

Hitting the Books & Hitting the Booze: The College Experience?

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Finish this Statement: *My student...*

- Doesn't drink ever
- Has consumed alcohol at special occasions
- Experiments with alcohol occasionally
- Consumes alcohol at least once a week
- Drinks every day



Today's Topics

- AlcoholEdu for College
- “The College Effect”
- Statistics
- NDNU Policy
- Parental Notification
- What Can Parents Do?



What is AlcoholEdu for College?

- AlcoholEdu for College is an objective, science-based, online alcohol prevention program
- The purpose of AlcoholEdu for College is to prevent or reduce alcohol-related problems among college students while providing schools with a statistically accurate description of the alcohol-related attitudes, experiences, behaviors, and health education needs of their students



AlcoholEdu for College

- Required of all first year students
- Holds will be placed on student accounts for non-completers
- Log-in information will be mailed to students in July; also available online
- Parents can access the course

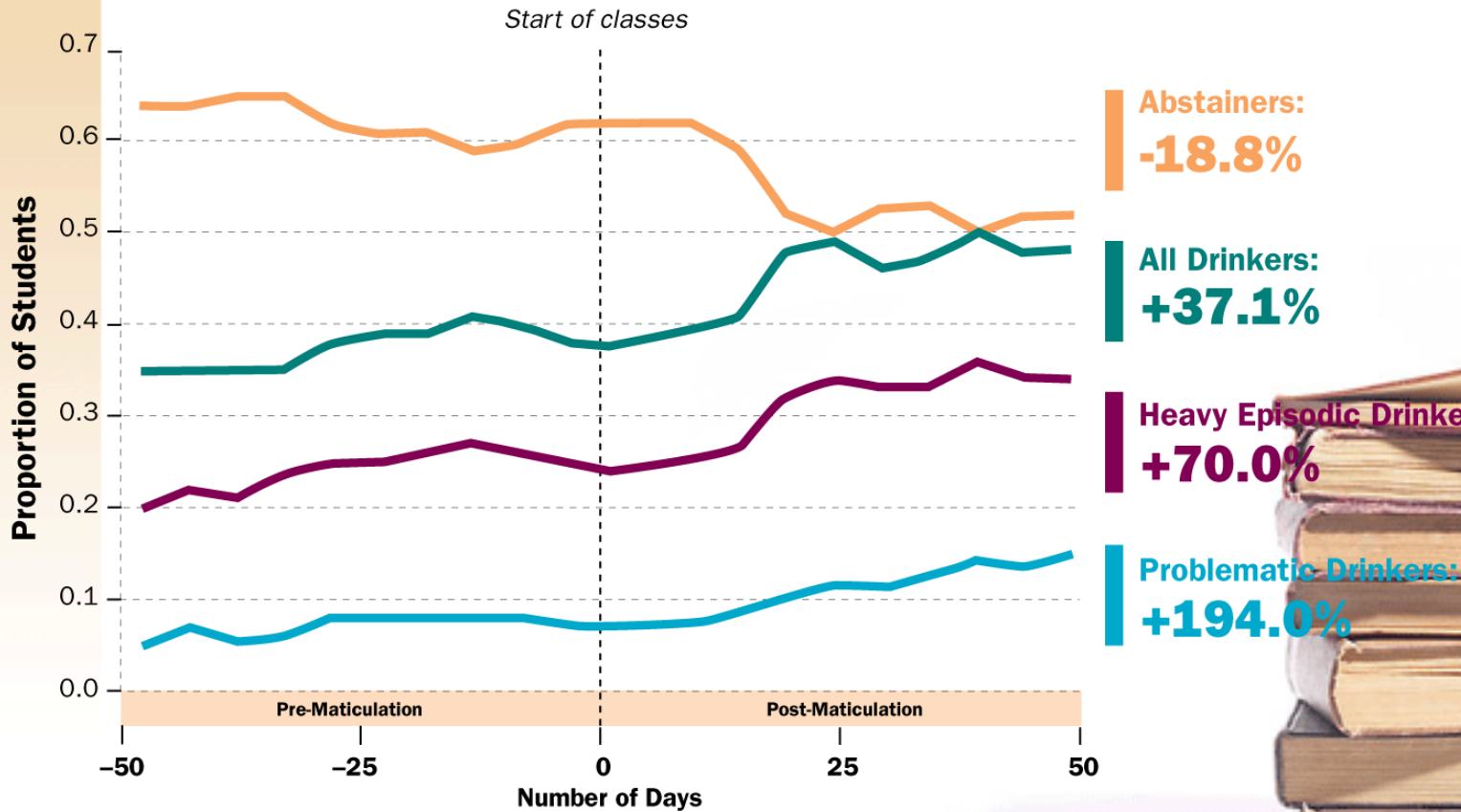


Let's Look at the Data

- The next slide uses aggregate data collected in 2008 from 236,400 students from over 216 colleges and universities in total.
- Using results from these students, a longitudinal description of the evolution of students' drinking behavior during the critical weeks and months prior to and during the transition to college was developed. This description defines the College Effect.

