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IFC '21-policy' delayed by police busts

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The Interfraternity Council moved to restrict fraternities from serving alcohol to minors 10 days before State College police charged 16 fraternities with serving students younger than 21-years-old as part of a two-month undercover investigation.

The IFC recommendation resulted from work by its Alcohol Policy Research Committee and was passed overwhelmingly by the IFC Nov. 24. It took the form of a non-binding recommendation to fraternity houses to card guests at the door.

IFC President Patrick Conway said the recommendation probably would have become binding policy early next semester.

But the timing of the policy's implementation is now in doubt, Conway said, because the police investigation has forced the delayed reaction of IFC executives and has ruptured relations with the borough.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Conway expressed dismay over the handling of the incident for the following reasons:

- The IFC was moving quickly to implement the "21-policy" after more than 18 months of continuous tightening of the rules governing fraternity parties. Borough officials, including Mayor Arnold Addison and State College Police Chief Elwood Williams, were notified of the "21-policy" by IFC.

- Borough officials never expressed any change in attitude over the issue of underage drinking at fraternity parties during monthly meetings with IFC, according to Conway.

- It remains unclear why police initiated the investigation of IFC because police never found what they said they were looking for: high school students being served alcohol.

Williams said members of the community "raised concerns" with mu-



Elwood G. Williams

nicipal council members, police and school district officials over the serving of high school students. "There is a very serious concern when it comes to high school students," he said.

But Conway said IFC had addressed that issue last year when it required that fraternities check college IDs at the door. "After a two-month investigation they didn't find one high school student. That's indicative of the fact that we are serious about addressing community concerns."

Conway said drinking by underage college students should be expected in a college town but that IFC was attempting to move ahead to change a system marked just a few years ago by open parties where beer flowed freely from taps.

"No community official brought up the concern that we move to a 21-policy. We know it's the law but it's never been a big issue before. It would have been much easier if they would have told us that's what they were interested in. We might have



Pat Conway

been able to move much quicker," Conway said.

"But they never, ever raised the issue of 21," he added.

Williams said he thinks "it would be a very wise move on (IFC's) part" to adopt a 21-policy. "That's the action that needs to be taken."

"We want to make this clear: nobody is saying that underage people can't go into parties. You can invite anyone you want. But if you're under 21 you don't get served."

Conway maintains that "the best

way to facilitate that would have been to come and work with us. We could have combined our resources."

He said he doesn't know how fast IFC would move on the 21-policy now because much of his and other IFC executive's time is "being taken up by answering questions from the press over this incident."

Williams said: "Certainly I expect there would be some strain of relations with this investigation. It is incumbent on both sides now to pick up the pieces and move ahead."

Council upset at findings

By VALERIE BAILEY
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State College Municipal Council members expressed disappointment yesterday at the results of the undercover investigation of underage drinking in 16 fraternities.

At Monday's council meeting, representatives of the Interfraternity Council and Organization of Town Independent Students said the investigation breached the trust between fraternities and the borough.

Council member Mary Ann Haas said she was disappointed that IFC was not able to carry through with its plans to reduce underage drinking under recommendations made by University President Bryce Jordan's Task Force on Alcohol in November 1985. Haas served on the task force.

It seems the fraternities are continuing in their "old ways" and ignoring the law, which has to be obeyed, Haas said. Haas said she believes the police investigation was necessary.

The borough knows parties are taking place and is still receiving noise and vandalism complaints in fraternity neighborhoods, Haas said.

"As elected officials, we must try something. We can't do nothing," she said. "(Fraternity members) are residents of the borough and have the same rights and privileges (as other residents), but no more."

Haas added the borough appreciates the work that student groups do for the community, but that "doesn't give them the right to do anything they want."

Council member Daniel Chaffee said he disagreed with the way the students came before municipal council members during its Monday night meeting, saying that students were "making a big hoopla about how (the borough) broke the faith."

IFC and the OTIS expressed their views to council concerning the plainclothes police action, warning that the student/borough relationship had been shaken.

"But what are the fraternities' responsibilities?" asked Chaffee.

Chaffee acknowledged that it wasn't easy for students to go before the council, but said IFC would be

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Many fraternities stiffen their door policies

By MARTY IRVIN
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Last weekend, fraternities watched their doors more closely because of the State College police investigation that ended with 16 fraternities charged with serving alcohol to minors.

