

OPINION

Responsibility and drinking can exist together

This week is National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. It's an opportunity to learn about the consequences of irresponsible behavior.

One of the benefits of an education is that it may help people to drink more responsibly, because there is no doubt that many people are going to drink.

Our society encourages drinking as being part of the "good life." A big part of being an adult in America is that when you turn twenty-one you are "legal." The "big 21" birthday is a big deal for many people.

But what Cougs—and everybody else—need to remember is that a responsible attitude toward alcohol consumption may solve a lot of problems later.

Problems like:

- Drinking and driving.

A problem that effects everyone, because when drunks are on the road, anyone could be a victim.

- Violent crimes.

Statistics show that many violent crimes are often alcohol related.

Also, at home football games evictions are often alcohol related, as a few disgustingly drunk Cougs vomit on seats or cause general mayhem and tear apart the stadium.

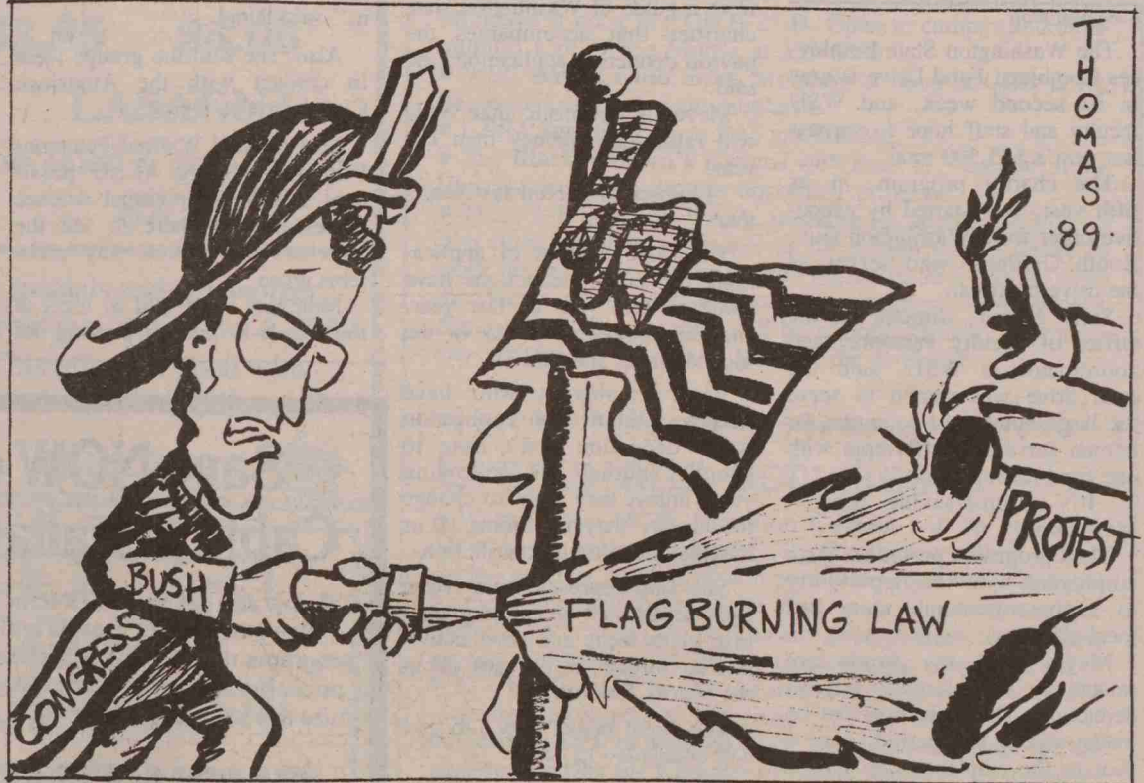
Fortunately, Americans are becoming more aware of the dangers of irresponsible drinking. Companies are beginning to put messages of responsibility into their advertisements.

And, although a lot of the reason for companies putting messages of responsibility is liability related, a message does come across.

