

**Guest Opinion**

**Education better deterrent than bill**

Teen-age drivers are involved in one out of every five fatal accidents that occur. Close to 9,000 teen-agers (15 to 19 years old) were killed in motor vehicle accidents in 1980.

Almost 60 percent of fatally injured teen-age drivers were found to have alcohol in their blood systems prior to crashing; 43 percent had blood alcohol concentration levels greater than or equal to .10 percent.

Of the 25,000 persons who die each year in drunken driving accidents, 5,000 are teen-agers. That means 14 teen-agers die each day in drunken driving accidents.

Alcohol involvement in fatal accidents involving teen-agers is at least three times greater in night-time accidents (between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m.) than it is in daytime accidents (between 4 a.m. and 8 p.m.).

Although teen-agers comprise only 8 percent of the driver population and account for only 6 percent of the

vehicle miles traveled in this country, they add up to 17 percent of all drivers involved in accidents and at least 15 percent of all drunken drivers in accidents.

These facts were published by the U.S. Department of Transportation and were derived from a report by the National Center for Statistics and Analysis.

What this report seems to confirm is that the establishment of a legal drinking age doesn't seem to have much impact on the teen-age drunken driving problem. Only six states now establish the legal drinking age under 19 years, yet a disproportionate number of the traffic accidents attributed to alcohol across the United States involve young people under the legal age.

There is now a bill pending in the state Legislature (LB56) that seeks to raise the legal drinking age from 20 to 21 — the second time in three years that the legal drinking age has been raised. The net result of the last rising of the legal drinking age in Nebraska was an increase in drunken driving arrests with a still disproportionate number of those involved in accidents and arrests under the legal drinking age.

In my opinion, raising the legal drinking age is not an answer to the problem. The answer, if there is one, is in education and public awareness and a responsible attitude toward the dispensing of intoxicating beverages on the part of those who derive their livelihood from its existence.

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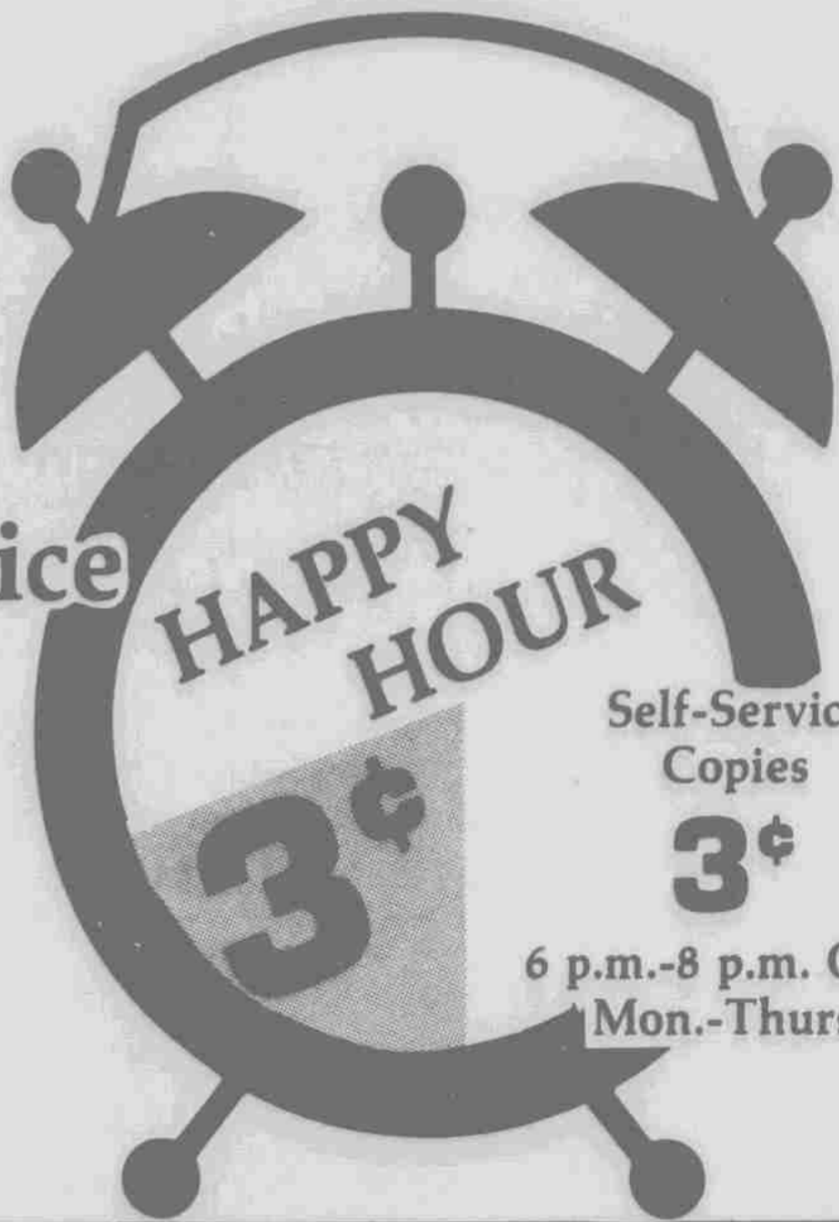


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