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Wining and dining

Exceptions to alcohol policy hypocritical

Friday, the NU Board of Regents added the Lied Center to its list of approved on-campus locations to consume and distribute alcoholic beverages at private events.

The Lied Center now joins a host of other previously approved campus locations prime for wining and dining bigwigs with big money.

ASUN President Bryan Hill was upset with the regents' decision, but for the wrong reasons.

He said serving alcohol at approved locations sends a hypocritical message to students that alcohol consumption is acceptable. The university should act as a role model for young people, he said, and shouldn't be saying it's OK to have a drink before dinner.

Hill is correct in pointing out that the regents' decision is inconsistent with UNL's current alcohol policy. Beyond that, however, he misses the point.

Alcohol consumption, in moderation, is acceptable in our society. There is nothing wrong with having "a drink before dinner" -- thousands of adult Americans do so regularly.

Adults who attend private gatherings at places like the Lied Center should be able to drink alcohol if they so choose. Obviously, the regents trust these individuals to not abuse alcohol at the events.

The regents' decision Friday is hypocritical because it does not give all of UNL's adult students that same privilege.

Instead, they continually choose to treat students over 21 with lack of concern and respect by forcing them to leave campus when they want to socialize with alcohol.

Regent Don Blank of McCook said at Friday's meeting that small private parties, like those held at the approved campus locations, are tightly knit, controlled situations. He added that there has been no abuse of those situations.

Bull.

Those who choose to abuse will -- no matter where they are. Several under-age students continue to drink alcohol at the Wick Alumni Center, just as they do at UNL residence halls and local bars.

The regents should give more responsible UNL adult students a little credit -- and the choice of remaining on campus if they want to drink. The decision also could benefit those not-so-responsible students who choose to drive drunk back to campus from local bars.

-- Lee Rood
for the Daily Nebraskan

Rape can be prevented

Everybody is talking about rape and other violent acts these days. Let's not talk about it happening in places like New York, California and Florida. Let's look at it where it can affect us as students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Rape starts with society's training. This training starts at a very early age. You can see ideas of male dominance in cartoons and children's books, even with the women looking at and waiting on men. For some men, these ideas grow much more into ideas of women being very vulnerable objects. These new ideas can even go farther down the line to actual rape. Andrea Parrot, a national speaker on the subject, estimated that one in every five girls will be faced with an experience of this sort before they are out of school.

Men who are at or are close to the point of raping have the distorted idea that they can best display their manhood and masculinity by sex. The girls who these men are hitting on or are on a date with rarely are yearning for sex, though. These men are so close to the edge that they think they deserve sex as payment for the date or that the young women really want it, even if she says no.

Many times, it starts verbally. A guy, who is potentially dangerous, will try to make the female feel inferior. He will act like he is smarter and more in control. He does this through

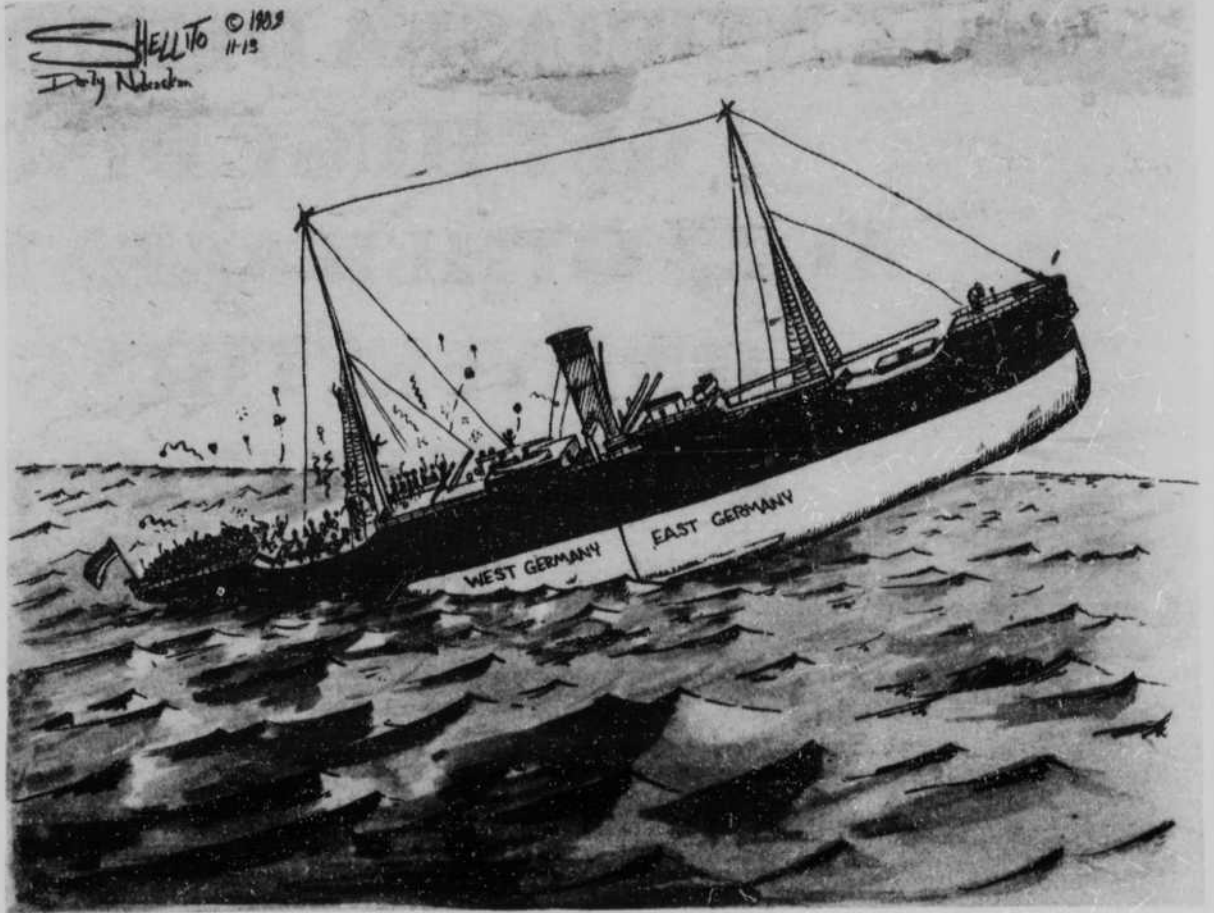
stupid little jokes, only successful if the female constantly giggles, and tells her little facts that he does not think she knows. She can get herself out of trouble early by giving a look that says, "What in the hell's so funny about that?" or by saying she already knew that and giving him back a couple more.

