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editorial opinion

Don't judge a book by its cover

Another chapter in the ongoing saga of the Penn State Alcohol Crackdown was penned at an Interfraternity Council meeting last week. The council voted down a motion that would require fraternities to check all guests for student identification at the door, in order to keep high school students out of parties.

IFC President John Rooney said the proposal was made because a mother spoke to IFC after finding out that her high-school-age daughter was admitted to a fraternity party.

Rooney said no other high school personnel have come directly to IFC and raised the idea of checking for high school students. However, five members of the State College Area School District — including Superintendent Seldon Whitaker — are members of the President's Task Force on Alcohol along with Rooney.

Patricia Best, director of planning, research and communications for the district, said the concern about high school students entering fraternity parties came up at a meeting of the task force.

"Our concern and reason for participating on the University drug and alcohol task force this past year, has been to do whatever we can to ensure that campus or fraternity social events where alcohol is made available are not open to underage drinkers, especially local high school students," Best said.

So, while it is true that members of IFC have not heard first-hand about the concerns of allowing high-school-age students to enter parties, Rooney, as a member of the task force, has.

And it would appear the concerns presented by school district representatives were enough to convince Rooney. He said he

is sorry the proposal did not pass because even though the problem may not be immense, the legal liability of allowing high school students into fraternities is much greater than any inconvenience of checking for student ID. In fact, he said, some fraternities do check for student ID at parties and have been successful.

So, while the president of IFC holds one view about the issue of checking for college IDs at parties, the majority of his council members have either not been told about his educated view, or have not listened to Rooney's calls for cooperation.

The idea of keeping high school students out of fraternity parties is an intelligent, reasonable one. College parties are not the place for high school students or the possible liability that enters with those students.

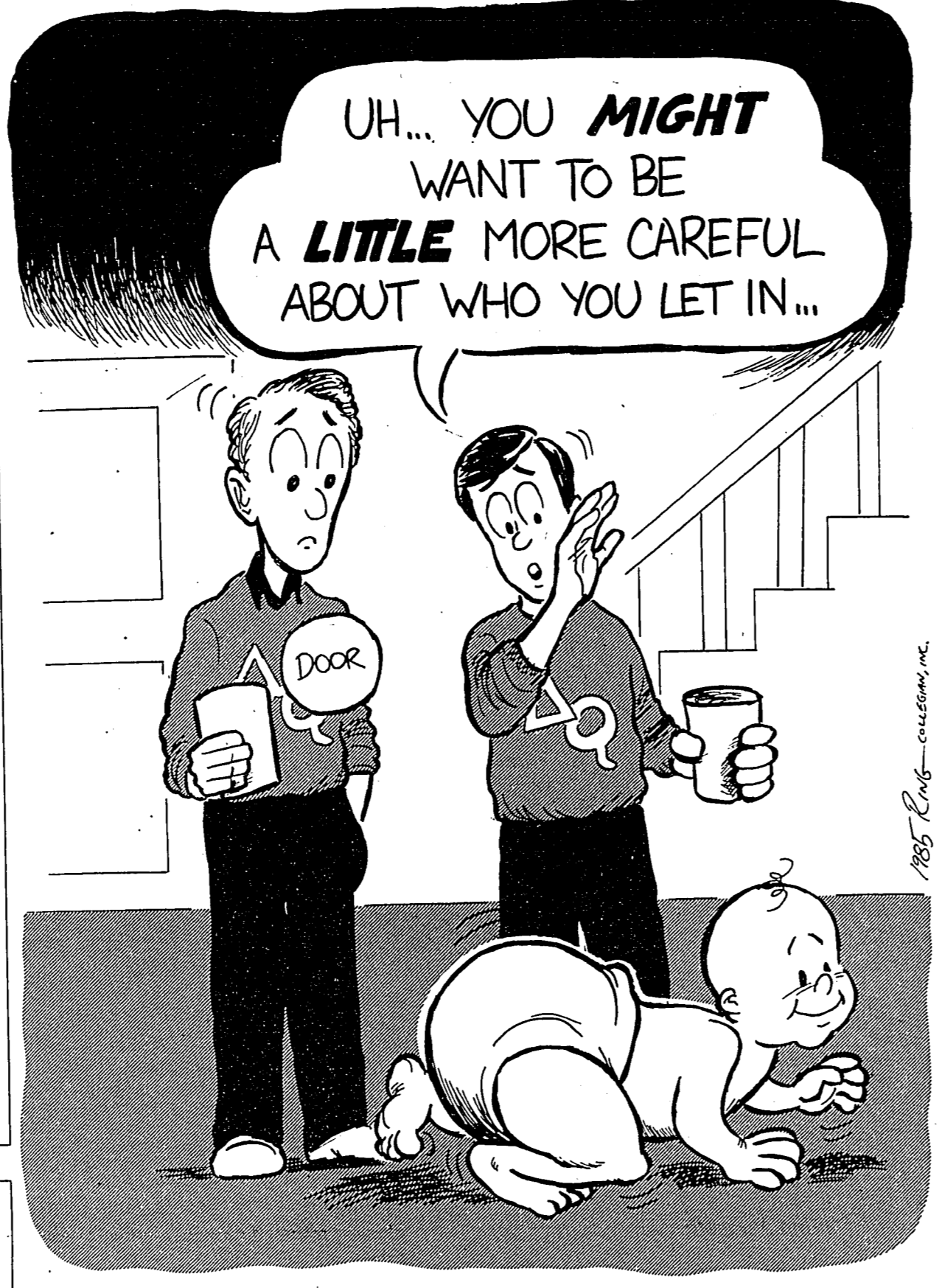
Rooney said the reason some members of the council did not vote for the proposal is that they were afraid this regulation may be followed by other crackdowns.

