

Alcohol on Campus: To Drink or Not to Drink

What's the difference between September 30, 1983, and October 1, 1983? Many college students would say, "One year." The Safe Roads Act took effect October 1, and a part of that state law raised the legal drinking age to 19. Other parts of the law make the penalties for drinking while driving harsher than they had been.

The Safe Roads Act is the result of several years of public scrutiny of the do's and don't's of the use of alcohol. UNCW has been a part of the process of looking at itself and its students to see what the institution and its administrators could do to educate students about drinking.

The UNCW Alcohol Awareness Task Force began in September, 1981. Students, faculty and administrators joined with community resources to investigate existing drinking patterns, problems and attitudes, and to recommend actions that would encourage responsible decision-making about alcohol consumption.

According to Pat Leonard, associate dean of students at UNCW, the 1983 Safe Roads Act has helped the momentum of UNCW's task force on alcohol. "MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) and this new law have made everyone more aware of the effects of alcohol," said Leonard recently. "Our task force has accomplished much already, and we have several goals for the coming year," she continued.

The task force, above all else, has made students aware of the effects of alcohol, mainly through a series of educational programs for campus residents and non-residents alike. Members of the task force have held educational programs for faculty and staff as well, in cooperation with both the Cape Fear Substance Abuse Center and the Southeastern Mental Health Center. There has been a legal issues forum to discuss students' rights and responsibilities concerning alcohol. The task force has compiled statistics on campus police cases involving alcohol, as well as statistics on DUI convictions of UNCW students in New Hanover County. These statistics will help UNCW staff focus on where the alcohol-related problems are and what can be done about them.

Besides continuing those programs already in motion, Leonard said that the alcohol task force will develop diverse alcohol education programs to reach a wider spectrum of the student population. Leonard also said she would like to see the organization of a UNCW chapter of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students), a national student group that promotes the responsible use of alcohol. There are 100 chapters of BACCHUS in 37 states and Canada.

Leonard said that the dean of students office is examining campus discipline problems and the referral process. According to the associate dean, what often happens is that a student's discipline problems are directly related to a drinking problem. She said her office tries to get to the root of these students' problems, help them see that their drinking might be causing their erratic behavior, and refer them to either the Southeastern Mental Health Center or the Cape Fear Substance Abuse Center.

"Students find their coping mechanisms here on campus," said Leonard. "They say, 'I passed a test, let's go get a beer,' or, 'I just flunked math, let's

get drunk.' Once or twice this might not be bad, but it often leads to the same behavior after they graduate. When they're working," she explained, "it turns into, 'I made a sale, I lost a sale, let's go have a drink.'"

Leonard doesn't want to project the image that all drinking is bad. Neither does she want college students—especially UNCW students—to feel that they *should* drink.

"Responsible use or non-use of alcohol is our aim," said Leonard. "We want students to make their decisions about alcohol based on facts and reasons, not peer pressure or habit."

PERSPECTIVE



Photo by Kevin Coughlin

After Two Years: ROTC on the UNCW Campus

The April 16, 1981, *Seahawk* warned that "a brigade of young men donning Army fatigues and combat boots, shouting in unison and charging across a field in the South" would soon be a reality at UNCW. The first noncommissioned officer assigned to the campus was labeled a "vulture" and anti-ROTC literature was passed out during registration. That first year, there were just 27 ROTC cadets at UNCW.

Now, just two years later, there are more—over 127 men and women.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps has not diverted teaching resources, taken dorm space away from other students, or been responsible for eight o'clock classes. On the contrary, over the past two years, the ROTC program has awarded nine scholarships, held two high school junior ROTC track and field days, and hosted two Armed Forces Days. The ROTC unit has also performed in two Veterans Day ceremonies, assisted in the Special Olympics and fielded four different intramural teams.

