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 - Sixty-seven percent of sexual assault on children involved alcohol use on the part of the assailant.
 - Fifty percent of alcoholic parents are child abusers.
 - Fifty percent of rapists have been using alcohol.
 - Eighty-six percent of murderers were using alcohol at the time of the offences.
 - Seventy-two percent of robberies were committed while the offenders were using alcohol.
- Canadian Police News, April '89, Vol. 3, No. 1

Chugging Booze Latest Danger to Health — Journal by The London Telegraph

Tossing back a drink and the over-enthusiastic brushing of teeth have been added to the growing list of activities that can lead the young to an early grave.

The New England Journal of Medicine reports this week that "bottoms up" drinking could cause a "trivial trauma" leading to a stroke.

The danger lies not in the contents of the glass, said the journal, but in the sudden movement of the neck. This could damage the artery supplying blood to the brain, with dire consequences.

Other activities posing a risk of strokes included diving into swimming pools, lifting heavy weights, giving birth and even — over-enthusiastic brushing of teeth.

Dr. Richard Trosch, neurology resident at the Yale University School of Medicine, and co-author of the article, said that researchers had found that many strokes which may have been caused by "trivial traumas" had gone undetected.

The young were vulnerable because the artery at risk, the extracranial carotid, was more taut than in older people and failed to stretch with a sudden movement.

The young also tended to play more drinking games.

More dangerous enthusiastic "shot glass" drinking came to light with the case of a 32-year-old woman who suffered a stroke after playing a game in which she downed several glasses of whisky.

"It was not only the alcohol but the manner in which she consumed it," said Dr. Trosch.

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Anisef has difficulty with that theory.

"I'm not saying there aren't students who think like that," he said. "But I think there's more to the motivations of people who enrol for university."

Bob Kanduth, communications director for the provincial faculty association OCUFA, was also critical. He said Stager

"looks at education very much as a commodity.

"That is not our view of education," Kanduth added.

Stager said he was only being realistic. "Everything I've read suggests that the principle reason students come to university is for some kind of pay off, mainly monetary."

The Council of Ontario Universities commissioned the study. Its communications director, Will Sayers, says the response has

been favourable. The president of UBC has ordered 30 copies, he said, and COU's Atlantic counterpart is distributing copies to all 19 Atlantic Canada university presidents.

Sayers said the study grew out of the council's unsuccessful attempts to lobby the government for large increases in operating funds.

"Since we had made no headway with the operating grants we decided we had to make an effort with tuition fees," Sayers said.

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Who is this? Well, for the most part it is white anglo men. This paper is staffed by some men and we have to allow jabs at ourselves and take it well before we can even begin to eye up other targets.

Some of the men at the Gazette are laughable. For example, there is one man on staff who claims, out loud and often, that his job on the Gazette is the hardest. He claims that he is swamped with work. Come to layout night (every Wednesday) and watch this lazy beggar take off for a smoke break every half hour or so. A search reveals that the cretin has been hiding in a lounge somewhere, playing the piano or lying down for a quick snooze. This is laughable!

Another is a smoker. Although we should not make fun of smokers because they won't be with us for long, this particular smoker is

a circus to behold. He's fine as long as he has cigarettes, but his face falls the moment he pulls out the pack and realizes there are none left. His hands clutch at the empty pack, his face goes pale and his eyes glaze over. His gaze sweeps the room, looking for other smokers, to perform the ritual "smoker's revenge".

Can I bum a smoke?

This happens to every smoker, and they perform this gleeful ritual with one another constantly. When one smoker runs out of cigarettes, she or he will fall upon the nearest smoker and beg pitifully. "Can I bum a smoke?" When the pack is offered, the beggar will stuff pockets with free cigarettes until some kind of secret message is sent from the

owner of the cigarettes to the thief. The owner cannot become angry, because they know for certain that they will be in the exact same predicament in a short time.

Our Gazette smoker has been known to ramble miles, within the confines of the SUB on Wednesday nights, searching for another smoker to play "smoker's revenge". He comes back to the office suitably calmed with ten or twelve cigarettes stuffed behind each ear. We should get a photo of this — he looks like a nicotine chicken with his cigarette headress.

Who else is a fair target of humour? Persons who have placed themselves in public positions, like student politicians (Terry Crawley, DSU V.P., recently shorn of a beard, gets asked for I.D. at places like the Grawood. Ha ha ha) and newspaper editors (the Gazette's editor has a head of hair that looks like a rat's nest. Ha ha ha). Men are fair targets, since the shots of humour have missed them so often. Especially WASPs.

We will ask forgiveness of you men who are unused to such abuse. Bear with us for a while; we'll get bored with you soon enough. In the meantime, the rest of you should start thinking up your own jokes about yourselves.

Ultimately, humour should reveal something. It should poke fun at pre-conceived notions and should shatter stereotypes. If you take the time to find something humorous in yourself or in your group, you may even learn something!

Sandy MacKay

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