

by Heather Conrad

According to a national survey, 10-to-15 percent of the people age 18-to-25 have a problem with alcohol.

Mike O'Grady, substance abuse officer at Bridgeway Rehabilitation Center, found that on a typical college campus of 650 students, 500 of those students drink. But of that number, only 50 students feel it to be a problem.

Facts, figures, stories, and statistics such as these all were a part of the lectures' guest speakers presented during Alcohol Awareness Week.

However, on the first night of lectures, nobody showed up.

Tammy Jackson, director of residential life and co-coordinator of Alcohol Awareness Week, is shocked with the lack of concern about alcoholism on campus.

Jackson's concern only grew after the first night of the meetings. She said "We scheduled the two best speakers the first night. However, no one showed up for the meeting. The second night, we offered class credit if students would attend the meeting. Of course, more students came to the meeting. This really discouraged me. The lack of concern shocked me."

Many students may have felt that Alcohol Awareness Week was just another opportunity for older adults to lecture on the "Evils of DRINKING". However, it was far from just another lecture.

Jackson said, "Most of the speakers who came to talk were once addicts themselves. Being there once, they could better understand the urge to drink. They just wanted to get the message to students that if they do intend to drink, to drink responsibly, and learn their limit."

Jackson says that a possible explanation for the increase of alcoholism in young adults is because of the many pressures put on that particular age group. Pressure to succeed in college or to become successful in the working world at times, is intense. "There has to be a way to release the pressure. Drinking seems to be the most available outlet," Jackson says. "And usually, older people tend to believe that alcohol's not that accessible, so it's not a problem. But it is."

Jackson believes that more emphasis should be placed on teaching young adults to learn to drink responsibly, rather than constant warning never to drink. "Kids do drink, it's a fact. It shouldn't be ignored. We just have to learn to deal with the source instead of the consequence."

Jackson hopes that Alcohol Awareness Week has sparked a better awareness on the campus, and has made many aware that alcohol abuse is a close and growing problem.



Who says the Phon-a-Thon isn't fun? Hot-dogging callers take a break from the record-setting action for a group picture: left to right, front to back, John Hoback, David Hensley, Chuck Putnam, Guy Payne, Jill Baldwin, Warren Nance, Cathy Ruthven, Eric Welborne, Jay Meyers and Tom Taylor. (BC photo by Jock Lauterer)

BC phones homes

by Kathy Harbin

Brevard College students have, once again, put themselves "on the line" to raise funds for scholarships.

BC's "Phon-a-Thon" began on Nov. 2 and this year's goal is \$35,000, \$11,000 above the total raised last year.

Margot Summers, Director of Alumni Affairs, says the fund raiser appears successful so far. About 40 students have been calling Brevard graduates in states as far

away as California.

Summers said that until this year, only 9 percent of Brevard's alumni were donating funds to the college. Summers hopes to increase this amount to 20 percent.

Summers cites such donations as "the major component of scholarship support for the Brevard College student," and hopes many graduates will "support the alumni scholarship fund."

Concert listings

by Selena Lauterer

It seems as though college students are always trying to find out where the latest concerts are and who is going to be in the area sometime soon. Here are some of the latest traveling dates from some top groups:

—Motley Crue with Guns and Roses at the Omni in Atlanta on Nov. 20.

—Tina Turner with Level 42 Nov. 19 in the Augusta Richmond County Civic Center in Augusta, Ga.

—Whitney Houston with Jonathon Butler Nov. 22 at the Carolina Coliseum in Columbia.

—R.E.M. Nov. 24 at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta.

—Heart Nov. 27 at the Omni in Atlanta.

Life and Culture events set for Christmas

Life and Culture events for the rest of the semester include a piano concert and the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

The piano concert is set for Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 8:15 p.m. in the Dunham Auditorium and features pianist Jose Ramos Santana.

The annual Christmas program has been extended this year to an extra day to accommodate the expected crowds. The annual candlelight service features sacred and secular music by the Collegiate Singers and Chorale, the reading of Christmas texts and the lighting of the campus Christmas tree between Dunham and the library.

The Christmas program will be held Sunday and Monday, Dec. 6 and 7, at 7:30.

Tickets are free, but students are required to have them. Tickets can be picked up at the receptionist's desk at Beam Ad. Bldg. Students may also receive Life and Culture credit by attending the dress rehearsal Saturday night, Dec. 5.

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