of the crimes committed on campus are solved, Barch said. "Communication doesn't come back to the students about crimes committed."

To further improve students' awareness of issues, Barch suggested the police conduct seminars on rape, safety tips and parking violations.

Stormer said the police already conduct successful anti-assault, rape and alcohol awareness programs in the residence halls.

"A dialogue which can be ongoing for the exchange of information and positions — I believe that is something that would be participated in and supported by residence halls," he said.

Stormer said the committee will enable police and students to cooperate more with each other.

Verbal communication is often more effective than a written document, he said.

The committee also wants to help students understand the criteria the police have for giving parking and traffic tickets, Barch said.

James McJunkin, newly-elected committee chairman, said any student who had any complaints, questions or ideas could contact the committee at the USG office in 203 HUB.

Unwanted, stray animals find friends with elderly

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It is not uncommon to see unwanted stray animals roaming the streets, searching for a scrap of food or a friendly face.

But People and Animals Coming Together is an organization trying to alleviate this problem by finding unwanted animals in the homes of the elderly.

"Our goals are two-fold," said Linda Wheeler, a staff member of PACT. "We're trying to improve the lives of the elderly by providing them with companion animals, and, at the same time, we're providing good homes to otherwise unwanted animals."

PACT was started last term by Dan Lago, research associate, and Barbara Knight, project assistant, of the University's Gerontology Center.

"Knight said she felt that uniting homeless pets with the elderly sector of the community seemed a worthy venture. In addition to placing the animals, research will be conducted to assess the effects of pet ownership on the lives of the elderly, Knight said.

"PACT is operated entirely by volunteers, Knight said. "We need devoted people who are interested in interacting with the elderly and helping out with the placement and care of the animals," Knight said.

Wheeler said, "We make sure the animals are well taken care of, we check up on their progress and we assist the owners with the care of their pets," Wheeler said.

Two PACT committees — the animal selection and human services committees — work together to place animals in homes, Wheeler said. A third committee, the evaluation committee, makes sure that everything is running smoothly, Wheeler said.

"We try to meet the needs of the elderly as best we can by providing them with healthy, well adjusted animals," Wheeler said.

PACT advertisements are directed towards elderly people interested in adopting pets, she said.

In addition to matching animals with owners, PACT provides a variety of services, Wheeler said.

"We provide financial assistance, if necessary, for health care and maintenance of adopted pets. We also assist in the grooming, exercise and training of the animals," she said.

Volunteers also deal with problems that might arise with owning pets by acting as "resource people," Knight said.

"Each person who has adopted an animal has a 'resource' person from PACT whom they can call for advice or assistance with their pets," Knight said. "We also plan to provide a 'pet-sitting' service for those who are on vacation or ill," she said.

In addition, PACT is trying to work closely with the Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals in finding homes for unwanted animals, Knight said. Older animals, usually seen as undesirable, are often the most compatible for the elderly, she said.

"Most people who visit the SPCA wish to adopt puppies, and the older, house-trained dogs are overlooked," Knight said.

All animals dealt with through PACT must meet one specific criterion: they must be spayed or neutered, Wheeler said.

"We will provide financial assistance with this, if necessary," Wheeler said.

PACT, which is officially incorporated, receives its funds from the University and private donations, Knight said. "We also plan to sponsor various fund-raising events in the community and hope to get strong community support," Knight said.

PACT meetings are held the first Monday of every month in the ABC room of the State College Municipal Building, 116 S. Fraser St.

"Anyone interested is welcome to attend our meetings," Knight said. Additional information on PACT may be obtained by stopping by Knight's office, located in S201 Human Development Building.

PEANUTS
HEY, SPIKE! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? LOOK WHO'S HERE... OUR SISTER BELLE... SHE'S IN THE RED CROSS!

DOONESBURY
"BICK! HOW COULD THEY SPELL YOUR NAME 'BICK'?"
"OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, DONNE." "I'M IN THE NEWS PAPER BUSINESS. SPELLING ON YOUR OWN HEREIN TO THOSE POINTS!"
"WELL, I'M NOT! AND I DON'T WANT ALL MY FRIENDS CALLING YOU 'LEFT OFF THE WEDDING.'" "I CAN'T STAND IT!"
"NOW, TAKE A PROBLEM WE COULD HAVE RELATIVES DRIVING IN ON US ALL SUMMER!"

SHOE
"I'M NOT SURE WE EVER MET WHEN I WAS IN YOUR UNCLE'S EMPLOY, MR. COSMO."
"NO... MY UNCLE AND I WEREN'T VERY CLOSE. I'M NOT SURE HOW WE WERE RELATED, REALLY."
"I SUSPECT FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS AROUND HERE THAT YOU'RE FROM THE MOSBY SIDE OF THE FAMILY TREE."

SURVIVOR
"YOU'VE DESTROYED EVERYTHING YOU'VE ENDED IT ALL..."
"EVER THE LEADER IS ONE."
"ENOUGH!"
"FOOM!"
"I'M NO MAN'S WHIPPING BOY!"
"YOU'RE FINISHED!"

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- 1 Festive event
- 2 Movie lioness
- 3 "Faded name in theater"
- 4 Once more, hillbilly-style
- 5 Famed name in theater
- 6 Doctrine
- 7 Put into the records
- 8 Noun ending
- 9 Actress Arthur
- 10 Pink bird
- 11 General's adjutant
- 12 Brass or Grande
- 13 Ski resort
- 14 Young god
- 15 Actor Howard
- 16 Drug
- 17 Plant pest
- 18 Thin-layered mineral
- 19 Fifth or Madison: Abbr.
- 20 Delicately fragrant
- 21 Noted name in IQ testing
- 22 Chesspieces
- 23 Seed coat
- 24 Pilester, for short
- 25 Recorder's words
- 26 Actor Ayres
- 27 Sand payment
- 28 More robust
- 29 Actor Ayres
- 30 Physics particles
- 31 "Carnegie" ("Cabaret") base
- 32 General's adjutant
- 33 Shooting marble
- 34 Medical amount
- 35 Blue dyesuff
- 36 Played with
- 37 Some poetry
- 38 Explosive mountain

Down

- 1 Iron hook
- 2 Nimble
- 3 Fragrant flower
- 4 Windflowers
- 5 Gazelles
- 6 Phonetic sound of "eye"
- 7 Ditch
- 8 Roving
- 9 Make plans
- 10 Daily product
- 11 Scarlet
- 12 Part
- 13 "Oncle d'Amérique"
- 14 Party
- 15 Sonny and Cher, once
- 16 Actor Richard
- 17 Actor Alan
- 18 Family member
- 19 San Antonio mission
- 20 Heptad
- 21 Hammer features
- 22 Iberian nation
- 23 Painter
- 24 Precise details
- 25 Line a gemstone
- 26 Yulet
- 27 Traus
- 28 Type type
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by Mike Shenk
(answers in Monday's Crossword)

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