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Our VIEW

Think for your drinks

Skybox alcohol policy easily worked around

What's the big deal? So what if the university is telling you that you can't bring alcohol into your high-priced skyboxes?

It's not like Bill Byrne is going to burst into the U.S. Bank skybox and tell the bank's president to put the beer down.

Look at any red-faced, rowdy, staggering UNL student at the game Saturday. Do you think he or she cares that alcohol is banned in Memorial Stadium? No.

So we have a little secret for all those people who paid millions of dollars for a prime seat at Husker games.

Don't fuss and fight because the university decided not to let you drink a Budweiser with your bratwurst or have a rum and Coke with your pepperoni pizza. Just get creative.

UNL students have been doing it for years. Decades. Longer than that.

Our dry stadium is just about as laughable as our dry campus.

So in the spirit of disregard for university policy, we have a few tips to make the game a little more memorable (or not so memorable, as the case may be) for the new skybox holders.

A flat bottle of rum fits nicely under your shirt or in your back pocket. Mix that with one of those pops served in a pricey souvenir cup, and you are home free.

Once it gets cold, your coat can double as a small beer-cooler. The bulkier the better.

Masking the can is the hard part. When taking a sip from the can just stick it inside the cuff of your coat and nonchalantly lift the can to your mouth.

The skyboxes offer even more possibilities, so go ahead and use that refrigerator for more than your hors d'oeuvres and Diet Coke.

But if you insist on following university policy, maybe you should do your celebrating downtown before kick-off.

Or you could just go to the game sober. A lot of people do.

And we understand why the university wants it that way - rowdy fans, vomit, empty bottles. Would you want to clean that up?

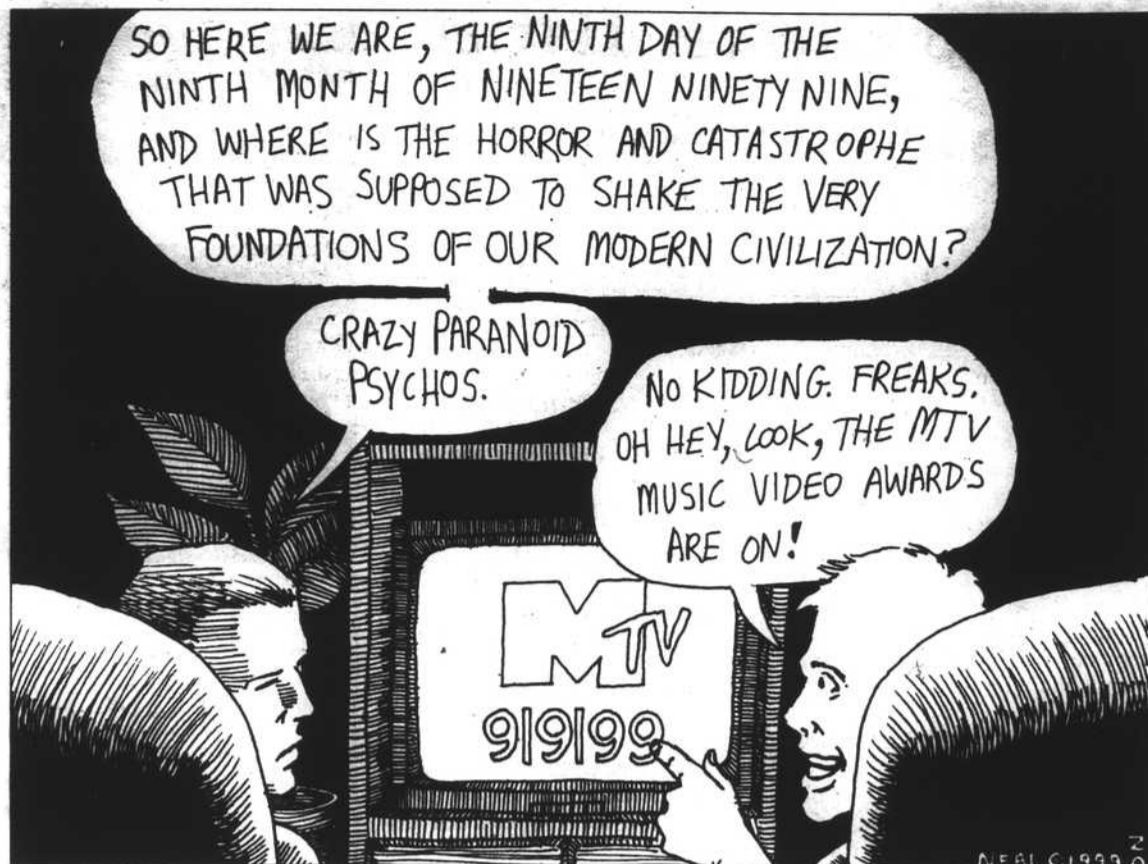
But there will always be some students who will never accept the policy, who will never understand.

