

Moral majority cracks down on student drinking

VANCOUVER (CUP)—At most universities, parties are a part of residence life. But at the University of B.C., this social activity may be no more.

UBC's student housing office wants to crack down on parties and drinking in residence and has come up with some strict rules. But some students fear the move will encourage students to drink and drive.

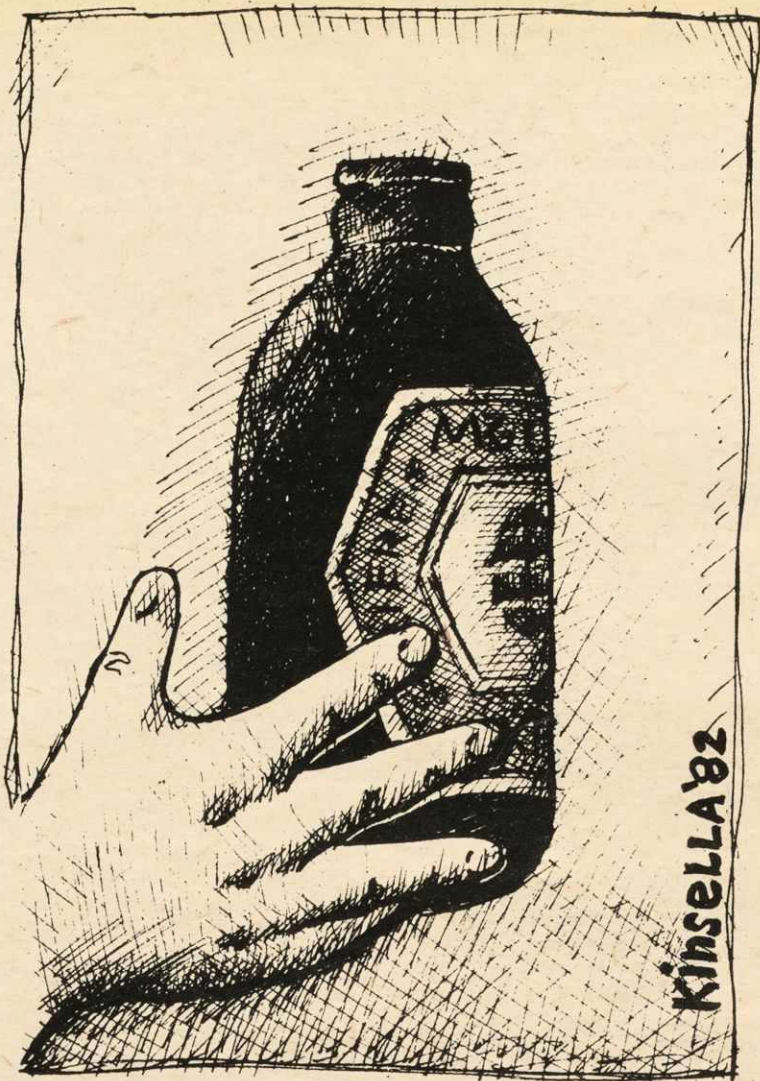
The housing office's proposals include:

- No parties of any kind from Sunday to Thursday night.
- All residence-wide parties scheduled by the authorities must have professional bar staff.
- Students must see a counsellor after two alcohol-related offences and a newly created alcohol committee will determine when offences occur.
- No drinking games at organized social functions.

Student union representative Nancy Bradshaw said the proposals are ridiculous and urged students who disagreed to voice their protest in the form of petitions.

Katherine Fitzgerald, a former residence night beer manager, said the rules will not prevent students from drinking off-campus. Many will not hesitate to drive their cars to the nearest outlet, she added.

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"Just because students can't drink here doesn't mean it'll stop them," she said.

Fitzgerald lives in a UBC residence which only accepts students over 19 years of age. "We are adults and should be entitled to make our own decisions," she added, saying students in her residence are planning to protest.

But student housing officials say some of the new restrictions are a response to a campus RCMP crackdown on liquor licenses. Claiming most students in residence want to study and sleep during the week, housing director Mary Flores said the policies will be finalized after meetings with residence associations soon.

"It's in keeping with the law. It's a responsible move, but students are going to have to be given opportunities to drink in a responsible manner elsewhere on campus." □

Waterloo scientists convert waste

WATERLOO (CUP)—Raw fuel churned out of waste material is the result of five years work on the part of 10 University of Waterloo scientists.

Donald Scott, head of the nine-member team, says the process he developed converts raw material such as pulverized wood, coal, sludge and peat moss by decomposing them without air under very high temperatures for short periods of time. The temperatures vary between 500 and 600 degrees Celsius.

Called flesh pyrolysis, the process produces gas, solid char and a dark oil-like liquid, which can be further refined to become an automobile fuel. All you add is hydrogen.

"It's more like corn syrup than crude oil," says Scott. "What we are now doing is putting a lot of effort into finding out how it can be used."

Scott says he knows crude oil will become increasingly expensive and his process more valuable. He

WATERLOO (CUP)—"Spies are the eyes and ears of the country. Without eyes and ears, you're blind and deaf."

G. Gordon Liddy firmly believes a country must possess a clandestine information network to solve situations which threaten its national security.

Liddy should know. Described by a court judge as the "Mr. Big" of the Watergate affair, Liddy is one of the convicted Watergate burglars who raided the Democratic Convention Headquarters in Washington in a bid to secure the re-election of Richard Nixon in 1972.

Along with E. Howard Hunt, Liddy proposed and carried out part of a sweeping intelligence plan to ensure Nixon's victory.

But Liddy, speaking to a receptive audience at the University of Waterloo Sept. 11, maintained the Watergate affair had nothing to do with the United States national security.

"It was an intelligence gathering operation for a president with whose cause I agreed."

"Every four years (in an election), each side mounts similar intelligence gathering operations. It's all part of the system."

Liddy said the tricks and ploys used to discredit Edwin Muskie, a former Republican candidate, and George McGovern, the Democratic opponent to Richard Nixon, were typical of behind the scenes American politics.

"The nature of the man does not change," he said.

Liddy said he knew what he did was illegal, but was prepared to do it again if necessary.

"If you can't lose, you can't win," he said of the risks involved.

But he claims he "ultimately prevailed," even though he was convicted and imprisoned. "And as far as I'm concerned, that's all that counts."

Speaking on government: the public perception versus reality, Liddy said he sees nothing wrong with giving lectures and writing books about his illegal activities.

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