But wouldn't it make more sense and show more maturity to weigh the merit of each regulation individually?

When living in a community such as State College — where some fraternities live side by side with area residents — it makes sense to keep high school youth out of fraternity parties, if for no other reason than good public relations.

By not acting when they should have, IFC members may now be forced to conform to a regulation that they could have volunteered to impose on themselves.

And, with the conclusion of the Penn State Alcohol Crackdown hanging in the balance, cooperation rather than opposition is the plot line students will have to follow to ensure a happy ending.



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Penn State:

In the many University games, losing composure over the delicate issues can really cost

Botha: "Enough is enough. Now let's cut the small talk and get down to business. How do you think the team is going to be this year?"

Joe: "It's too early to tell. We were lucky to win our first two games. We lost our composure quite a few times."

Botha: "A football game is sort of like playing the diamond market."

Ron: "Yeah, diamonds."

Botha: "Please Ron, don't salivate over the table."

Ron: "Sorry P.W."

Botha: "When diamond prices are real high I'm in ecstasy. It seems like it will never end. And then zap, all of a sudden most of the world is putting sanctions on us."

Bryce: "Mind you P.W., Penn State hasn't divested a single cent of our money in South Africa."

Botha: "Yes, I know Bryce."

Bryce: "Actually, we have upped our investments over the last few months."

Botha: "I know, you've been a true friend."

Ron: "And how about me."

Botha: "Yeah, you too Ron. Those weak sanctions you signed couldn't have hurt a Japanese beetle. You've been trying your best, buddy."

Ron: Thanks, P.W."

Botha: "I was wondering Bryce, how do you do it over there in the Happy Valley. How do you keep our little secrets from the students and the public."

Bryce: "We have a policy of complete ignorance."

Ron: "I've heard of that."

Bryce: "In other words, we completely

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Problems abound

There is a growing problem on campus — the bush. I speak specifically of two bushes — they sprout all the rear entrance of Irvin Hall. They are of unknown genre and beauty, and obstruct the potentially panoramic view of numerous Irvin basement residences.

I urge that the University's landscapers take a few minutes out of their hectic schedules to remove these cancerous growths before I lose my appreciation for sunshine.

Brad Rippey, sophomore-meteorology Sept. 9

Titanic spirits

So they've finally found the Titanic At the bottom of the North Atlantic, After sevenly-three years The drowned can give cheers Oh, won't it be neoromatic?

David M. Silverman Sept. 9

Star Wars ignore

Of the Strategic Defense Initiative Some professors are not appreciative, They have signed a petition: "This is pure science fiction." At Penn State, will you be corroborative?

David M. Silverman Sept. 11

Kick it: Programs use friends to help smokers quit

By GREGG BORTZ
Collegian Staff Writer

Smokers who want to "kick the habit" may be able to get some help from the University's nursing department which is offering two programs. Participants must bring someone with them to go through the program to provide support, Young said.

"The support person can be a spouse, a co-worker or a roommate. Smokers will probably know who would best be able to help them stop," she said.

"Both people will be able to help each other. The partners will learn how to be a help rather than a hindrance and the smoker will learn how to work through the problem using a support person," Young said.

This program is part of a research project the nursing department is conducting in conjunction with the College of Human Development. Young will be conducting the research on "relationship enhancement" along with Bernhard Guernsey, professor of human development.

"Dr. Guernsey has found in past research that using a support person can help to change unwanted behavior, such as drinking or eating problems," Young said. She and Guernsey will try to determine the effectiveness of support persons in ending a smoking habit.