Many fraternities stiffened door policies, others said the investigation didn't affect their plans and still others refused to comment.

Acacia, 234 Locust Lane, one of the fraternities charged, instituted a much stricter door policy since the charges were made, said Acacia President Earl Good.

Good said although Acacia had its usual Thursday night party, only people known by fraternity brothers were allowed in. Good also said the fraternity's formal was the only social function held over the weekend.

No changes were made at Sigma Nu, 340 N. Burrows Road, President Karl Schwartz said, because a closed in-house function was held.

However, he said if an open party had been held, changes would have been made in the door-checking process.

He also said he foresees many changes taking place at open parties next semester, but would not elaborate until a formal statement has been made.

At Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 200 E. Beaver Ave., President Geoff Blatt said "no changes were made in SAE's activities." However, he would not say what those activities were.

Blatt was uncertain what IFC will do concerning the charges, but said he believes IFC is waiting until it receives the citations to plan the best course of action.

Phi Kappa Tau, 408 E. Fairmount Ave., held an in-house formal, but did not have any parties, President-elect Craig Cullinane said. He added he was unsure of IFC's future plans, but when asked about possible formals in the future, he said "all depends upon the outcome of the charges."

Those fraternities that were not charged did not seem to be affected this weekend, and some of them have previously adopted a policy against underage drinking.

Dave Turetsky, a brother at Tau Epsilon Phi, 328 E. Foster Ave., said his fraternity has not been affected by the police charges, because "we have always followed a policy in which no one under 21 drinks at our parties. It is a national policy."

He noted that people must be on a guest list when entering one of the fraternity's open parties, and that over-21 identification is checked at the door and guests' hands are stamped if they want to drink.

Ag research a PSU tradition

Editor's Note: This is the third article in a five-part series focusing on University research and its applications. Today's article focuses on research in agriculture.

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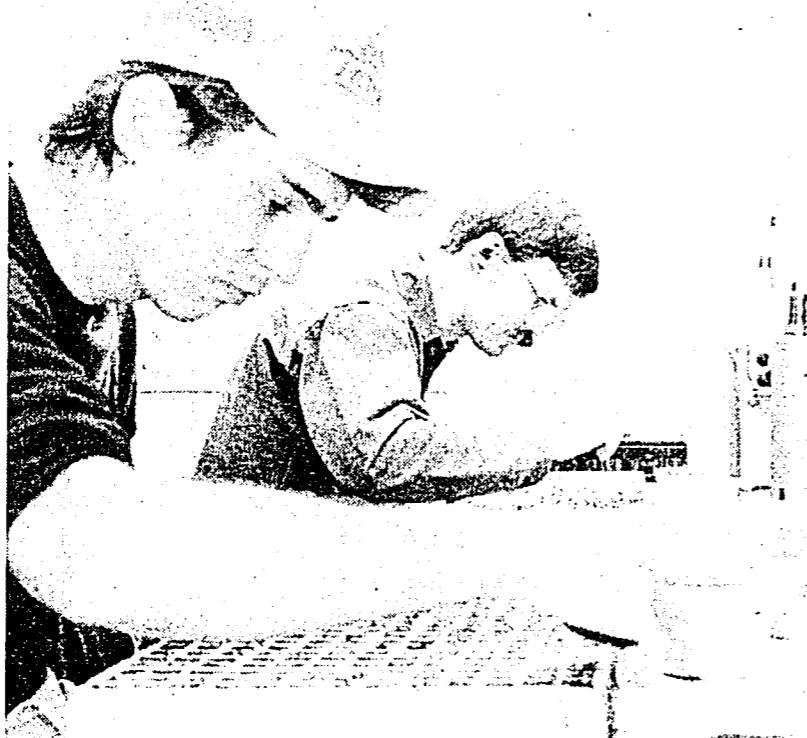
In 1859, a portion of today's University campus was the homeland for the Farmers High School. Now, 127 years later, the University houses a nationally-recognized program in agricultural research, with research expenditures totaling \$34,214,000 — a sum higher than the expenditures of any other college.

"We've had agriculture at Penn State right from the beginning. It has been a central part of the University for a long time," said Lamartine F. Hood, dean of the College of Agriculture. "Over the years, we've had an enormous impact on Pennsylvania agriculture, which is now the No. 1 industry in the state. Many of our projects are also long-term ... we're addressing issues that are of importance to tomorrow."

