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Alcohol on Campus: Policy and Protest

Provost’s Memorandum 9-88 was in production, and University Council members had just received the October agenda listing Alcohol Policy as the only scheduled discussion item, when a coalition of fraternities blocked Locust Walk to nonstop traffic Friday by chaining some 20 beer kegs across the walk and standing on them.

As passersby climbed over the low brick retaining wall at 33rd Street to get around the blockade a College junior, Adrienne Banks, injured her knee in a fall and was taken to HUP Emergency, where she was treated and released.

After campus police dispersed the group, the protesters carried their kegs to College Hall and chained them in the central corridor and reception area of the President’s Office.

The President’s staff sent for a chain cutter, then had the kegs delivered to the distributor whose name was on them and collected some $900 in deposits--which President Hackney then donated to the C.A.R.E. (Campus Alcohol Resources and Education) program, one of the campus organizations preparing events for Alcohol Awareness Week starting October 24.

The newer focus is in-house and campus-wide. The Provost’s Memorandum applies regardless of the age of the drinker, and includes a “no kegs” rule for any event held on University premises except where a unit holds a state liquor license (e.g., the Faculty Club, Penn Tower Hotel, or Wharton Education Center). It also prohibits serving alcohol or malt beverages in any form outdoors on campus property except when a sponsored event is granted a formal exception by the Manager of Facilities Services.

Art & Sciences: $400,000 for Social Science

On the heels of the College’s adoption of a core curriculum grant of $400,000 to develop new courses in the social sciences with emphasis on broader and deeper offerings for non-majors.

The three-year grant will support an initiative called the Program for Revitalizing Undergraduate Social Science Education (PRUSSE) by funding a series of faculty seminars that will develop fresh interdisciplinary courses. It parallels a graduate-level program already under way (known as PARSS, for Program for Assessing and Revitalizing the Social Sciences, and funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation). The PRUSSE project fits into the implementation of the College’s new General Requirement, which requires undergraduates to choose a proportion of their credits from a wide range of courses outside their majors. PRUSSE courses will broaden the options for the nearly 75% of Penn undergraduates who are not in the social science quadrant.

“Rarely does the University have an opportunity to respond to a grant that so strategically addresses the critical needs and priorities at Pennsylvania,” President Sheldon told the Ford Foundation.

SAS Dean Hugo Sommenschien named Dr. Ivar Berg, professor of sociology and associate dean for undergraduate studies, to direct PRUSSE.

Dean Berg will have a faculty steering committee from anthropology, economics, history and sociology of science, political science, regional science and sociology.

This fall the steering committee will survey undergraduate social sciences programs at several peer institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Columbia and Chicago. Proposals to establish specific seminars will be reviewed by December, and the first PRUSSE seminars will begin in Spring 1989. At least four one-semester seminars are planned per semester, through Spring 1991.

Topics sought will be “significant, interdisciplinary issues that show promise as themes for undergraduate distributional courses,” Dr. Berg said. “Our guidelines will emphasize the need to introduce fundamentals that cut across the social sciences.” As examples he listed comparative study of national economies within the global one, integrating economics, political science, sociology, regional science and anthropology; the exploration of the changing demographics of the American family (using resources of the Population Studies Center) and the social bases of behavior as affected by race, gender and class, which could draw from history, Afro-American studies and women’s studies.

Attack on a Student

Seung K. Leung, a 25-year-old Penn graduate student from Hong Kong, was found unconscious with extensive head injuries Friday evening in Clark Park, two blocks from his Larchwood Avenue apartment. He was found by a passerby at about 7 p.m. At midnight Monday Mr. Leung’s condition in the surgical intensive care unit at HUP was listed as poor.

