

## LIBRARY CARRELS KILLED

Library carrels will no longer be assigned to students for a semester. The senate library committee met last Tuesday, 12 September 1988 to discuss the problems associated with assigned carrels in the library. The noise associated with students and assigned carrels often prevents serious studiers from getting much done.

The committee decided that "all carrels in the Robertson Library will be open to all library users on a first come first served basis."

Many students use the library carrel as a sit-down locker. The committee is now looking at ways to provide a replacement for the

assigned carrels in the library, but no firm plans have been made.

Another problem addressed by the committee is the lack of a 'quick work area' in the library for students. If two or three students need 15 minutes to work on a problem, they currently have the pit as their only place to meet in the library building short of reserving a study room.

The committee, chaired by Professor John Smith, decided that "two study rooms (room 202, 203) will be open for spontaneous discussion to a maximum of 1 hour. Conference room B, behind the circulation desk, will be available to students by request at the circulation desk."

## Students Program for Understanding Drinking (SPUD)

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Students Program for Understanding Drinking, (SPUD) is a new program set up by the Student Union to promote responsible drinking.

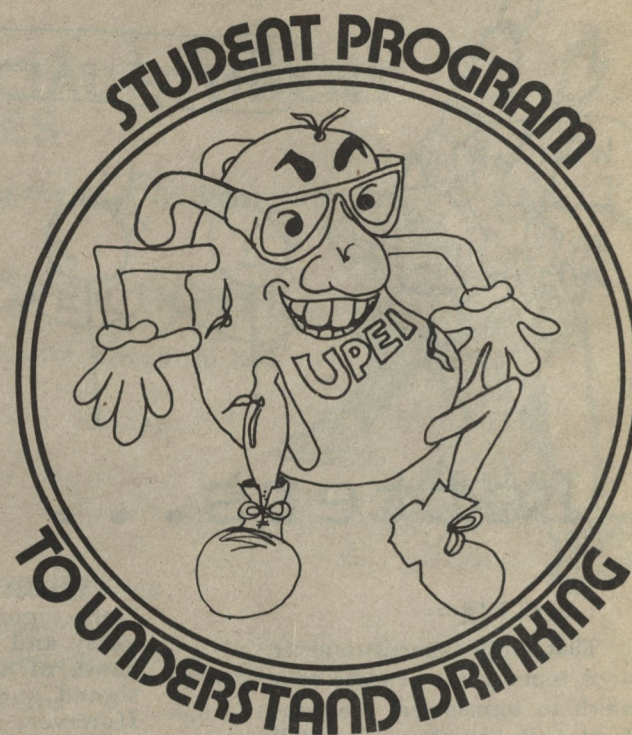
Tony Doyle, coordinator of the program, says its the main goal is to teach students that if they are going to drink, they can do so without abusing alcohol.

"Students should know they can have fun without feeling they have to drink excessively."

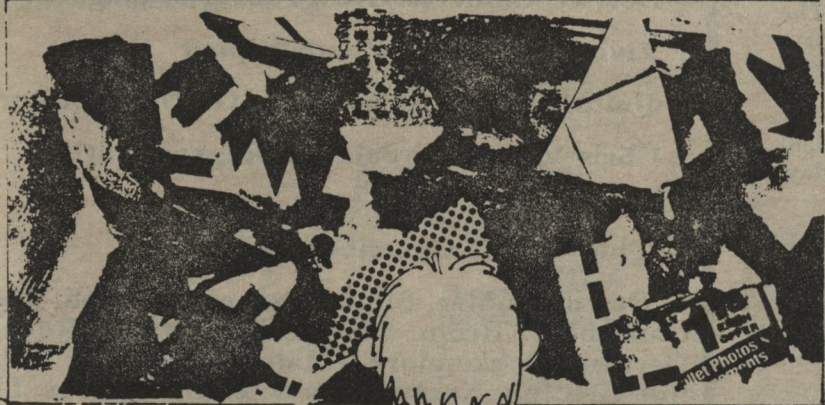
The idea came from other universities which already implemented it. Doyle was hired by the Student Union in June.

Some of the ideas he has in mind include an Alcohol Awareness Day, as well as possibly having a dry event on Sundays at the Panther Lounge.

Doyle says the program is very much needed since studies have shown that 80% of students drink and 10% of these suffer negative effects from alcohol. Doyle noted that so far there has been little student feedback, but it is early and he expects little negative reaction to it.



"We are not telling people not to drink; we are simply suggesting ways to do it responsibly."



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