

Students can't whine about pressure to drink: Pagliaro

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While drinking and university seem to go hand-in-hand for many students who believe that their habits are harmless, Pagliaro said that it can actually lead to more serious problems.

"There's a tremendous problem on campus. Statistics tell us that probably, minimally, one in five college coeds will be sexually assaulted while in attendance at the U of A and many of these are date rapes that occur when one or both parties are intoxicated," Pagliaro insisted.

Tiana Doell, a second-year education student, believes that some students aren't aware of how much they're drinking.

"A lot of students drink too much," she said, adding that she thinks a lot of them also lie about how much they drink or don't seem to realize how often they do it and how much they're drinking at a time.

"The ones that actually probably have a problem seem to underestimate it."

There are students who don't consider themselves to be partiers, and who say that they aren't affected by how much their peers drink. Natalie Ryan, a third-year science student, has friends who enjoy going out to drink, but she that she has never felt obligated to drink.

"I've never felt like my friends are pressuring me, and I've never felt pressured to keep drinking even if I wanted to stop," she said.

Ryan did, however, note that drinking is very much a part of campus life.

"Did you go to orientation and [hear] all those songs for the different faculties? [One] song had something about beer and drinking," Ryan said.

As for the reason students drink, Pagliaro said that they can blame no one but themselves for their decision to drink to excess.

"[Students say] 'the devil made me do it.' Nobody made you do it. You did it because you wanted to," Pagliaro confirmed.

NEWS BRIEF

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MIDDAY MOURNING MARCH

Last Tuesday, the members of the Students' Union gathered in Quad and held a funeral to symbolically mourn the death of affordable education in the province.

"We are marking the passing of the promise that was made in February 2005 by Premier Klein that Alberta would have the most affordable tuition policy in Canada," said Dave Cournoyer, SU Vice-President (External).

On 3 November, the provincial government announced a new tuition policy after finishing a review of the postsecondary education system. This year, Alberta's tuition rates have students paying more than the national average and would exceed prices in Québec, Manitoba and Newfoundland, and Cournoyer argues rates won't likely improve under the new policy.

"A lot of students saw a lot of hope in that promise, when the provincial government finally recognized the burden that students were dealing with, with high tuition rates, which meant crushing student debt rates after graduation,"



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COFFIN UP TUITION Chaplain Reimer leads the procession through Quad.

Cournoyer explained. "[The funeral is a] good symbol of what has actually happened with the promise of affordable education."

Chaplain Richard Reimer, from the Lutheran Campus Ministry said a prayer at the funeral, and Cournoyer delivered the eulogy. Assembled mourners grieved, and students laid roses on the coffin.

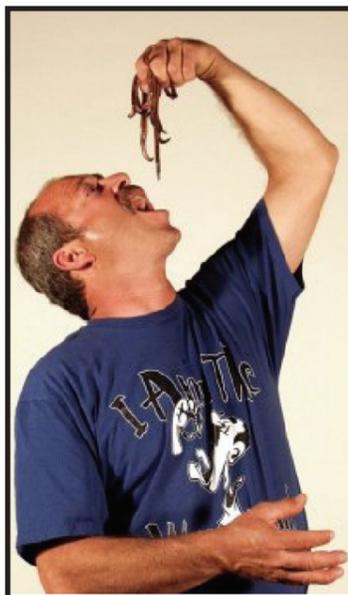
"We pray for those who turn away, gifted with intellect, but fearful of the cost. May access be tied to their aptitude and interest and industriousness, rather than the depth of their wallets," Reimer prayed.

Leah Trueblood, a second-year

philosophy student, attended the ceremony. She said that her philosophy training emphasizes "critical reflection and thought," and stated that those skills should be available to those in all socio-economic classes.

Larry Booi, chair of Public Interest Alberta, who has worked with the SU on a taskforce on postsecondary education, also attended the funeral.

"The promise from the government was betrayed. And there is no other word for it but betrayal. The government said that there would be the lowest tuition fees in the country. It's simply not true," he said.



FACT: The self-titled "Wormman," Mike Hogg, holds the world record for the most night crawlers eaten in a 30-second period—94 creepy crawlers. He also has the record for the most night crawlers eaten in an hour at a mind-blowing 15 pounds. And he's proud of it. He made *T-shirts*.

FACT: The *Gateway* news team has unanimously decided to ban Mark Hogg and all activities related to night-crawler-eating from all news meetings, held in 3-04 SUB at 3pm Fridays, in the interest of good taste.

Come on now—15 pounds? Honestly, what the hell prompts someone to do that?

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