Philadelphia Police arrested two juveniles Sunday and charged them with aggravated assault, simple assault, robbery, theft, conspiracy, recklessly endangering another person and possession of an instrument of crime.
SENEATE
From the Senate Office

The following statement is published in accordance with the Senate Rules. Among other purposes the publication of SEC actions is intended to stimulate discussion between the constituencies and their representatives. We would be pleased to hear suggestions from members of the Faculty Senate. Please communicate your comments to Senate Chair David P. Balamuth or Faculty Senate Staff Assistant Carolyn Burdon, 15 College Hall/6303, Ext. 8-6943.

Actions Taken by the Senate Executive Committee
Wednesday, October 6, 1988

1. Academic Planning & Budget Committee. Heard a presentation by Provost Aiken concerning specific items to be considered by this year’s Academic Planning & Budget Committee as well as the current status of the working groups who will be developing a draft 5-year plan for the University.

2. Alcohol Policy. Discussed with the Provost how the new Pennsylvania state law might affect the University. Decided that the University Council Committee on Student Affairs would be the best committee to review and evaluate the University’s policy.

3. Committee Appointments:
   a. Senate Nominating Committee for 1988-89. Agreed that the Senate Executive Committee would vote by mail ballot on the list of names proposed by members of the Senate Executive Committee.
   b. Senate Committee on Academic Freedom & Responsibility (SCAFR). Appointed Curtis Reitz (law professor) to fill a one-year vacancy on SCAFIR.
   c. At-large members of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). Nominated candidates to fill two 1-year at-large vacancies on SEC, final decision to be made by mail ballot to SEC members.
   d. Assistant Professor Vacancy on SEC. SEC elected Fay W. Whitney (assistant professor nursing) to serve until May 1990 on the Senate Executive Committee.

4. Proposed Faculty Senate Rules change. Decided to submit to mail ballot of the Faculty Senate a proposal by last year’s Senate Committee on Administration that assistant professors be elected by the same procedures as other at-large members of the Senate Executive Committee.

5. University-wide Committees. Discussed the appropriate role of the Faculty Senate in the selection of members of university-wide committees.

OF RECORD

Following is the text of Provost’s Memorandum No. 9-88, sent Monday, October 10, 1988, to all Academic Deans and heads of Resource Centers.

On Alcohol

In May, 1988, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania passed legislation imposing significant new criminal penalties on underage drinkers (under age 21); on individuals, organizations and institutions that knowingly permit underage drinking on their premises (the “third party provider provision”); and on the possession or use of false identification. The penalties include mandatory fines and loss of driving privileges for specified periods. Under the new legislation, the courts have no discretion to lower the penalties; further, under existing criminal law, additional penalties, including prison sentences, may also be imposed. These new provisions of the Pennsylvania Liquor and Crimes Codes went into effect last spring. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, more than 4400 drivers’ licenses of underage drinkers already have been suspended.

Because this is a new law, we are uncertain under what circumstances criminal sanctions will be imposed under the third party provider provision. We believe, however, that in the context of a civil case where an injury to persons or property is alleged, a finding of a criminal violation may increase the University’s exposure to civil liability.

The University has a long-standing policy on the use of alcohol in accordance with the Pennsylvania Liquor and Crimes Codes. The University alcohol policy gives each administrative unit controlling facilities the responsibility to ensure that alcohol use in those areas under their control conforms to University guidelines and Commonwealth statutes. In addition, the University takes seriously its responsibility to educate students to the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse and, in recent years, has taken broad measures to increase awareness among students of the effects and consequences of alcohol use. Such efforts include Alcohol Awareness Week, the Campus Alcohol Resources and Education program (CARE), peer educators, and Penn Spirit programs during Dry Rush.

Because the new legislation has such significant implications for our campus, the President and I have asked the Vice Provost for University Life, Dr. Kim Morrison, to take steps to educate students about the new legislation and their potential risk, and to assure the University’s compliance. Among the steps that have been taken to discourage underage drinking are the banning of kegs of beer from fraternity and sorority chapter houses (kegs have long been banned from our residence halls and other residential settings) and the restriction of alcohol consumption in public areas outside residential buildings owned or controlled by the University.

