

## But ID cards do Looks don't tell a person's age

By NANCY KASSEN

If you're 26 years old and bartenders still ask for proof of your age, something's either very wrong or very right with the way you look.

In most cases, whether or not you get checked for proof depends as much on the bar itself as on your face, your dress or the way you act.

What's "old" in some bars is hardly mature in others.

"The Wagon Wheel Saloon" at the intersection of Rochester and Big Beaver roads in Troy, caters to the young, mostly 20s crowd.

DAVE, 21, sits at the rear entrance of the dimly lit bar scrutinizing customers, checking those who look underage.

When judging a person's age, he says, he looks first at their face. Wrinkles and heavy bags under the eyes are definite signs of a "mature" person. But coarse beards on men and makeup on women tell a lot, too. Older women, he said, wear makeup more moderately than young women but still tend to show their age less than men.

The thought that women look younger than men was echoed by Bill, 30, and Brent, 28, who together guard the entrance to the Coral Gables on Woodward Avenue in Berkeley.

Part of a statewide chain, with branches in East Lansing and Kalamazoo, the Gables is known as one of the strictest bars for checking identification and Brent and Bill both take their jobs very seriously.

BECAUSE THEY check everyone, though, Brent said they do not pay close attention to how old a

person looks. Only the most obvious, the gray haired and the balding, don't get checked.

An "older" person, Bill said, has a "harder" look. Brent added, they don't wear glitter on their faces or rolled up blue jeans, which many young patrons favor.

Both Bill, Brent and George, who works at the Grog Shop in Southfield, say there is "something different" about older people, some nebulous, x-factor which indelibly stamps "age" on a person's character and bearing.

In the Grog Shop, which caters to the sophisticated professional, George, who is 19, said "you can't judge a person's age by his clothing."

Since the Grog Shop serves an affluent area, an 18 year old, George said, may appear in a full length mink coat. And some girls can "put on an act" — whatever it is — which makes them appear older.

You can't judge on physical features either, he said, agreeing that women generally look younger than men.

BUT TO DEBBIE, a waitress, age 22, at Lum's Bistro in Troy, it's easy to tell a person's age, especially if he's under 18.

Older customers, she said, dress differently, and even order different drinks.

The inexperienced favor whiskey sours. Seven and Seven's and Tom Collins while the more knowledgeable stick to scotch, martinis and manhattans.

Debbie, the most confident of her ability to judge age, admits to being influenced too by that "x-factor." And the older she gets, she admits, the younger teenagers seem to her.



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The Women's Studies Program of Wayne State University's College of Lifelong Learning will offer a series of five courses in the winter quarter beginning Jan. 9.

The series "Woman in Search of Herself" is designed for any woman who is looking for constructive ways to utilize her energies, to enjoy the company of other women, and at the same time, to grow emotionally and intellectually.

Three courses are at the WSU Southfield Center, 25610 W. Eleven Mile Road. "Listen to Women Speak" (9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays) a

course in women's autobiography, looks at the lives of various women as set forth in their own personal diaries, poems, songs and on tape and film. "Interpersonal Communication" (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays) is designed specifically for persons who desire to improve their ability to communicate with the people they encounter in everyday life. For those who have any type of creative bent, the "Women's Art Studio" (7-10 p.m. Wednesdays) provides studio work in all media in addition to guest speakers, informal critiques and slide presentations.

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