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Bar owners say vandalism depends on crowd type

By Cindy Coglianese

Some bars have it, some don't—at least not to a large degree. It comes in with the customers and usually leaves with them. It is vandalism.

Vandalism is represented by beer glass collections complete with pitchers in residence hall rooms, fraternity and sorority houses, or displayed in the apartment bedroom or kitchen.

Vandalism also is towel racks torn off walls, holes kicked through men's restroom walls and broken windows.

What type of person is the culprit? According to Larry Cole, manager of Duffy's, 1412 O St., it has something to do with the age group. He said the 19-year-olds who are just beginning to drink have to learn how to handle alcohol.

Cole said he goes through about two to three cases of beer glasses a week. He talks about incidents such as one when a "young lady" who was celebrating her birthday was warned by the management that she might have had one drink too many. In disgust, she ripped the towel rack off the wall in the women's bathroom, Cole said.

Another incident with a "young lady"

occurred when she was not permitted to enter the bar because she had no identification. She kicked out the front window, Cole said.

There also are cigarette burns and slashes in the booth seats. Cole said he recently replaced all the booth seat covers and notices that already a few are damaged.

"Seventy five percent of the kids that come in here are really good, responsible kids," Cole said. "It's the 20 to 25 percent who don't care."

Cole said he expects the typical wear and tear that a bar gets, but he said this has been his worst year for vandalism and he predicts it will get even worse next year.

Cole said he has a doorman check identification at the door and both sides of his bar are patrolled to discourage vandalism.

The manager of the Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14 St., said the small amount of vandalism that occurs in his bar is one of the costs of doing business.

Few problems

"The only places without vandalism are the places without business," manager Keith Landgren said.

He said he expects to replace beer glasses every few weeks.

But he said he has few problems with vandalism.

"Our customers are a little more laid back," Landgren said. "Our customers just don't want to do that kind of stuff."

Landgren said he thinks bars "who do business with fraternities" probably suffer more damage than does the Zoo Bar.

Jeff Aden, manager of McGuffey's, 1042 P St., reported little vandalism at his bar since its opening in June.

Along with the usual breakage of glass, Aden said a Big Red flag left outside overnight was stolen. He said personnel constantly patrol the bar, which may explain the lack of violence at McGuffey's.

Dick Laird, manager of the Brass Rail, 14th and O Sts., said that he has about as much vandalism in his bar as any of the other downtown bar.

Restrooms suffer

"Anything that is vandalized or broken goes into your cost operation and then your cost operation goes up," Laird said. "Some guy is in here eating glass trying to impress the little girls and the little girls

laugh and think it's cute. All they are actually doing is driving the prices up."

Laird estimated that it costs \$3,000 per school year to combat the vandalism. He said one incident in the men's bathroom cost him \$98.

At the Starship Enterprise, 8th and P Sts., the restrooms suffer some of the worst vandalism. General manager and owner, Randy Grieser, said he once had a hole in the men's restroom wall. He added that the women's restroom always looks "like a tornado hit it."

"The women's restroom is the biggest mess. Towel racks get torn off the wall—I believe most women are slobbers from the looks of the bathroom," Grieser said.

He said stolen glasses are a problem, primarily wine glasses and brandy snifters. He said he replaces two cases of each every month.

"We clamp down tight here," Grieser said. "It's not a rowdy crowd." He said his customers range from young to middle-age working people.

"I would like to use a lot more attractive glass here, but I know it would get stolen," Grieser said.

OSI candidate Wurtz wants 'new integrity' for ASUN

By Shelley Smith

Editor's note: This is the first in a five-part series of parties and candidates running in the ASUN election. The presidential candidates will be interviewed in the same order that their names will be placed on the ballot.

If the Organized Students of Independents have their way in the ASUN elections scheduled March 21, they will bring "new integrity" to ASUN, according to OSI presidential candidate Denny Wurtz.

The way to achieve this integrity, according to Wurtz, a 20-year-old political science and economics major, is to increase student interest in ASUN and gain higher credibility with the NU Board of Regents and UNL faculty.

"When you have a strong student force backing you up, there's more to the words you say," he said.

Wurtz is in his second year at UNL, but because of classes taken while he attended Creighton Prep High School in Omaha, he is classified as a junior.

Fair job

He said he plans to graduate in three and a half years, and then attend law school.

Wurtz said he felt ASUN has done a fair job this year through their reorganization, but added that the lack of students voting in the election last year hindered their effectiveness.

"We can no longer have people who purport to represent us be elected by only 10 percent of the student body," he said.

Student regents' attaining the power to vote at meetings is idealistic, according to Wurtz, but he said it "is probably not going to happen."

"We can't even approach the Board of Regents or the Legislature without showing them that ASUN really is representative of the students," he said.

Interest groups

OSI comprises students living in residence halls or off-campus. Wurtz said the party has been criticized for being a limited interest group.

