

Alcohol and Other Drugs

For some time now, the media have made everyone aware that substance abuse is a problem on American college campuses. Drinking and other drug abuse have become a rite of passage for some college students. College and university presidents nationwide have identified substance abuse, primarily alcohol, as the greatest issue of concern on their campuses. The faculty, administration, and staff at The College of Wooster are concerned about the problem and committed to the well being of our students.

Wooster's approach to the issue of alcohol and drug abuse is proactive rather than reactive; and it is both individual and environmental. Moreover, it combines preventative programming to interrupt harmful behavior patterns of substance abuse with appropriate intervention programming when student behavior warrants it. Grounded in an emphasis on personal responsibility, Wooster's policies on alcohol and drugs are structured to give students the opportunity to correct irresponsible behaviors with guidance from professionally trained staff. The College holds students accountable for their behavior, referring them, when appropriate, for disciplinary action in the College's judicial system or to the civil authorities for prosecution.

The latter is particularly true in the case of selling and offering for sale illicit drugs. The College also is undertaking broader efforts to encourage a campus-wide intolerance of substance abuse. There are no simple solutions to the problem of substance abuse, whether among college students or in the general population.

Although Wooster has not experienced excessive problems in this area, it is addressing the general concern with a variety of long-term efforts. The primary purpose of this brochure is to summarize Wooster's response to this national concern and to outline the activities, services and resources upon which any student may draw

