

opinions

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editorial opinion

No special treatment

"...if we really want to get rid of the problems caused by cruising, then we have to have a special ordinance."
— Mayor Arnold Addison

Special ordinances seem to be State College's cure for all that ails it. In a town where there is a noise ordinance, open container law, and even an ordinance banning area residents from parking their own cars in their own yards, it isn't much of a surprise that we now have an ordinance that prevents people from driving around the block too many times.

The law, adopted at the June 2 municipal council meeting, prohibits driving around certain areas in downtown State College three or more times in one hour or six or more times in three hours between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Offenders will pay a \$25 fine for their first violation and a \$50 for each additional one within six months of the first. Emergency and police vehicles, taxis, vehicles making business deliveries and cars driven by downtown residents are exempt from the new restriction. It's plain to see, then, that the cruisers this ordinance is targeted at are local teen-agers.

Granted, the problems associated with cruising need to be taken care of, but in case State College officials haven't noticed, there are already a number of ordinances on the books that will do just that.

There is a noise ordinance for loud radios and car mufflers, speeding and traffic tickets for reckless drivers and conduct codes for crude remarks.

Shall we go on? Realistically, how is this law going to be effectively and fairly enforced? We hope that our police force has better things to do with its' time than stand on the corner of College Avenue and keep track of how many times each car goes by. Besides, how accurate will those counts be on nights when those areas get very congested with traffic?

Officials should also keep in mind that teen-agers are going to cruise despite this law — if not in downtown State College, then perhaps on country backroads. It would be much easier to monitor teen-age drivers downtown and deal with them by already existing ordinances than to shift it to another, potentially more dangerous part of town.

Of course, cruisers can sometimes be annoying to pedestrians or area residents. Seeing how loud your engine can "rev up" or how fast you can take off at the green light shows boredom or at least a definite lack of creativity on the teen-agers' part.

But creating a special and selective ordinance that is unfairly subjective in its' enforcement is not the answer — utilizing already existing ordinances is.



Write

Here we are in the heat of the summer in Happy Valley. If you think there are HOT issues out there that need to come to people's attention, why not write a letter-to-the-editor telling us what you think should be done.

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State's proposed anti-hazing bill is a good thing, IFC president says

By WINSLOW M. MASON JR.
Collegian Staff Writer

The most important part of a proposed bill to make hazing a misdemeanor in Pennsylvania is that it may deter fraternity members from using the harsh initiation ritual, Interfraternity Council President Pat Conway said this week.

The state House of Representatives recently passed the bill that would make hazing — harsh initiation rituals in which pledges prove their loyalty and endurance — a third-degree misdemeanor punishable by \$2,500 fine and one year in prison.

But the chairman of IFC's Board of Control, an arm of the organization which handles all disciplinary matters, said the bill only finds out about hazing acts if a complaint is filed.

Any BOC member who sees an act of hazing is obligated to report the acts, said Ben Siegel, who has chaired the BOC since March. If someone within the IFC violates fraternity bylaws, that person must go before the board and action will be taken, Conway said.

Although no one from Penn State's IFC lobbied in support of the bill, hazing is an issue that needs to be addressed, he said.

"It's in the best interest of the fraternities," Conway said, adding that the problem still exists because hazing bylaws are difficult to enforce.

"If we find any cases (of hazing), they will be dealt

with," Conway explained.

The bill, which now goes to the state Senate, mandates a misdemeanor charge for practices such as whipping, beating, branding, forced exercise or forced consumption of food, liquor or drugs.

"I think it's a positive thing," Conway said. "I'm sure there will be some changes. But the cases of hazing are not what they used to be."

Conway said when a fraternity is sent before the BOC, one of three disciplinary actions may be taken. "They may be given an administrative warning that puts the fraternity on a watch," he said, explaining that the fraternity will then be observed closely.

Also, the fraternity may be put on probation, which Conway explains to mean "they can't have parties or social functions for a certain amount of time."

Third, Conway said, "They may be thrown out of the Interfraternity Council, which means they won't be recognized as a frat."

The particular sanction applied to the fraternity in violation depends on the severity of the incident, Conway said. He added that the third sanction is critical because Penn State fraternities with national chapters are only recognized by the nationals if they are part of Penn State's IFC.

Every fall, the BOC meets with all fraternity social chairmen to discuss social regulations, but Siegel said hazing is not addressed in detail.

"It's pretty much understood," he said.

notes

Free University will sponsor an Advanced Dungeons and Dragons Variant Campaign at 7 tonight in 225 or 227 HUB.

The Interlandia Folk Dancers will host an evening of folk dancing from 8 to 10:30 tonight in 133 White Building.

The Krishna Yoga Society will sponsor a Bhakti-Yoga / Bhagavad-Gita class and Outdoor Vegetarian Feast at 6 tonight and Sunday at 103 E. Hamilton Ave.

Hillel will hold traditional services and Kiddush at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Hillel Foundation, 224 Locust Lane.

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center will host "Evening Around the Campfire" with storytellers Jerry and Elinor Elliott from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday. For information call the Center at 883-2000 or 867-3424.

