

# Student drinking . . .

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The pressure on students to drink is more perceived than actual, said Elsie Shore, assistant professor of psychology at Wichita State University in Kansas.

Shore, who studied drinking on the UNL campus in 1978, said many students fear not being "with-it kind of people."

Although some students entice others to drink, more students drink because they worry about what their peers will think, Shore said.

Those students are afraid of abstaining, she said, because American culture causes people to think that abstainers are "nerds."

"We drink just so people don't think we are wet blankets," Shore said.

In a random sampling of 548 undergraduate students, Shore said she found some interesting results.

The study focused on the amount of resistance students showed when they were pressured to drink. Shore said at UNL, women tend to resist more than men. Resistance increases, she said, as a student matures during college.

When Shore compared students in different environments, she found the environment has a major influence on

encouraging students to drink.

In the Greek system fraternity members offer the least resistance to drinking, she said. In contrast, sorority members have the most resistance. Residence hall men and women offer equal resistance, which is a medium between fraternity and sorority resistance, Shore said.

American culture causes people to fail to recognize that alcohol is a drug, said Mary Jo Williams, executive director of the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, Inc. Because the use and abuse of alcohol is accepted, drinking is encouraged, she said.

Advertising takes partial responsibility for creating the impression that people who drink are wealthy, attractive and sexy, Shore said. Liquor companies spend billions of dollars to get that message to young adults.

Students are constantly bombarded with advertising that show them how to have fun with alcohol and how to escape, Shore said. College students are a "captive audience" because they are accessible and will experiment, she said. "We're really confused — we don't know if it (drinking) is a good thing or bad thing."

Media advertising on drink-

ing has improved in recent years, particularly on television, Shore said. Alcoholics Anonymous and other groups have tried to create public awareness through television. The groups try to show that drinking includes more than glamour, she said.

Those interviewed agreed that "social" drinking is not a problem, but it becomes a problem when students start taking risks.

Alcohol abusers take the risk of experiencing social, psychological and physical problems, Rivers said.

The biggest problem once after social drinking ends is when students get into automobile accidents, Shore said. Accidents often are alcohol related, she said.

Reliance on alcohol can cause students to lose friends, miss classes or do poorly in courses, she said.

If someone drinks to go to a party and talk to people, it's not social drinking — that's a potential problem, Shore said.

A healthy American attitude toward drinking is tolerance in the use of alcohol, she said.

Drinkers should realize that alcohol is a drug and it affects judgement, Shore said.

# Domestic violence...

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There are three stages in the abusive cycle, Rine said. The first is the "Tension Building" stage. This occurs when some kind of stress comes into the man's life — perhaps the loss of a job, or overwhelming bills. Verbal or psychological abuse often occurs during this stage.

Then, off goes the trigger — maybe the kids fight, or the woman talks to another man and the second stage, "Acute Violence," begins. This stage involves the hitting, kicking, slapping, sexual abuse and sometimes death of the victim. This is often the worst and longest of all three stages, Rine said.

And then the third, Honeymoon Phase, almost always follows the abuse. The man tells his wife he is sorry and that he needs her and loves her.

"That's exactly what she wants to hear," Rine said.

"Once a pattern is established the time span is going to decrease, and the level of injury will increase," Rine said.

And that is what the Rape/Spouse Abuse Center is for — to help abused women make their own decisions and to let them know they're not alone.

"Once we get contact from the battered woman, we get her to

come in, and let her know she is not responsible for the violence," Rine said.

The Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Line, 475-7273 is open 24-hours a day.

# Tally error gives Rogic second spot

An error by the Election Commission resulted in a mistake in the vote tallying for the Homecoming Royalty.

Nancy Rogic should have been named first runner-up for Homecoming Queen. She will share the title with Yvette Walker, who was named first runner-up during half time of the Nebraska-Oklahoma State football game. Denise Garey, second runner-up, will keep her title.

The tally for the other Homecoming Royalty was correct.

# Police Report

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 1:18 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday.

- 1:18 a.m. — Noise disturbance reported at Pound Hall.
- 7:47 a.m. — Injury reported at Oldfather Hall. Person reportedly injured a leg and was taken to the University Health Center.
- 8:10 a.m. — Two-vehicle accident reported at 16th and U streets. No injuries were reported.
- 8:49 a.m. — Security alarm reported sounding at Love Library.
- 9 a.m. — Stereo equipment reported stolen from vehicle in Parking Area 3 near New Hampshire Street.
- 11:17 a.m. — Furniture reported stolen from 1125 N. 16th St.
- 7 p.m. — Security alarm reported sounding at Love Library.

# UNL author to give tips at workshop

Workshops for aspiring and professional writers will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 20 at the Cornhusker Convention Center. Morning sessions include "How to Use Writing Skills to Make Money," "Unorthodox Methods of Publishing," "Writing for the Literary Market" and "How to Find a Good Publishing Contract."

Barbara Kerr, author of a new book on "Smart Girls," psychologist and assistant professor of educational psychology at UNL, will be the luncheon speaker on "How to Unblock Creative Skills." Afternoon round-table discussions with well-known authors include "Writing Westerns," "Writing for Young Adults," "How to

Make Money Free Lancing," "I Couldn't Put It Down — Plots That Thicken," "Inspirational Writing" and "Magazine Article Writing." The cost of the conference, including the luncheon, is \$15. For information or reservations, call Lynn Hawkins at 472-2167 or 423-7900 before Oct. 18.

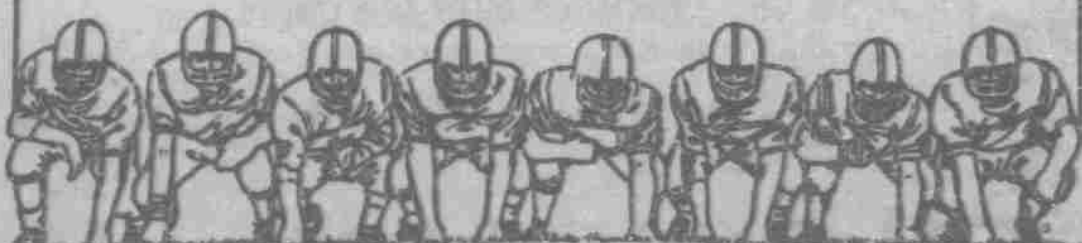
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