If a guy gets past this part, then the physical part will come. First there will be a little flirting, then the kiss will come. Then the guy will try to kiss the woman while lying down. The woman can change the situation by not giggling constantly, by not acting shyly, and by not even letting the guy kiss her while they are lying down.

Ladies, don't act like you are vulnerable. The vulnerable ones are the ones in danger. Don't always agree, don't giggle. When you say something, mean it. When you say "no," mean it. This is why God gave you the tone of voice. Use it. It is probably the most effective defense in these situations.

This and the looks you're able to give can mix to get the respect, to make you look dominant. Give the guy some flak, not some slack. Get that respect. Once respected, you are feared.

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Columnist ponders world news

How much does the crumbled Berlin Wall affect Americans?

Even though my parents live in New York and I haven't spoken to them in a few weeks, I have a pretty good idea what my mom might say about all this East German/Berlin Wall stuff:

"Are you eating OK?"
"Macaroni and cheese same as always, Mom."

"Well Bran'n . . ."
Then my dad might get on the phone and say, "Hey bud, how's it going? Great. Let me see if your sister wants to talk to you. Hey Mandy! . . . Nope, I guess she doesn't. Well, we'll talk to you later."

Then we'd hang up.
Next, I'd probably turn on the television and see Dan Rather near the Berlin Wall reading cue cards telling me how truly historic it is that people are chipping at the wall with hammers and crossing at will.

Then Helmut Kohl might come on and say that maybe Germany can be reunited some day, followed by Margaret Thatcher saying things are happening too quickly. She might say building a "genuine democracy" in East Germany must come before reunification or integration into the Western European community should be discussed.

Then someone smarter than Dan would interview people on the streets of London who say things like, "God help us if those people get together again," and "Haven't we taken enough?" and I'd open a beer and say something like, "You got that right. You can't trust those Germans, they drink lots of beer and stuff."

Then, just when it looked like Dan was about to start crying for joy, I'd remember that I forgot to tell my mom I needed more tube socks, so I'd try to call back only to find that New York phone workers were on strike and I'd have to try later.

I usually try to buy my own socks, because my mom has always put my initials in magic marker on the toes, but I'm a little short of money now. Sometimes, now that I wear Birkenstocks periodically, I'll walk all the way to school before looking down to notice BDL staring up at me. I guess I should just be grateful my mom doesn't put R and L on my socks.

withdraw from West Germany, say all the way to France (which probably would be willing to let us do that in such a case). Where would that leave other countries in Western Europe, which, for the most part, have been stable since World War II?

Quoting someone else, I might say: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," and watch as tears rolled down Dan's cheeks.

What if all this throws a wrench in Europe's plans for a unified community in 1992? What then? West Germany would like to include East Germany, and any member of the Warsaw Pact willing to reform, in the European Economic Community.

Their neighbors to the west already are arguing over whether the community should be purely an economic agreement or Europe should be totally unified in terms of politics and military operations. They have enough to bicker about without communists trying to weasel their way into the deal. This could destroy the balance of power that has kept Europe in peace for decades.

Then, as Dan sniffled and signed off, I might think to myself that I hope they don't put a wall between Nebraska and New York before spring break, between West and East Loomis. If that happened, tube socks and cookies might become more important to me than balance of power and democracy.

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Anyway, I'd finally get through to my parents again and my mom would ask if I wanted to come home for Christmas or spring break, and she'd say she would send me cookies with my monogrammed socks.

I'd probably hang up then, look at Dan, and start to think how vulnerable the rest of Western Europe would be if communists gained any influence at all in a unified Germany.

Imagine if one condition of reunification were that U.S. troops had to

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