

# Opinion

## Letters To The Editor

LETTER FROM DOROTHY  
WALTIE, NURSING DEPT.  
INSTRUCTOR

I thought the attached letter might be of interest to The Print. If you have any questions regarding this incident or the students involved, please contact me at Ext. 272.  
Dorothy Waltie, RN, Instructor  
Nursing Department

Dear Dorothy:  
As you know, last week we had a fire on our ward. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the assistance of your students Marjory Boucher, Kate Swanson, and John Beasley. John aided our staff member Kevin Duggan in clearing the patients from room 200. He acted in a calm, organized and efficient manner which was most helpful in keeping order and reassuring patients. Kate and Marjory helped other staff members in evacuating rooms 201 and 238 in a likewise efficient manner.

In such a crisis, teamwork is critical in order to avoid adding to an already potentially dangerous situation. Your students have shown the maturity and judgement to effectively handle such crises.

Yours,  
Jane Reed RN, BSN  
Unit Shift Supervisor  
Evening Tour 1B

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We are so impressed with the quality of articles, and the professional attitude of Editor Dean Grey and Photo Editor Lyn Thompson.

It's nice to look forward to reading THE PRINT each week, and knowing that there is quality work throughout the paper.

You all work so hard and get so little appreciation.

We think you're doing a great job.

Sincerely,  
Tia Stewart and Heather Wright

To the Editor:

Just a quick word of praise for The Print and its staff for the unemotional and unbiased coverage of the gay-lesbian support group.

Dealing with controversial issues is never easy, but the paper has done well here. Keep up the good work.

Cyndi Pucci-Andrews  
Department Chairperson  
Basic Skills/Development  
Programs

## Is 65-mph safe?

by Stephani Veff  
Opinions Editor

Do you drive over the legal speed limit of 55 whenever you don't see a police car and quickly slow down when you do? Well, you're not alone. Many Americans feel the speed limit law that went into effect in 1974 no longer applies in 1987.

The 55-mph speed limit was initially passed to conserve gasoline and to cut down on lives lost in traffic accidents due to speeding, but thirteen years later we are "over" the gasoline shortage, and because the current speed limit is ignored regularly already, raising would not result in an increase in injuries. So why not raise the limit to 65-mph?

It would certainly save a lot of time and traffic tickets, but it has also been thought that the passing of this bill might cause people to drive at 75-mph. If you are able to drive 65 when the limit is 55, then why not drive 75 when the limit is 65, right? This, of course, brings up the question of which is more important, saving time or saving lives? It's pretty safe to say that saving lives is more important.

The only solution to this problem of raising the speed limit to 65-mph is to obey the law. If people are going to drive unsafely at the speed of 75-mph this new law would be unnecessary and dangerous. In which case it would be best to leave the law at the present limit of 55-mph.

## WHY NOT?



LIVE-VIA-SATELLITE

### DRUGS & ALCOHOL: WHY NOT?

Feb. 18  
CC Mail

DRUGS: WHY NOT?  
Talk to John Phillips, Timothy Leary and others.  
11 am

DRUGS & ATHLETICS  
Discuss the effects of drugs with Brian Bosworth, Spud Webb and others.  
12:30 pm

THE POLITICS OF DRUGS  
Leading politicians discuss your questions.  
1:30 pm

National Student Poll — Conducted at all three sessions.



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