Although the new law does not prescribe specific measures through which an institution may evidence compliance, these measures reflect our concern that alcohol not be perceived as the focal point of social continued past insert
Guidelines on Alcohol at Penn

1. Deans and heads of resource centers have the authority and responsibility to govern the use of alcohol in areas they control, both indoors and out, within the limits of the State law and University policy.

2. Underage drinking of alcohol is not permitted on University property.

3. Outdoor activities involving alcohol should be limited to areas that are clearly demarcated and in which it is possible to exercise adequate control. No drinking in outdoor public areas such as walkways, building steps and porches, unenclosed patios, green spaces, etc., is permitted regardless of the age of the drinker. Sponsored functions where an exception to this rule is sought must be reviewed by the appropriate Dean or resource center head, or in the case of such areas as Levey Park, the Superblock green space and Hill Field, by the Manager of Facilities Services. Exceptions should be made on an event-by-event basis and should involve a preponderance of those of legal drinking age.

4. Steps should be taken at all events where alcohol is served or possessed by attendants to monitor and control access to alcohol to avoid service to underage drinkers. These could include the following measures:
   a. A designated responsible host;
   b. An of-age adult to dispense the alcohol; and
   c. Requiring age identification from drinkers and/or stamping the hands of persons who provide identification.

5. Except for those holding liquor licenses, such as the Faculty Club, the Penn Tower Hotel, and the Wharton Executive Education Center, no kegs of beer are to be allowed at any University function.

---Michael Aiken

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ALMANAC October 11, 1988

Speaking Out

Open Letter to Faculty and Staff

After the long summer closing for asbestos removal and renewal of the heating and air-conditioning systems, the Faculty Club reopened after Labor Day for full service. We are now writing to explain certain innovations and to solicit your help and your comments.

The greatest changes are (1) the reduction in annual dues to $20, (2) the introduction of a fixed-price, all-you-can-eat lunch in the cafeteria, and (3) the relocation of the sandwich table to the Club Room in the lower level. These changes were made to spread billing, to increase the use of the Club and thus to improve its financial condition; and to prevent delays at the checkout counter.

Those of you who have found other places to eat during the summer are urged to return to the Club, and those who have not previously been members are urged to join. If the $4.75 lunch, which is an excellent buy, is more than you are accustomed to paying, please consider that for most members dues have been reduced by $115. Thus if you eat at the Club one hundred times a year, you are already saving $11.50 on each meal. If your visits are less frequent you save even more.

If you have not yet done so, please join or rejoin the Club by sending in your check for $20 (dis query: send where?). You may pay for meals either by the declining balance method, or with cash. The former involves opening an account with a deposit of $105 in credit. This is the equivalent of 5% interest on every $100. When you present your Penn ID card, the cashier can tell you your remaining balance at any time.

The Faculty Club exists for the benefit of its members and their guests. It has long been a meeting place for congenial groups to relax and feel at home. We want to keep it that way and trust that you will let us know your reactions to its operation and will make suggestions for improvement. The Board of Governors will do all in its power to preserve the collegiality of the Club and to respond to the wishes of its members.

Please address your replies to Dr. Edward B. Shils, President, at the Faculty Club, 3600 Walnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19104.

---G. Malcolm Laws,
Matthew Stephens and Henry Teune for the Board of Governors

Giving an Alcohol Program?

Penn's celebration of Alcohol Awareness Week will begin Monday, October 24. This year is especially high this year because of changes in state law affecting minors, and University guidelines for the entire campus population.

The Office of Student Life is coordinating a campus-wide focus on alcohol awareness/education, and we are working to generate a calendar with a variety of topics and presentations in order to reach as many people as possible. As in the past, we will be distributing a unified calendar of programs sponsored by many resource people and departments.

This is an invitation to add to our calendar. If your School, center or department is planning any activity to mark Alcohol Awareness Week, please send information to me at the Office of Student Life Programs, 115 Houston Hall/6306, by October 14. Include the title of your program, its nature, its presenters' names and brief backgrounds, date, time and location.