However, Wurtz said he feels his party can represent every interest group on campus fairly.

To minimize Greek-independent friction, Wurtz said he would meet with the committee heads of each group to "work toward a better educational atmosphere."

"I want to keep academic competition in the classroom, and away from Greek-independent rivalry. We should work as a team," he said.

Wurtz said he is not afraid to take a stand on any issue or to "make noise" on campus.

Priorities

If elected, he said, one of his first priorities will be to reorganize the budget to allow for necessary budget priority changes.

"There are some areas that are emphasized so much more than others that really need the enhancement," he said.

"Agriculture College is an important part of Nebraska and to the university—but it's only one part," he said.

He said he would ask for total senatorial input into budget decisions and would inform everyone what the proposed recommendations would be.

He admitted that working with the administration

causes several obstacles in attaining what students may want with the budget, but said he realizes that it is necessary to work with the administration.

Longer visitation

Wurtz said he supports longer visitation hours in the residence halls, but added that 24-hour visitation privileges possibly would create security problems.

Also, he said the possibility of alcohol on campus hinges on the results of the legislative bills which would raise the drinking age to 21.

If the bills are defeated, he said he will push for alcohol on campus because "students of age shouldn't be denied their rights in their rooms."

Wurtz also said the 10-cent bus fee charged to students traveling between city and East campus is wrong, and would like to work out a compromise to allow those students to ride free.

Party members

Wurtz's first vice president is Fred Kelly, a junior political science major. His second vice president is Diane Walkowiak, a junior social science and education major.

OSI senators are:
Agriculture: Brad Gottula, Dave L. Johnson, Don Von Seggern

Architecture: Bob North
Arts and Sciences: Sally E. Garcia, Julie R. King, Gary Johnson, Julie Larsen, Pat McGuire, Lynn Mongar, Kelly Predmore

Business: Brent Kenworthy, Mark McDermott
Engineering: Brad Irvin, Laine Summers
Teachers: Kathy Fishwood, Mona Weatherwax
Graduate: Vernon Daniels

Professor says conflict is unlikely

By Lynn Paustian

The military showdown in Southeast Asia may result in an economic slowdown for China, but is unlikely to escalate into a Sino-Soviet war, according to a UNL political science professor.

Peter Cheng, a Far East Asian Studies instructor, said Friday that China's invasion of Vietnam has turned the public opinion of many nations, including Japan and the United States, against the Chinese.

"The key point, I think, is the image change so that the United States and Japan slow down their help to China," Cheng said.

He explained that China had built up a good image through peace appearances with Japan, normalization procedures with the United States, and as champions of the anti-Vietnamese and anti-Russians in Southeast Asia.

However, when China stepped into Vietnam, those countries all "thought twice," Cheng said.

Warmongers

"The Chinese quickly became warmongers," he explained.

Cheng said that as a result of the negative attitude toward China, the United States and Japan may slow down their scientific, technical and corporate assistance. He explained that this would hamper China's modernization and economic build up.

"That's a big loss," Cheng added.

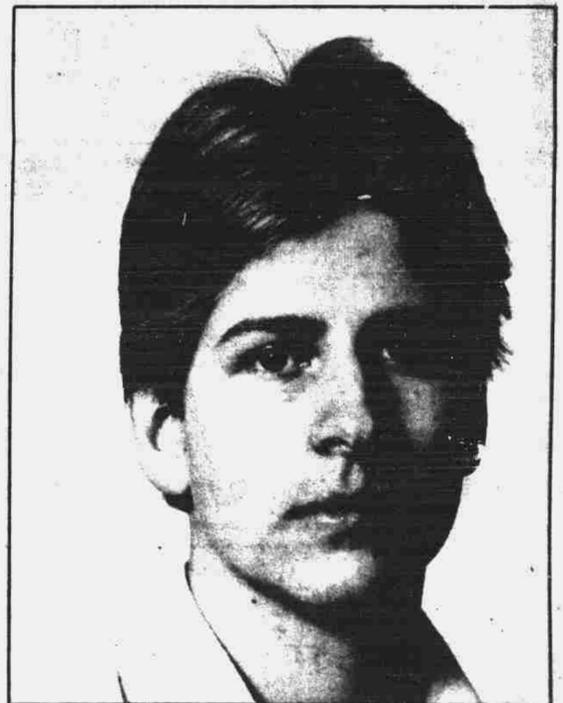


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OSI Presidential Candidate Denny Wurtz

However, the cost of China's Vietnam invasion is unlikely to include a war with the Soviet Union, according to Cheng.

"The Sino-Soviet war over the Vietnam issue is not inevitable; it can be avoided," he said.

Cheng explained that Soviet statements have implied a lack of Russian interest in becoming physically involved in the Vietnamese conflict.

Soft warning

The Soviet talk says Vietnam has the ability to defend her own countries, Cheng said, and added as long as Vietnam can manage its own affairs, the Soviets will stay out.

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