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# Eagle shows odd grasp of security

The definition that Webster gives for "security" is "1) feeling secure; freedom from fear, doubt, etc.; 2) protection; safeguard." Standing in a parking lot seeming to play Barney Fife while writing, parking tickets seems to have little if anything to do with the definition of the word. But it appears that is the idea our new Double Eagle Security Service has about security.

Why does Double Eagle feel it is necessary to write a student a ticket for parking in front of the gym when the student is going to be inside for only a few minutes? Does it cause a major parking problem to have the front tire outside the line? When a professor parks in a handicapped space and displays the handicapped plate clearly in the front window, should he get a ticket?

Call us crazy, but we've never considered parking a pressing security issue. Perhaps Double Eagle was hired to insure that our "major" parking problem was corrected. It's a cinch that we

don't see the connection between parking and security, but then we aren't crack, specially trained security personnel.

What is being done with all of the ticket revenue anyway? The way Double Eagle "officers" have been doing their job, enough money to pay for a student's tuition must have been collected by now.

The strangest thing of all is the fact that a student's transmission was stolen from under her car during the night — while it was in the parking lot. The parking lot is the very place security is foot-patrolling for all of those illusive illegally parked cars. Where in the blue blazes were our men in blue that night? Maybe watching MTV and talking about the women they saw outside the post office that day? No, that's not an accusation, merely speculation.

Well, keep up the outstanding service, Double Eagle! Please know you are admired and respected by everyone for making our campus a great place to park.

## Important Editorial Assistant Position Now Available

Anyone interested in helping put together an issue of N.C. Wesleyan's literary journal, please see Steve Ferebee immediately.

We especially need help with some graphics. If you can draw, I need you. Typing and editing help are also needed.

Last minute stories, essays, or drawings? You bet.



## System promotes alcohol

# Student drinking constant

While anti-drinking rules cost Marquette University cheerleaders their jobs during the holiday break and could land two North Carolina State students in jail, a California State University at Dominguez Hills professor concluded campus attitudes still encourage students to drink.

Students, added CSU's Dr. David Nasatir in reporting the results of the University of California at Berkeley study he helped direct, seem to be drinking as much as they always have, despite intense campus efforts to the contrary.

Most schools around the U.S. have cranked up "alcohol awareness" policies since 1985, when federal laws forced states to raise their legal drinking ages from 18 to 21.

To get liability insurance, colleges had to demonstrate to insurance companies they were keeping their underaged students from drinking liquor.

But the Berkeley study suggested there has been no profound increase or decrease in student drinking since the new policies began.

The reason is that many schools, Nasatir said, "are lax in observing violations of the drinking minimum age." Alcohol, moreover, is often an integral part of social and athletic events, and the "awareness" programs, by not recognizing alcohol's role, are rendered ineffective.

Nasatir's research, part of an ongoing study of campus alcohol use, noted fraternities have helped keep general student drinking rates high. "Young men living in fraternities seem to drink more often and larger quantities than any other group of similar young men in dormitories, or with roommates," he said.

"It's not clear whether that's because fraternities recruit drinkers or

manufacture drinkers," Nasatir continued. "But that seems to be a phenomenon that holds true on all campuses with fraternities."

A solution, he suggested, might be to crack down on people and groups who serve liquor to students. "This has a chilling effect on individual willingness to serve alcohol."

At Marquette, however, a group of cheerleaders quit in December instead of tolerating a crackdown.

Eleven cheerleaders quit the Milwaukee college's squad after school officials suspended two cheerleaders for swiping some leftover bottles of champagne from a private party.

"They all said they could no longer cheer" with two members suspended for something they all took part in or knew about, said Mark McCarthy, Marquette's associate dean of students.

Former cheerleader Kim Heller, one of those suspended, said cheerleaders often took leftover champagne from parties they had worked as hostesses to save for a celebration after the first basketball game of the season. However, the boat company that sponsored the party complained to the school.

At the same time, Raleigh police charged two N.C. State students with counterfeiting drivers' licenses and selling them to classmates to use them to buy alcohol.

The two students built a large cardboard replica of a license. They would then take photos of customers standing in front of the replica, and process the resultant artwork as a fake license.

The students, each charged with two counts of counterfeiting and selling drivers' licenses, could serve three years in prison if found guilty.

The University of Washington, however, may have been overzealous in attempts to control drinking. The school, facing a lawsuit from the American Civil Liberties Union and several UW law students, agreed not to search fans attending football games for alcohol. At the beginning of the 1987 season, university police had stepped up efforts to combat alcohol use during football games.

But administrators, heeding protests, agreed to halt the searches, at least for the last game of the season. UW officials say they will develop a revised search policy for next season.

## Prisoner seeks pen pal

Dear Editor:

I am a prisoner on death row at the Arizona State Prison and I was wondering if you would do me a favor. I have been here for quite a while and have no family or friends on the outside to write to. So, I was wondering if you would put an ad in your campus newspaper for me, for correspondence. If not in your paper, then maybe you have some kind of bulletin that you could put it in. I know that you are not a pen-pal club or

anything like that, but I would really appreciate it if you could help me.

I am a Caucasian male, age 40, who desires correspondence with either male or female college students. I want to form a friendly relationship and more or less just exchange past experiences and ideas. I will answer all letters and exchange pictures. If interested, write to Box B-38604, Florence, Arizona 85232.

Jim Jeffers