The University's departments of dairy and animal science, its department of frozen desserts and chocolate, and its program in fresh mushroom production are just some of the areas that have won national and international titles, Hood said.

Funding from the state and federal governments and private industry has backed research in all departments, he added. "Within the private sector, we have a tremendous number of sources, from individual growers to major industries like DuPont and industrial associations such as the American Dairy Association."

Hood and Charles Krueger, associate dean of research for the University's College of Agriculture, are both quick to point out that agricultural research, which benefits not only farmers and rural communities but consumers and urban communities



Norm Thompson (junior-agronomy), left, and Roy Knupp (research technology)

transplant individual plants of turfgrass in a University lab.

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Today temperatures will be falling through the 30s. Tonight it will be mostly clear and cold. Low near 20. And tomorrow it will be noticeable cooler but we will see sunshine as the high reaches 32.....Heidi Sonen

S. African educator quits

Tober criticized apartheid at PSU

By DAMON CHAPPIE
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When Karl Tober spoke here in October, he lashed out at white radical students who don't want blacks to attend the South African university where he serves as vice chancellor. He called them "bastards."

Since Tober's return to the University of Witwatersrand, he has been embroiled in controversy because those same radicals obtained a copy of *The Daily Collegian's* report of his speech and have used it to call for his resignation.

Sources here say the incident illustrates why South African students attending the University under its SHARE scholarship program are afraid to speak out on such issues as divestment and racism. If they do, they place themselves in jeopardy: Their families might be harassed, they might not be able to return home or if they do, they might be thrown in jail.

The controversy surrounding Tober began soon after he returned from a tour of the United States, where he spoke at leading universities such as Harvard, Princeton and Yale for the improvement of education for blacks in South Africa.

The Nov. 22 issue of *Johannesburg Star* carried a story titled "A campus in turmoil" that examined the problems that have rocked Wits (pronounced Vits) University, a leading English-speaking university in Johannesburg that is seeking to increase the number of blacks despite the barriers imposed by racial hatred and apartheid.

The article quoted the *Collegian's* front-page story of Tober's speech here before the University Faculty Senate. The speech attacked a far-right student group called the Moderate Student Alliance, saying it made "the KKK look like a heavenly choir."

The *Star* reported that Tober declined to comment after he was shown a copy of the *Collegian* and that "later that day he announced he was to retire at the end of 1988."

Sources at Wits denied that the *Collegian* article played a part in Tober's decision to retire, adding that he had privately announced his decision last April to Wits University's trustees.

However, pro-apartheid groups used the article to call for Tober's immediate resignation. J.R. Lambson, chairman of the University Freedom of Speech Association, said Tober's statement "demonstrates his

prejudice against moderate students and his abject failure to control and discipline radical students responsible for violence and intimidation on campus."

The Nov. 22 *Star* reported that the deans of Wits University unanimously signed a letter of support for Tober, who they said "met the demands of his office ... with dignity, sympathy and courage."

W. LaMarr Kopp, Penn State's vice president for international programs and a "close friend" of Tober's, said he has spoken to him recently and that Tober stands behind everything he said while he was in the United States.

Tober has been watched by the South African government and pro-apartheid groups because of his strong commitment to bring blacks into the educational system, Kopp said. The Moderate Student Alliance, "which is anything but moderate," Kopp said, claims that Tober is "blackening the university."

Their purpose is to undermine the students opposed to apartheid, said Etienne Marais, president of Wit's Student Representative Council — a group similar to Penn State's Undergraduate Student Government.

A secretary in Tober's office said Tober was unavailable for comment but confirmed that Tober's decision to retire was not linked to the *Collegian* article. When asked who sent the *Collegian* article to Johannesburg, she said, "We don't know but we sure would like to find out."

"There are eyes and ears everywhere," said Kopp, adding that most South Africans maintain a low profile because of the dangers they face at home if they speak out here.

"If this could happen to Tober, think of what would happen to one of us," said a black South African student.

Several South African students here declined to be interviewed for this article because they said they fear for their families in South Africa.

A white South African student said he knows his mail has been opened and that he has been followed either by agents of the South African intelligence network or sympathizers of the Pretoria government.

A black South African student said: "The South African espionage system is very sophisticated. We suspect even there are agents in (Penn State) who are watching."

"That is why we lie low," the student said.

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