

## Grades by the Glass

A correlation exists between grade point average and alcohol consumption, according to a survey of 56,361 students. Administered from 1989 to 1991 at 78 colleges, the study examined the relationship between GPA and the number of drinks consumed each week.



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Get a bad test grade this week? Having a drink for consolation may not be the wisest thing to do.

A recent survey shows students with D or F grade point averages drink a lot more alcohol than those with A or B averages.

By survey standards, Nick Palihnich, a U. of Vermont junior, should have failed long ago. But Palihnich has a 3.2 GPA and says he consumes about 24 drinks a week. "I think that college students drink a lot more than this survey says they do, but they're still able to maintain a relatively good GPA."

That may be, but Stacey Reynolds, acting executive director of the American Council for Drug Education, says the statistics are on target. "There is a lot of truth in that their grades suffer if they are drinking a lot." ■ Heather McQuiller, *BG News*, Bowling Green State U.

## ► Is the party really over?

Eastern Kentucky U.'s popularity as a party school may be coming to an end. Its home city is joining others nationwide in the struggle to change their school's images and decrease underage consumption.

On a typical Thursday night in Richmond, students from not only Eastern but also the U. of Kentucky, Morehead State U. and Transylvania U., may be found partying downtown, one of the only places where underage students may enter drinking establishments.

But a regulation adopted in September by the state Alcoholic Beverage Control prevents patrons under 21 from entering bars that receive less than 35 percent of their gross revenues from food. Since it went into effect Sept. 3, bar owners have found ways to bypass and, in some cases, defy the regulation. One bar displays a sign that says "18 and above welcome." Bar owners refused to comment on the new regulation.

"I kind of think it's stupid. They're still letting everybody in," says Rachael Knight, an 18-year-old freshman who goes downtown on Thursday nights.

An October surprise sweep by the ABC caught several students off guard but didn't deter them from returning. Dean Spragens, a sophomore at the U. of Kentucky, was kicked out during the sweep but says he will continue to go to Richmond bars. ■ Susan Gayle Reed, *Eastern Progress*, Eastern Kentucky U.

## ► Quit that day job — this one pays more

It pays to be a student body president in Florida these days. In fact, it pays a lot.

The top student executives in the Sunshine State make double, triple and even five times the salaries of their counterparts nationwide.

Roderick Stovall, president at Florida A&M U., makes \$14,000 a year as student body president. And Stovall says that every penny of his salary is justified because of the responsibilities his position entails.

Mark Pulido says he has lots of responsibilities as well. Yet he makes only \$2,475 at the U. of California, Los Angeles. The majority of student executives at big universities have similar duties with much lower compensation. Florida State U. student body President Jeanne Belin rakes in \$6,000. That's 6,000 times what Purdue U.'s Rodney Glass makes.

The decision concerning the salaries of the student officials varies, depending on the school. At FAMU, Stovall's salary was approved by Vice President for Student Affairs Richard Flamer and the university president. Flamer later said he made a mistake. "If I approved [that salary] then I'm sure it was a boo-boo," he said. Flamer reneged on that admission the next day, citing Stovall's responsibilities as the reason for such a high salary. ■ Ihosvani Rodriguez, *Florida Flambeau*, Florida State U.



Roderick Stovall

## ► No books, no students, no problems

Nestled in the upper northwest corner of Iowa in the heart of a lake resort is a mythical school called the U. of Okoboji.

Honorary degree holders include President George Bush, former Okoboji athlete Bruce Jenner and U. of Iowa football coach Hayden Fry.

Though it has all the accoutrements of a real college, including T-shirts, sports tournaments and reunion parties, Okoboji has no real estate, students or classes, and "administrative offices" are located in founder Herman Richter's store in Milford, Iowa.

The absence of an actual curriculum does not faze Richter, who is director of student affairs.

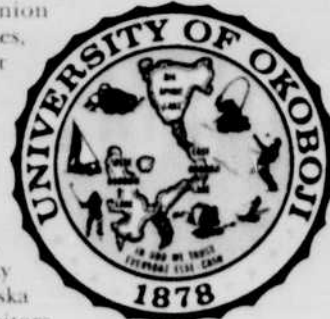
"So what if there're no classes? We've got the people and a positive attitude, and everyone has a good time," he says.

Okoboji's football team, the Fighting Phantoms, completes its season on Sept. 31 every year. They play the winner of the Iowa/Iowa State game and Nebraska and Notre Dame. The school exists to campus visitors, though, even if the dates of the big games do not.

"People actually think it's a real thing," says Emil Richter, who created the university in 1976 with his brother. "For example, they might stop at the Dairy Queen and ask where the Kappa house is."

With swells of potential students and a positive report from education officials, the future looks bright for the fictitious university — Kappa house or not.

"Enrollment's up, tuition's down, none of the faculty wants a raise and the NCAA cleared our football team," Herman Richter says. ■ Sara Epstein, *The Daily Iowan*, U. of Iowa



## ► No sale — AIDS cards get the ax

A New York man who says he wants to help stop the spread of AIDS on college campuses — for \$20 a pop — is being barred from selling students a card that identifies them as HIV-negative.

The New York Supreme Court has granted a temporary restraining order against Overs Enterprises for selling the cards on New York college campuses.

Kirk Overs, who came up with the idea last spring, sells students a card printed with their HIV results.

"It's not for people to think they are going to get more sex because they have the card," Overs says. "The point is to get people to go in to get tested."

But a spokesman for the New York attorney general says Overs is preying on fears about the disease. "It's a pretty shameful effort to capitalize on the AIDS scare," says Richard Barr.

Besides, Cornell senior Alan Shaw says, the card does nothing to stop the spread of the AIDS virus.

"You might as well give one to everybody because you could never be sure whether they are HIV-positive or not." ■ Jeff Selingo, *The Ithacan*, Ithaca College

## ► Boxing for cash takes a major hit

Two months ago Christopher Smith entered the ring to participate in a nine-minute boxing match. What happened there, however, may take him a lifetime to overcome.

Smith, 23, a Purdue U. senior, underwent brain surgery the day after participating in the 18th annual "Boiler Bouts," a philanthropic boxing event.

Now the university may put an end to the event. And officials elsewhere are considering the safety of like events.

The national chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon canceled its "Fight Night" at Northern Illinois U. two weeks after Smith was injured.

Last year the U. of Florida halted its 15-year-old boxing event because the university feared students could be injured.

Florida State U., though, continues to hold its "Main Event."

The matches there may be safer than those at Purdue because of mandatory sanctioning by the Florida Association of United States Amateur Boxing. Fighters must undergo three months of training; non-sanctioned events only require a physical exam.

"Our association has not had a serious injury occur at any of the events we sponsor," says Nick Cimmento, president of the association. ■ Mike Lobash, *Purdue Exponent*, Purdue U.