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### Not Alcoholism til You Graduate! Roth Disagrees



Apparently there was a big Connecticut-wide summit meeting here on Monday - representatives from 20 colleges came to Wes to discuss what to do about "the drinking culture that infuses so much of campus life," says the Hartford Courant.

"Have we solved the problem? Not yet," said Walter Bernstein, vice president of Western Connecticut State University. "But I am convinced that the first step toward solving the problem is admitting that a problem exists."

Like a true alcoholic anonymous! Seriously, though:

The statistics are startling: About half of all college students in the U.S. binge drink or abuse drugs.

One quarter of them meet the medical criteria for drug or alcohol dependency, compared with about 8.5 percent of the general population. And college women, though they lag behind their male peers in terms of alcohol consumption, are catching up fast.

Those are the findings of a 2005 study conducted by the National Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

Our chief executive gets some words in - "It is 'part and parcel of our mission,' said Wesleyan President Michael Roth. 'You cannot learn the things you need to learn as a college student if you continue on a path' of unhealthy behavior, he said."

Uh you heard it kids, don't do anything Roth wouldn't do!



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