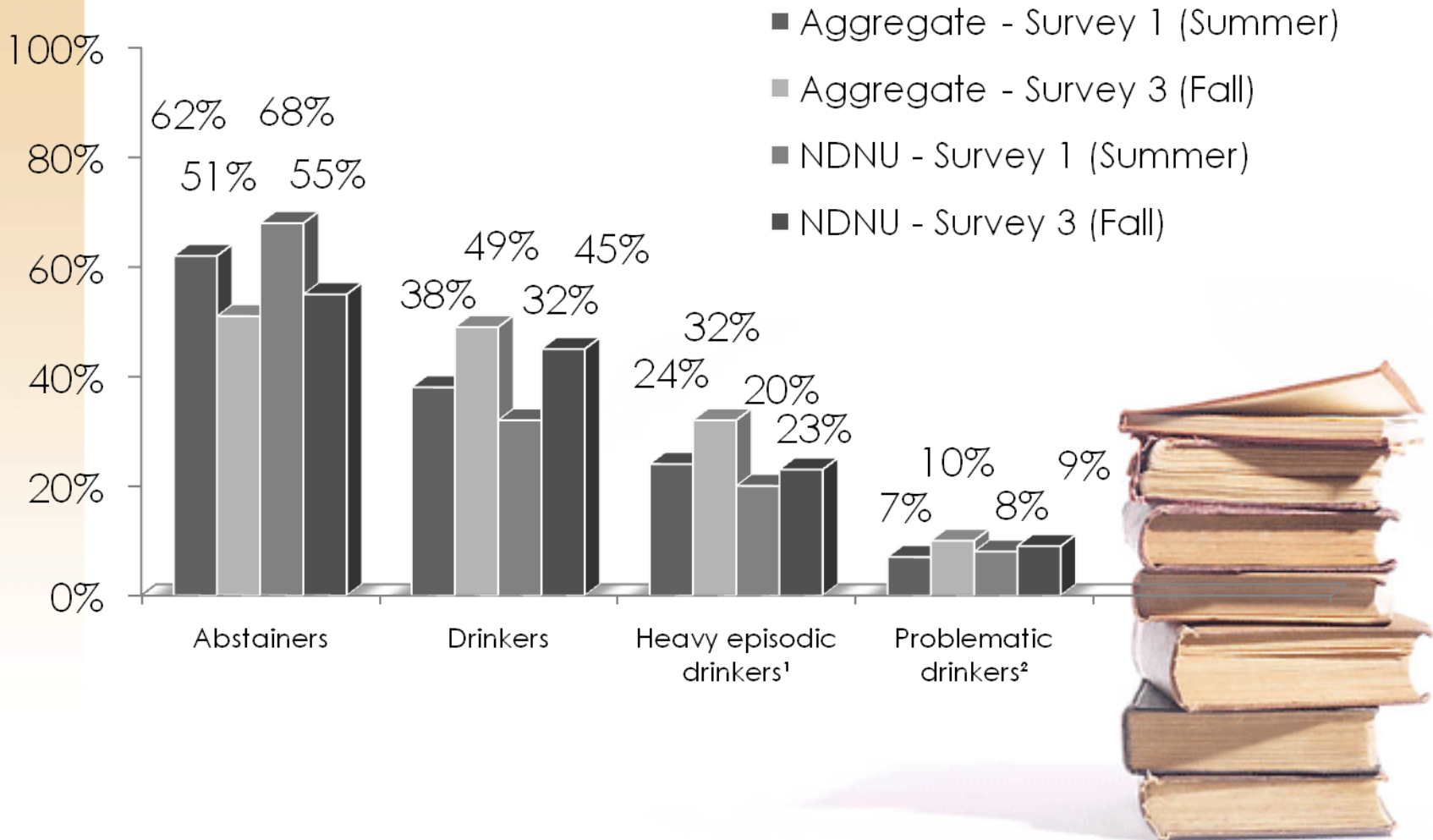


The College Effect



Source: AlcoholEdu for College, Pre-Intervention Surveys, 2008

NDNU Data



Question to Ponder...

Do you know how much drinking is currently happening within your student's peer group?



NDNU Policy

- NDNU abides by federal and state law
- Students under the age of 21 may not be present in rooms where alcohol is being consumed



What happens if my student violates the alcohol policy?

- Hearings are conducted by HRL staff
- Sanctions range from fines and education programs to removal from housing and mandated alcohol treatment



A Side Note About FERPA

- FERPA – Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act
- The University must have written consent from the student before information can be released
- There are some exceptions



Parental Notification

- Medical Transport
- Harms Self or Another
- Arrested by Police
- Vandalism
- Operates a Vehicle
- Disrupts University activities
- Information is Needed
- Pattern of Violations



Raise Your Hand...

... if you have
talked to your
student about
drinking



What Can You Do?

- Explore your own attitudes and beliefs about alcohol
- Be clear about expectations and talk about it with your students
- Ask questions
- Familiarize yourself with resources



Thank You!

Any Questions?