ROTC classroom instruction includes self defense, first aid, oral and written communications, rappelling, canoeing, land navigation, and leadership. Its membership consists of campus leaders from the student government, athletes on the soccer, swim and basketball teams, as well as several fraternity officers. ROTC also is active in recruiting minority students to the UNCW campus.

For those who were not around after exams last spring, UNCW commissioned its first 14 lieutenants over the summer (10 are now on active duty), and eight UNCW students graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

ROTC at UNCW has become one of the largest programs in the state. The faculty, which is provided for and paid by the U.S. Army, has increased from two to five members this year. Their salaries, plus the money paid to cadets, amounts to over \$200,000 this year alone, that ROTC will pump into the local economy.

The outlook for increased enrollment looks promising, particularly now with an enlarged faculty. Not to mention the fact that UNCW ROTC instructors are now teaching the first year of military science at Southeastern Community College.

It appears now that, on May 5, 1981, it wasn't just the military that came to UNCW. It was Army ROTC, which has become an important resource to the university in its first two years.

Justus Prevails Daily On Radio Sports Show

There's a new media celebrity in Wilmington. He's John Justus, sports information director for UNCW. Since September, he's been on the radio five days a week with "The Seahawk Report." His five-minute daily spot is on WMFD-AM, a CBS affiliate, at 6:05 p.m. John combines his reporting of scores and how Seahawk teams are doing with feature interviews of key players and coaches and other interesting people.

"The feature and news format lets me mix it up a little," says John about the radio spot. He records the show in his own office on campus, using the telephone to hook up with WMFD's studio equipment.

"The only complaints I've gotten have been that the show is so good," laughs John, "that I show up Brent Musberger (who does a national sports spot at 6:25 on WMFD)."

Seriously, though, the show has been well received by listeners. And WMFD has been very supportive. But that isn't all the radio station is doing about Seahawk sports. This year, for the first time, they will broadcast 20 basketball games—both home and away.

So, if you're wondering what the Seahawks of UNCW are up to, tune in your radio and listen to John Justus. He'll tell you!

Hunt's Volunteer Efforts Recognized Nationally

John J. Hunt, Jr. '67 is on the CASE Volunteers Roll of Honor for 1983. This roll of honor, assembled by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), recognizes people who have given a special effort to higher education, specifically universities. Hunt's name was submitted to CASE by M. Tyrone Rowell, director of development at UNCW, for consideration in the "Volunteer of the Year" category in that organization's recognition program.

John Hunt has been an active alumnus since his graduation in 1967. He supported the Alumni Association in its beginnings in 1970. He served on the board of directors of the association several times, and was chairman of the board in 1982-83. Hunt helped establish the pre-game socials that have become so popular with alumni each basketball season. He helped establish the senior receptions held every year just prior to graduation. These alumni-sponsored receptions remind seniors that they will no longer be students, but still can participate in UNCW events as alumni.

Hunt promoted the Alumni Annual Fund concept at UNCW. The annual fund has increased the amount of money given to UNCW by alumni and has allowed the Alumni Association to undertake more programs for alumni and the university.

Hunt has always supported the alumni scholarship program at UNCW. Each year since 1980, the Alumni Association has awarded an academic scholarship. In addition, the Hugh Fox Memorial Scholarship has been awarded by the association each year since 1979.

John Hunt was a member of the board of directors of the UNCW Foundation from 1972 to 1978, serving as chairman in 1977-78.

Hunt is vice president for corporate banking at Wachovia Bank and Trust in Wilmington. He is a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves where, as company commander, he has received numerous unit citation awards.

John Hunt has not left UNCW since his graduation. He has taken it with him, enhanced it, and given even more in return. Hunt's efforts have been rewarded by awards from UNCW and the Alumni Association. The university gave him the Chancellor's Award for outstanding work while on the board of directors of the foundation. The Alumni Association gave him a plaque honoring him for his service and leadership while he was chairman of the board of directors.

John Hunt is a valuable asset to UNCW. The university extends its congratulations for his inclusion on the CASE Volunteers Roll of Honor for 1983.



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