This week there is going to be information available for people to read and listen to on how they can drink more responsibly and make mature decisions.

We all make mistakes, but sometimes we have to stop and think about the consequences of our actions.

Jeff Lageson



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LETTERS

A need to remove gay debate from the press

Dear editor:

We would like to respond to Ian Ivey's Letter (Oct. 5) regarding the use of the Evergreen as a "battle-ground" for personal statements on the issue of homosexuality. Mr. Ivey's desire to bring calm to this issue has fallen short. By interjecting his own emotional bias against the homosexual community, he has added to the already voluminous pile of letters generated by opinions similar to his.

Mr. Ivey has made public his own judgements regarding homosexuals. By stating that homosexuality is "violently disturbing, morally unacceptable, and utterly unnatural" he has "branded" this community as such. Thank you Mr. Ivey, you have "exerted self-control and removed this battle from the press."

Amy Harris
Miguel Origenes

Bush's drug plan is a waste of money

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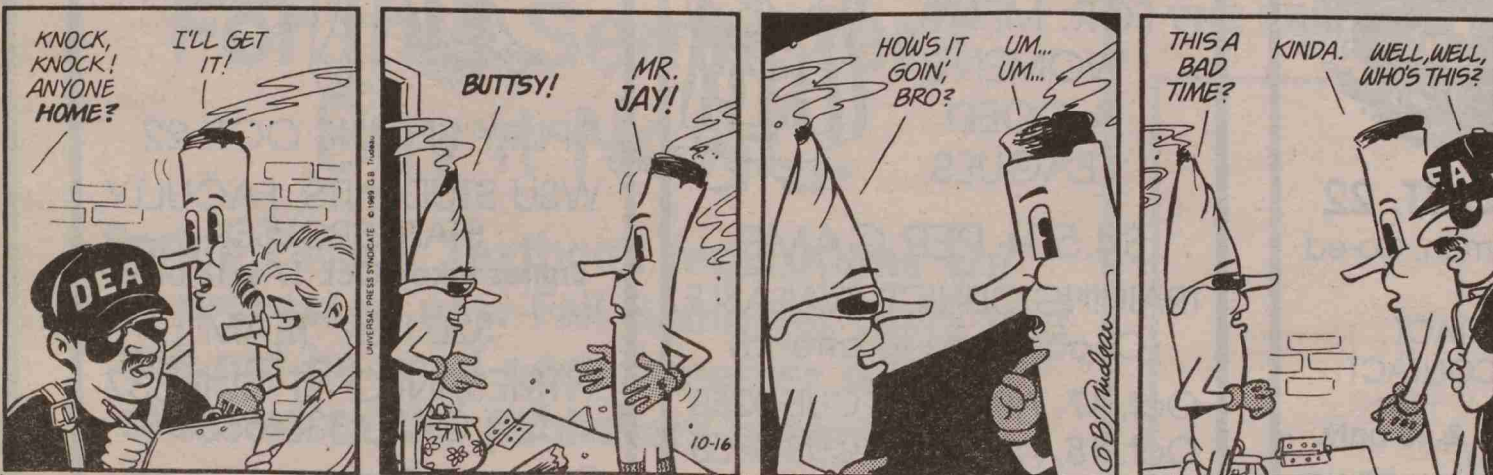
In viewing some of the Evergreen's previous issues of "Letters to the Editor" I have noticed some discussion of President Bush's alleged "War on Drugs." One article in particular, namely Sunil P. Bhatia's, which claimed that the president's plan is good enough to "win the war on drugs." I must say I was struck with good humor at such a foolish notion.

You don't win a war of demand, my friend, for as long as there is a demand there will be a supply, and this point is irrefutable. It has been since humanity has lived on this planet, and in my view and opinion, is one of the basics of human nature. If President Bush insists on wasting our public's tax dollars on such a crockery then I say to him: you want war buddy, then you got it.

How many judges have been killed in Colombia anyway?

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