

Program keys on women, alcohol

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When the pledges of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority went to a program on Women and Alcohol last Thursday night, many of them said they were thinking about the happy hours scheduled for later that evening. But after attending the panel discussion on women and alcohol, the pledges said they thought before they drank at the social event that night.

"The program was very informative," said Zeta Tau Alpha pledge Suzanne Toczydowski, (freshman-Health, Physical Education and Recreation).

Jill Goldman, the sorority's president, said each sorority member must be educated in alcohol awareness. "We have a code of alcohol standards," Goldman said.

"Each semester, we usually have an alcohol program in the suite, but we brought the pledges here since a panel is more adept at answering questions," Goldman said.

The program was presented as part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week by the University's Total Alcohol Awareness Program, The Center for Women

Students, The Undergraduate Student Government Department of Women's Concerns, and the Office of Health Promotion and Education.

Sabrina Chapman, coordinator of the Center for Women Students, opened the program with a discussion on the status of women in today's society.

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"Sexism is an institution," Chapman said. "It is built into our system and rarely challenged," she said.

"Because of high tension and stress, women may turn to alcohol or drugs since it's culturally approved. This is false advertising," said Chapman. "The use of alcohol

complicates rather than simplifies a woman's problems."

Women have different alcohol-related problems than men have, said Susan Kennedy, director of the Office of Health Promotion and Education.

Kennedy also spoke on the effects of alcohol in women.

"Don't assume you can drink a man under the table," Kennedy said, citing that women physically process alcohol differently than men of identical weight. In general, it will take an hour for a 160-pound man to process one drink, while a woman of a similar weight will process the same amount of alcohol in about two hours, Kennedy said.

Women may also be affected by alcohol prior to menstruation, while taking oral contraceptives or while under medication, Kennedy said. These factors may increase the effects of alcohol, she said.

"Watch how your body reacts to alcohol and adjust your drinking habits," said Kennedy.

She added that alcohol will have a greater effect if a woman is under the circumstances of hunger, anger, loneliness or fatigue. Kennedy told the mostly female audience to "drink when you are relaxed, eat

protein foods while drinking alcohol and pace yourself."

Margret Shearon, coordinator for Centre County Women's Resource Center told the audience that "alcohol takes choices away."

The influence of alcohol may increase the risk of sexual assault by impairing a woman's ability to sense danger, Shearon said.

Speaking on sexual assault, Shearon said one in four college women are victims of rape. Contrary to popular belief, Shearon said, the rapist is not someone who is ugly or cannot get a date.

"Ninety percent of rapes committed are by a man the woman knows," she said.

Dana Froke, co-chairman of USG Department of Women's Concerns said researchers estimate alcohol is involved in 60 to 80 percent of all rapes. Froke cited information from a pamphlet compiled by TAAP, USG Department of Women's Concerns and the Center for Women Students titled "Women and Alcohol."

Froke, who was the final panelist to speak, said the University offers few non-alcoholic alternatives.

"Penn State is a 100-proof community," Froke said.

Phi Psi approval may depend on timetable

By JAMES A. STEWART
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Approval for the 1987 Phi Psi 500 may be contingent on a timetable to be set by Phi Kappa Psi fraternity to remove drinking from the race.

The move was suggested by State College Municipal Council President John Dombroski after council members expressed concern at a lunchtime meeting Friday that the annual race, with stops at six downtown bars, is known primarily as a "beer bash."

"If I do not see some kind of decent timetable, my vote will be no," said Council Member Ruth Lavin.

"The focus of the race should be fun for the whole community," Lavin said. "The feedback I've gotten from the community is that it's not fun if the emphasis is on alcohol."

Phi Kappa Psi member Todd Dagen, chairman of the fraternity's Phi Psi 500 committee, said the fraternity would be willing to discuss a timetable among fraternity members and with council.

"We didn't feel it would work to do it all in one year," Dagen said. "In the future, we'll move toward it, but we didn't feel we'd get participants if we just cut (drinking) off in one year."

Dagen said most of the Phi Psi money, earmarked for the Centre Community Hospital paramedic program, comes from entry fees for runners and "Anything Goes" participants.

The fraternity will also arrange to have low alcohol beer instead of regular beer served to race participants this year as a means of curbing drunkenness, Dagen said. Also, he said, participants who do not wish to drink alcoholic beverages will be permitted to drink soda at each stop. The Phi Psi 500 rules require run-

ners to consume a glass of some sort of beverage at each stop.

Council member Daniel Chaffee said replacing Stroh's Beer with Nike shoes as sponsor of the race last year was also a positive step.

Dagen described the race as "more of a parade or a type of festival now." He said all but 100 of last year's participants entered in the "Anything Goes" costume category.

Council member James Bartoo said the race ought to include obstacles, like a water hazard or climbing area, and at least one stop where no alcoholic beverages are served.

"Right now, the focus is on getting from one (bar) to another," Bartoo said. "As long as we don't address that, we're going to have a continuing perception out there that it's one giant beer bust."

"It would be symbolic to have a non-purveyor of beer as a stop," Bartoo said.

Mary Ann Haas, another council member, said the community should allow the race.

"This is a college community," Haas said. "A certain level of tolerance goes with that. As the spring feat the Phi Psi is, it deserves a measure of tolerance."

Council member Dan Winand said the race should be "brought within the standards of the community."

"We can't reduce our standards and keep (State College) the community people want," Winand said. "The race will have to have the alcohol phased out in order to keep with the desires of the community."

Local and nationwide standards have changed since the race began, Winand said, adding that they have been shifting away from accepting alcohol use as "attractive and desirable."

Winand said the group has already made a number of improvements.

Future, reform of education debated at IUP

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INDIANA — Debating numerous education issues, a variety of noted experts in the field gathered here on the campus of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania last week for a symposium titled, "American Dreams: The National Debate about the Future of Education."

During the debates the role of the teacher at all levels of education, values expressed in the curriculum, and whether teachers or the U.S. government should control what is taught in the classroom were discussed.

"Education is in the midst of a reform, often referred to as the excellence reform," said Chester Finn, assistant secretary for Educational Research and Improvement for the U.S. Department of Education.

"We don't need to look far to see the importance of the education issue. Many of the governor races hinge on education," he said.

Education reform concerns the business community and legislators, as well as those in education.

"The business community is giving education reform its best shot and promises to turn its back on public schools if reform does not occur," said Denis Doyle, director of Education Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute for public policy studies in Washington, D.C.

The three-day symposium included workshops, films and a performance by the San Francisco Mime Troupe — a political theater group concerned with current issues.

Noted speakers with opposing views squared off in eight two-and-a-half-hour debates.

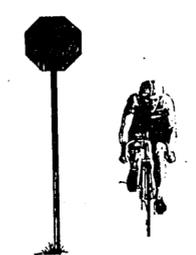
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