

UNIVERSITY DRINKING COMPARISON

Comparatively, the University has a slightly lower binge drinking average than other colleges recently surveyed. The following compares Columbia University's June 1994 study and Harvard University's December 1994 with the University of Oregon's 1993 CORE Alcohol and Drug Survey.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- Binge drinking practiced among 50% of all students at Columbia.
- 90% of all campus rapes involved alcohol.
- 60% of sexually transmitted diseases contracted occurred while under the influence.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

- Binge drinking practiced among 44% of 17,952 students surveyed at four-year colleges in 40 states.
- 90% of all campus rapes involved alcohol.
- Among the colleges surveyed, binge drinkers were seven to 10 times more likely to have unplanned sex, get in trouble with campus police, damage property or get hurt.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

- Binge drinking practiced among 41% of 686 students surveyed.
- 43% of the students reported they had done something under the influence of alcohol or drugs that they later regretted.
- 13% of students reported that someone had taken advantage of them sexually while under the influence.
- 7% of respondents reported that they had taken advantage of someone sexually while under the influence.

SOURCES: Columbia University study, Harvard University study and University of Oregon Dean of Student's 1993 CORE Alcohol and Drug Use Survey

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something under the influence of alcohol that they later regretted, while 13 percent reported that someone had taken advantage of them sexually while under the influence. One-fourth also said they would prefer not to have alcohol available at parties.

The survey contained questions about general demographics, perceptions of campus alcohol and other drug policies, age at first use, alcohol consumption over the past week, month and year, perceptions of alcohol and other drug use on campus, physical locations where alcohol and other drug consumption occurs, family history of alcohol or drug abuse and time spent in volunteer activities.

Blake said she believes the survey, as well as the two national surveys, are accurate because the percentages have remained con-

sistent over the past years with only slight changes in numbers. For example, the 1994 University survey showed binge drinking had only decreased from the previous year by one percent (42 to 41 percent).

"We think the sampling is accurate both here and nationwide," Blake said. "Nonetheless, a one percent decrease is nothing to brag about. We would like to see a seven to eight percent decrease, and ideally zero percent in binge drinking."

"Realistically, this won't happen, and that's why we're continuing with efforts to reduce binge drinking," she said.

Surveys were mailed to 1,000 randomly selected undergraduate students, with 686 returned by the deadline.

"Overall, a 69.1 percent return rate is quite representative of the student body and represents a significant population size," Blake said.

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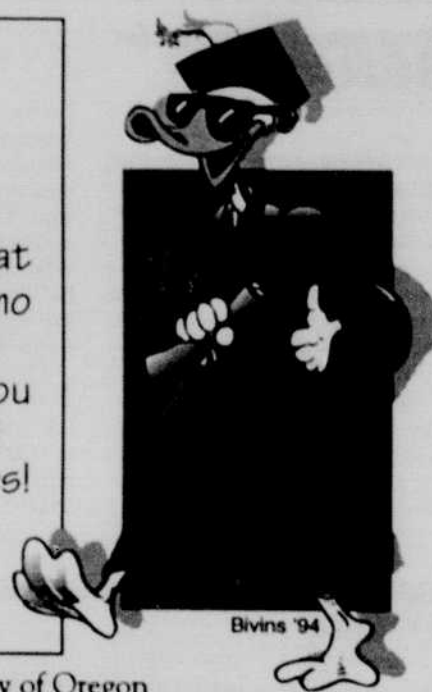
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