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Student Life explains alcohol policy

By NICOLE COX

It is Thursday night and two students, sitting in a room with members of the faculty, look very depressed. What are they doing? Alcohol counseling. Campus party night and these two are be-

ing counseled because of alcohol violations.

"If the student really comes first at Wesleyan," one ponders, "then why am I being forced to come here against my will? Why can't they just leave me alone?"

According to the federal gov-

ernment, if the college "leaves you alone" and does not enforce an alcohol policy, it can be penalized. Congress recently added more specific requirements to the institutional anti-drug and alcohol abuse plan required by the Drug Free Schools and Communities

Act of 1986. The current penalty for noncompliance is the loss of all federal assistance, including grants and contracts as well as student aid.

The new legislation requires that each institution annually make the following available to

each student:

1) Standards that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on an institution's property

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DR. ALLEN JOHNSON DISCUSSED "SOVIET DISUNION"

Colloquium focuses on 'Soviet Disunion'

By CHRISTY SKOJEC

As the Soviet Union disintegrates and the world contemplates the causes and ramifications of the huge changes that are occurring, Dr. Allen Johnson discussed "Soviet Disunion" with faculty, staff, and students in his Fourth Monday Colloquium lecture.

Johnson, professor of history and geography, said one of the main problems in the Soviet Union has been the Communist Party itself. The Party goal in the 1960's was to catch up with and pass the United States in standard of living by the 1980's. In the 1950's, the standard of living increased at the rate of 15-20 percent a year. But by the 1960's, the rate had dropped to 10 percent a year. By the 1970's, it was down to five percent a year and falling.

As long as economic gains were being made, the citizens

accepted oppression. By the 1980's, however, the standard of living was declining. As a result of this decline, Mikhail Gorbachev introduced Glasnost and Perestroika in 1985. This new openness and restructuring pleased the common people, but it did not, however, please the members of the Communist Party.

In 1988, a Communist Party Congress was held to discuss the direction of the party. At this Congress, Gorbachev offered a sweeping program of reform. The Party endured the changes for a few years, but recently the entire system has collapsed.

Within the last five weeks, the Communist Party has been dissolved, outlawed, and declared to be a criminal operation by the Soviet Parliament. Johnson said nationalism is taking the place that communism once held.

Of the 15 republics of the So-

viet Union, 12 have declared independence from the Soviet Union. The three Baltic republics have become independent, while the other free republics are trying to form a loose federation.

This is not going to be a simple

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NCWC observes 'Banned Books Week'

By CECILIA LYNN CASEY

Read any good books lately? Or, more importantly, any bad books? If you have, it might have been to support Banned Books Week which ran the week of Sept. 29 through Oct. 6 in an effort to counteract censorship that is being practiced in many libraries across the country.

The object of Banned Book Week was to get people to read

some of the censored material and decide for themselves if these books, magazines, newspapers, and articles are obscene or if they might have any social or intellectual value that could be an asset to the community.

North Carolina Wesleyan's Pearsall Library observed the week by setting up a display demonstrating the suppression of freedom through censorship. The display enchained a few of the

books that are being censored in a number of libraries to a bookcart and put the display in the middle of the library. Some of the offensive books being banned are *The American Heritage Dictionary*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Valley of the Horses*.

Pat O'Keefe, owner of the bookstore Murder for Fun, also observed the week by displaying some banned books in her win-

dow and talking to her customers about censorship when they asked about the display.

When asked why some books are censored, she told customers that some people feel "books are dangerous because they contain ideas." She also reported that most of her customers were shocked to learn that some books are not allowed in some libraries. She ob-

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Homecoming 1991

Sunday, Oct. 20

Sigma Pi's
Airband Contest
8 p.m. — S.A. Center

Monday, Oct. 21

Pi Epsilon's Second Annual
Pizza Eating Contest
9:45 p.m. — S.A. Center

Tuesday, Oct. 22

C.A.B. Presents
MudFest '91
4:30 p.m. — Front Lawn

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Outdoor Club's
Bonfire and Spirit Rally
9:30 p.m. — Outside S.A. Center

Thursday, Oct. 24

Delta Sigma Phi Presents
Comedian Jimmy Tingle
9:30 p.m. — S.A. Center

Friday, Oct. 25

Pi Kappa Phi's
Homecoming Dance
9 p.m.-1 p.m.
Sheraton Gateway Centre

Saturday, Oct. 26

Magic Mile Parade
1 p.m. — Tyler Drive

Saturday, Oct. 26

Homecoming Game vs.
Virginia Wesleyan
2 p.m. — Soccer Field