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The Network: News from the Front

Good Decisions Begin with Accurate Information

The Network

The Network is a national consortium of IHE professionals aimed at sharing and disseminating information to help curb alcohol and other drug abuse as well as violent behavior among college students. Begun in 1987 by the US Department of Education, the Network is a voluntary membership organization whose member institutions agree to adhere to a set of standards aimed at reducing alcohol and other drug problems. It now has over 1,500 members. For more information on The Network, visit <http://thenetwork.ws>

Trivia

"What critical role did alcohol play ("Elf Wine") in the plot development of the sixty Harry Potter book, The Half-Blood Prince, not to mention the entire HP series?"

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Network Members:

Ah, December 7th.. Pearl Harbor Day, the third day of Hanukkah, 18 days until Christmas, five days until the students at my institution leave for semester break, and 38 days before they come back again! In the time that students aren't on my campus, I have the chance to catch up, to reflect, and to plan for the next semester. I hope each of you has that opportunity as we close out this year. I hope in 2008 that you feel peace, hold onto happiness and health, and enjoy an exciting experience that stays in your memory forever!

Sincerely,
Carla Lapelle, Chair
The Network

Spinning the Science: Depressed Youth More Likely to Smoke, Drink, Use Illicit Drugs, SAMHSA Reports

By Robert Chapman, Ph.D

Young Adults who have recently battled depression are at increased risk of starting to smoke cigarettes or initiating

Blood Prince, not to mention the entire HP series?"

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How The Network is beneficial to members: "It gives us the opportunity to share experiences in the field, keep us up to date in the area of alcohol, other drugs, and violence in higher education. The Network allows us to know the latest in relation to the HEC and USDE, their policies, grant opportunities etc."

Online Resources

"Beer Soaked America" website: An interesting, albeit biased view of beer drinking in America.

[Link](#)

Free Online Course: Intro to Meds for Alcoholism Tx

[Link](#)

Aging, Medication, & Alcohol

This brochure contains information for older adults on alcohol use and medication-related problems.

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NIDA InfoFacts:

Young Adults who have recently battled depression are at increased risk of starting to smoke cigarettes or initiating alcohol and other drug use, according to a [report](#) from the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#).

SAMHSA, drawing on data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, said that youths ages 18 to 25 who reported a major depressive episode in the past year were 60 percent more likely that their peers to have started smoking, 35 percent more likely to have started drinking, twice as likely to have begun misusing prescription pain medication, and twice as likely to have started using illicit drugs.

"This study clearly reveals that too often people turn to cigarettes or other substances to try to deal with depression, creating a double jeopardy for their health and well-being," said SAMHSA Administrator Terry Cline, PH.D.

How Alcohol Outlets affect Neighborhood Violence

Neighborhoods where bars, restaurants and liquor and other stores that sell alcohol are close together suffer more frequent incidences of violence and other alcohol-related problems, according to recent research by the Prevention Research Center and others. The strong connection between alcohol and violence has been clear for a long time - but now we know that this connection also relates to the location of places that sell alcohol. To read this report, click [here](#).

Youth Drinking Rates & Problems: A Comparison of Euro Countries & The U.S.

Among Americans there is a commonly held perception that American young people drink more frequently and experience more alcohol-related problems than do their European counterparts. This perception, in turn, is often utilized as argument for various changes in U.S. alcohol policies and prevention initiatives, including elimination of minimum drinking age laws and development of programs that teach

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drinking age laws and development of programs that teach "responsible" drinking to young people. To read the OJJDP report, click [here](#).

Trivia Answer

It was not until Horace Slughorn became intoxicated on "Elf Wine" at Aragog's wake that he, Slughorn, shared a crucial memory regarding an encounter with his former student Tom Riddle, who becomes Harry Potter's arch nemesis, Lord Voldemort. It is from this memory that a strategy to defeat "he who must not be named" emerges, based on Slughorn's information on "horcruxes" and their significance. This pivotal point in the entire HP series could not have occurred had it not been for the intoxicating effects of alcohol - (For non-HP fans, to learn more about a horcrux visit <http://www.wisegeek.com/what-is-a-horcrux.htm>). To read more about the role of alcohol in the Harry Potter series, visit this blog operated by young readers, for young readers: <http://www.cosforums.com/showthread.php?t=90565> As an aside, there is an interesting article in the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse* entitled, "Harry Potter and the underage drinkers: Can we use this to talk to teens about alcohol?" To read the article, visit <http://tinyurl.com/2g63fb>

News From the Front is edited by Robert J. Chapman, PhD. Suggestions for articles, news items, and online resources are always welcomed. To submit to NFTF, send email to chapman.phd@gmail.com. For more information on the Network, visit <http://www.thenetwork.ws>

Calendar Events

AOD-Related Online Discussion Group

If you are not a subscriber to the Drughied online (Google) discussion group, then you may want to explore the group and its web site. If you would like to participate in the discussion, subscribing is easy and all requests from .edu domains are automatically subscribed. Requests for subscription from other than .edu domains are vetted to ensure interest in the group's discussion focus and discourage spam. Visit the website:

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