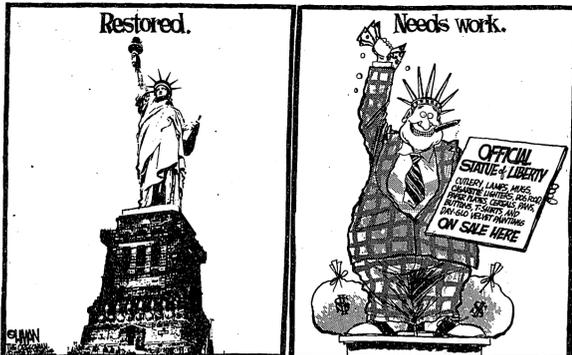
The American Heart Association Annual Awards Picnic, scheduled for Sunday at Governor's Park in Bellefonte, has been cancelled. For more information, call 838-1301.

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My encounter with The King:

A true expose on Elvis' rings, Elvis' Bibles and even the jumpsuit he wore in 'Viva Las Vegas'

A shopping mall filled with prayer rugs and Elvis dolls. And I wonder... Yeah I wonder... Will Elvis take the place of Jesus in a thousand years?



Anita Yesho

A thousand years? I think it happened last weekend — at the Nittany Mall, the only place I know where you can see a real live cow (courtesy the farm exhibits that were there Saturday) and buy a bottle of Elvis Presley "Love Me Tender" Hair Conditioner (\$3.95 plus tax) under the same roof.

Even one of Elvis' cars was there — a 1977 maroon and grey Cadillac Seville with Tennessee plates that said "ELVIS." Learning up against the right front tire was a blown-up color photo of a bloated Elvis sitting in the very same Cadillac the day before he died. It was, like, Elvis' Death Car.

least for fans of life's little ironies — was a big, shiny Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs badge that President Nixon gave to Elvis during a White House visit.

They had a video cassette player set up in front of Elvis' Cadillac and a little crowd had gathered around it. I stopped to check it out. A middle-aged woman was standing next to me, transfixed by the sight of Elvis doing his Las Vegas act in front of a Honolulu audience. She watched Elvis toss sweaty scarves to the audience. She sighed and fingered the gold charm around her neck. It said ELVIS in block letters.

She looked like she was really enjoying herself, so I decided to talk to her. I asked her if she had ever saw Elvis perform. She never had the chance, she said. I told her about a friend I have who saw Elvis in the early '70s when she was a little kid and thought it was great. She told me about how she used to talk

movie theatre owners into giving her the posters from Elvis movies when she was kid. And how her father wouldn't let her play "that jungle music" on his record player.

By that time another Elvis song had started and her attention drifted. She was happy watching Elvis, so I wandered on.

As I walked around checking out the exhibits, watching people take pictures of Elvis' Bibles with their Instamatic cameras, I heard some kid say to his mom: "Boy, he sure gave a lot of stuff away." The mom started into an Elvis the Generous story, but the kid's comment made me look again at the official-looking certificates in the display cases.

Most of the Elvis artifacts weren't owned by Elvis when he died. For example, there was this gold watch given to Elvis by Gen. Omar Bradley and his wife. (The Bradleys gave it to Elvis for Christmas a couple of days after The King showed up on their doorstep with some antique guns for the general.) Elvis gave the watch, which the Bradleys had inscribed to Elvis, to his secretary. She later let Jimmy Velvet have it for his museum.

There were "I visited Graceland" pins and Elvis records with stickers on them bragging about Elvis' "Love Me Tender" milk bath.

There were also what looked like Elvis garbage cans with pictures of a sweating Las Vegas Elvis on them. The price tag said \$12.95.

I just had to talk to the woman behind the counter about that.

"Do people really buy Elvis garbage cans?" I asked.

incribed by the author: "To Jimmy," it said. "May we jointly perpetuate Elvis' name and reputation in the True Light of Christ." (Oh boy, it looks like the Dead Kennedys knew what they were singing about. Do you think Jello Biafra ever met Jimmy Velvet?)

Besides the actual Elvis artifacts, the museum (of course) had things for sale. Black t-shirts with Elvis Presley Museum On Tour written on them in silver glitter letters. Books about Elvis. (One was written by his maid and a woman who was a fan. It was called A Maid, A Man, And A Fan, which is a classic title if there ever was one. I love the way it implies Elvis was a Man.)

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By the way, if you need a job, the Jimmy Velvet Elvis Presley Museum on Tour has some openings. I saw this note written on a paper bag and propped up by an Elvis doll. "Wanted to tour with the Elvis Presley Museum: Two females. Permanent or summer job. Good hours. Good pay."

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Yours. Ours.

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1975-1979 The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. Bachelor of Arts degree, Advertising, May, 1979. President of Penn State Chapter of American Advertising Federation. Awarded Advertising Internship, The American Philatelic Society. Designed and managed Penn State Basketball All Program, sold at home basketball games.

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Sept. 1981 to present, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. Presently working 10-20 hours per week at Department of Biology stockroom. Responsible for invoice processing, reconciling invoices and streamlined order and invoice processing.

June 1980 to September 1981 Strawbridge & Clothier, Philadelphia, PA. Advertising copywriter at Clover, a division of Strawbridge & Clothier. Wrote copy for newspaper, catalog, and supplement advertising. Interacted with buyers and vendors to develop and design specifications, correcting layout and copy errors.

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