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Car symbolizes abuse of alcohol

By Catherine Hawley
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Several campus organizations have joined forces during National Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 14-20, to build support on campus for substance abuse prevention.

The week's events were planned partly in response to a Carnegie Foundation report released last spring that painted a rather bleak picture of life on America's college campuses, said Joanne Frank, director of health education at the Student Health Center.

Excessive drinking was cited with racial and sexual harassment and incivility as the "disturbing realities of student life" documented in the report, called *Campus Life: In Search of Community*.

When the report was released, the national media showered a lot of attention on the harassment and incivility problems, but the analysis of

alcohol abuse was mostly overlooked.

Panhellenic, the Office of the Dean of Students and the Student Health Center's health education program are trying to remedy that imbalance by increasing awareness of the effects of alcohol and offering alternative activities for students.

The groups' most visible effort to warn students about the consequences of alcohol abuse is a 1974 Camaro parked on 13th Avenue in front of the Faculty Club.

The car, donated by Loren's Auto Parts and Repair in Eugene, was going about 85 mph when it slammed into a telephone pole. The shatter pattern on the windshield clearly indicates where the driver's head hit the glass.

Vickie Roberts, wife of the auto parts store owner, has written several poems about the accident, which are displayed on the car.

Although little is known

about the driver, the car was flagged with yellow police ribbon after the accident, indicating that alcohol or drugs were involved in the crash, Frank said.

Aside from warning students about the dangers of drinking and driving, sponsors of Alcohol Awareness Week are also trying to promote alternative, alcohol-free activities. For example, students can sample "mocktails" — non-alcoholic cocktail drinks — today at an information table in the EMU Lobby.

Mocktails will also be served tonight in the Shaeffer lounge from 9 to 11 p.m. Eugene musician Mark Alan and several magicians will provide entertainment.

Sponsors of Alcohol Awareness Week have also sent letters to University faculty asking them to incorporate alcohol-related topics into their lectures and class discussions.



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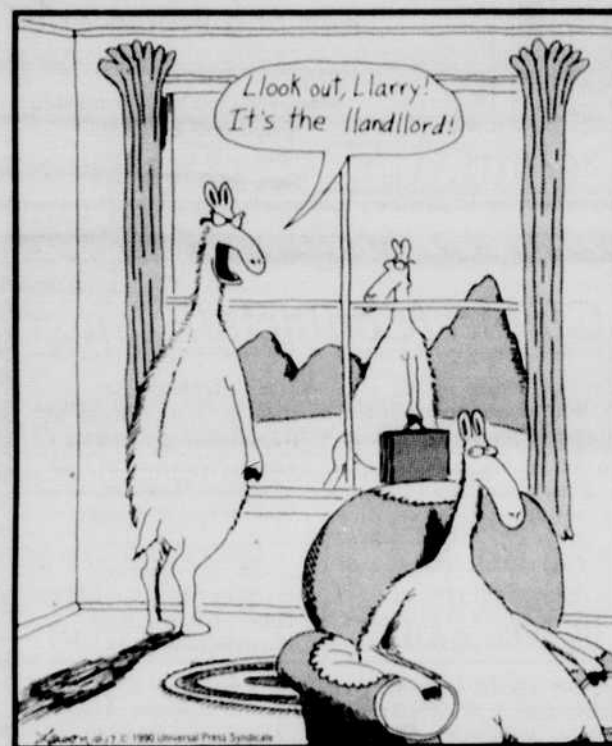
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