---Terri White, Director of Student Life Programs, on behalf of the Alcohol Awareness Committee
Department of Public Safety Crime Report

This report contains tallies of Part I crimes, a listing of Part I crimes against persons, and summaries of Part I crime in the five busiest sectors on campus where two or more incidents were reported between October 3 and October 9, 1988.

Total Crime: Crimes Against Persons--0, Burglaries--2, Thefts--24, Thefts of Auto--24

Attempted Thefts of Auto--2

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<td>Mace took from house/field.</td>
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<td>Leavy Bldg.</td>
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Expressway to 32nd St., University Ave. to Walnut St.

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<td>Lot#45</td>
<td>Steering column damaged on vehicle.</td>
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<td>5:11 AM</td>
<td>Lot#45</td>
<td>Arrest/Male attempting to steal vehicle.</td>
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37th St. to 36th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk

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<td>Vance Hall</td>
<td>Secured bike taken from rack.</td>
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<td>6:42 PM</td>
<td>Vance Hall</td>
<td>Wallet taken from unattended knapsack.</td>
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36th St. to 37th St., Locust Walk to Walnut St.

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<td>10-07-88</td>
<td>9:40 AM</td>
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<td>Water ice cart taken from yard.</td>
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33rd St. to 34th St., Spruce St. to Walnut St.

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<td>Bennett Hall</td>
<td>Items taken from various offices.</td>
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<td>10-06-88</td>
<td>8:06 AM</td>
<td>Smith Hall</td>
<td>Tools taken overnight/doors left open.</td>
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Safety Tip: Community policing is a new philosophy in law enforcement that marries a police department and its citizenry in a dynamic partnership aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime. Let's get together--report poor lighting, broken windows and doors, inoperative telephones and all crime to campus police.

18th Police District

Schuylkill River to 49th St., Market St. to Schuylkill/Woodland Ave.

Reported crimes against persons from 12:01 a.m. 9-26-88 to 11:59 p.m. 10-02-88.

Total: Crimes Against Persons--10, Aggravated Assault/gun--1, Aggravated Assault/fist--1
Rape/unknown--1, Aggravated Assault/biting--1, Attempted Robbery/knife--1, Robbery/gun--1, Robbery/list--1, Robbery/strongarm--3, Arrests--2

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<td>Rape/unknown</td>
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Update

Exhibits

12 Analytical Theatre: New Art from Britain; an innovative exhibition of new British art opens its 1988-89 season; 5-7 p.m., Institute of Contemporary Art; Through November 27 (Institute of Contemporary Art).

Talks

11 Chemosensitivitly of Nodular Neurons in Tissue Cultures; Judy Neubauer, department of Medicine, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 1-2 p.m., Physiology Library, 4th floor, Richards Building (Respiratory Physiology Group and Department of Anesthesiology).

12 Oral Argument on Appeal; former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr.; 4 p.m. Room 100, Law School (Law School).


14 Form and Function in Mosque Complexes; Apullah Kuran, chair, history department, Bogazici University, Istanbul; 3 p.m., Room 207, Meyerson Hall (History of Art Colloquium Series).

16 One Flash; Helen Chadwick, sculptor/photographer; 2 p.m., Institute of Contemporary Art (Institute of Contemporary Art).

18 Molecular Mechanisms of the Respiratory Process at the Mitochondrial Level; Baltzar Reynafarge, department of biological chemistry, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; 1-2 p.m., Physiology Library, 4th floor, Richards Building (Respiratory Physiology Group and Department of Anesthesiology).

19 Political Dominions and the Idea of Chosenness of Rabbinic Literature; Gerald Blidstein, visiting professor, department of Jewish Thought, Bratz College, Ben Gurion University; 5 p.m., West Lounge, Williams Hall (Jewish Studies Seminar).

How to Get the Most Out of the University Libraries; 10 a.m.-noon, Room 302, Van Pelt Library. Call Ext. 8-7991 to register.

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