So landing an official policy allowing alcohol in the skyboxes is really not that big of deal. Just nod your head, smile and calmly accept the rules.

That's what we do.

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Obermeyer's VIEW



DN LETTERS

Where Would Jesus Park?

Jesus wouldn't worry about parking. Jesus would ride a bike.

Bicycles don't produce poison gases, they don't require expensive gasoline and maintenance and riding a bicycle is good exercise.

Many campuses don't even have parking, so you flabby car-driving sinner wimps should stop whining and start pedaling.

Lane Phillips
senior
computer engineering

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

Thanks, J.J. You spoke volumes in your column (Wednesday).

I'm grateful to you for expressing what single moms have always wanted from absent fathers.

Your mom has done a wonderful job.

Zoe Olson
senior
advertising major

Other Sports?

I am a football fan, too, and I can understand Regent Miller's feelings (Letters, Wednesday) that the football team should get more money than other teams.

Football brings a lot of money into this university. However, he needs to understand the views of the other athletes, too.

They should not be pushed aside just because they do not generate millions of dollars in revenue for the university or because Mr. Miller does not enjoy watching them like he does football.

Other sports are important, too.

Molly Merrell
freshman
athletic training

Uberview

I, like many others, look to the Daily Nebraskan for the latest in greek affairs, witty editorialism, credit-card tutorials and fast-food job openings.

"Obermeyer's View" is an unfortunate setback to the paper's journalistic integrity.

Without a united and clear focus, the DN will lose the respect of stu-

dents. How could we deal with such an atrocity?

The DN is, and needs to be, a beacon of light in this sea of despair known as the "corn-belt capital."

Obermeyer is blocking that light with his big fat head.

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ag journalism

Survey Says...

The Turing Test, proposed in 1950 by Alan M. Turing, is generally understood as the following:

An interrogator communicates with a person and a computer via a terminal. His or her task is to find out which is the machine and which is the human merely by asking them questions.

If the machine can "fool" the interrogator, it is intelligent.

When will a computer be able to fool you into thinking it's human?

We performed a less-than-scientific survey of selected persons asking them this question.

Here are the answers:

Lew, a computer engineer, said, "I'll build you one by 2005."

"The year 2010!" shouted Patrick, a New York conference organizer.

Kat, a local bookstore manager, said only, "Soon."

Don, too busy bartending to be bothered, said "Thursday."

"And I'm not telling you which Thursday."

And, finally, Mot-Lee, on his way out of town, guessed, "I suppose it's already happened, somewhere."

Currently, there are few programs we know of that even come close. They spit out grammatical bits of nonsense like, "You do not turn into tacos, and you WERE NEVER THE SAME!" (from MegaHAL, an online conversational program), but this may result, in part, from the way these programs "learn" language and who they learn it from.

"What is your sexual preference?" a questioner asked MegaHAL on Wednesday. Correcting it to:

"What is your sexual preference?"

If you'd like to see for yourself how one of the better talkback programs work, try MegaHAL at <http://cogsci.ucsd.edu/~asaygin/tt/ttest.html>, and let us know if you find out its sexual preference.

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