Another program, which the nursing department has held periodically over the last five years, uses methods such as behavior modification, relaxation and group support to help people stop smoking, Young said. The "relationship enhancement" program will teach these methods, but will be expanded to include the support person.

"We will also try to help the smoker understand the motives involved — why he or she smokes," Young said. "People wishing to stop smoking can participate in any of the programs we offer — they don't have to be a part of the actual research to determine the effectiveness of the support person," Young said.

The relationship enhancement research project is conducted with funds from a bio-medical grant from the University and the National Institute of Health, she said.

She stressed the importance of using the money to prevent smoking-related diseases.

"It's more cost effective to prevent the problems than to treat them and it's more humane to help people be healthier rather than struggle through an illness," Young said.

Interested persons should contact the American Cancer Society at 238-8900 or The Nursing Consultation Center at 863-2202.

PSU will fine groups breaking sign rule

By DIANE WOZNICKI
Collegian Science Writer

Students and organizations posting flyers on restricted areas on campus will be fined for posting bulletins on buildings, doors, windows, fence posts and trash receptacles, a University announcement stated.

The announcement also said these posting flyers will be charged if University workers have to remove them.

Ardath Johnson, coordinator of University customer information services, said University regulations state that only bulletin boards may be used for announcements. These boards are in hallways, private offices and above blackboards.

Johnson said physical plant employees have to remove announcements which keeps them from other duties.

However, Johnson said, within the last year the department sent numerous memos about using bulletin boards and received a positive response. She said compliance has been tremendous and no one has been fined since the memo distribution.

— John Spence

The Sisters of Chi Omega warmly welcome their new fall 1985 pledge class:

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'Perceptions' to increase publication

By GREGG BORTZ
Collegian Staff Writer

The Undergraduate Student Government's magazine, *Perceptions*, which features articles on University life, will include more stories and will be published more often this year, according to *Perceptions* editor Scott Seymour.

Seymour said this year the magazine will be split into a features section which will include a dining segment, a fashion section and a University history section.

Student poetry and other creative writing will also be used and an information section will include a freshmen introduction, Seymour said. The first edition will be distributed Oct. 3.

"The magazine will be similar to what it was in the past except we have a more progressive style publication," Seymour said.

"I'm trying to create an outlet for creative writing, but right now we're maintaining our informational format."

Seymour said the magazine will be about 42 pages which is longer than before.

"Perceptions will also be published more often due to increased advertising revenue, said William Tung, project manager.

"In the past two years," Tung said, "the magazine has usually run once a semester because there was not a lot of advertising revenue. Financing came through the USG and (Associated Student Activities)."

He said the magazine will be published twice a semester starting in Spring 1986 because the magazine has covered its costs with advertising revenue for the first time.

"As long as we have that revenue, we will publish twice a semester," Tung said.

Next semester, the magazine will be released the first week of classes in January and again before Spring Break, Tung said.

Publicity will also increase, said Amy Schimergen, publicity and distribution director.

"In the past, (the magazine) has not been publicized that much," she said.

She said the distribution will be greater this year, with boxes containing the magazine in Willard and Kern buildings, in residence halls and fraternities. The magazine will also be available in the HUB and at downtown businesses, she said.

Although the magazine is operated by USG, Seymour said most writers are from outside the organization.

"Our writers are just a compilation of people with no real affiliation to USG except they are just good writers," he said.

For fiction, Seymour said he takes submitted proposals for stories from "almost anyone."

University is perfect for spreading germs

Dr. Harry McDermott, director of University Health Services, said the flu season usually begins with cooler weather.

A chill is all that is needed to trigger a cold because the seasonal transition from high to low temperatures can stress the body enough for the cold to take over, he said.

"We all harbor the common cold virus in our nose and throat all the time, but it has to have an opening to set up its infection, and that opening can be something as simple as a simple chill," McDermott said.

Docherty said students' lifestyles make them particularly susceptible to the flu because they often do not get the proper nourishment or rest. Under these conditions a virus can easily overtake the body's defense mechanisms.

McDermott said immunization is one route to prevent the physical discomfort of flu. September or early October are the best times to be immunized so the body can build antibodies for winter months, he said.

It takes about a month for the vaccine to work to full strength, but even during the interim period it fights symptoms, he said.

Common flu symptoms are headache, runny nose, fever and chest congestion, Docherty said.

McDermott said high risk individuals should be vaccinated. Diabetics, renal patients and people with chronic respiratory illnesses, such as asthma, bronchitis or emphysema should be vaccinated. People older than 65, and cancer patients who are receiving chemotherapeutic drugs that reduce the immune system also risk contracting the flu, he said.

Certain University employees who come in daily contact with many people, such as food service and dormitory workers, are being encouraged to receive vaccinations, McDermott said.

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