

# Campus

## Not all see uni through the bottom of a glass



**Bus captains:** A quick one for the road before the bus captains head off on the Bond Uni Pub Crawl

PERHAPS the Campus page has been guilty of perpetuating a myth. It seems some uni students actually don't drink alcohol all the time — some not at all.

When it comes to Bond's infamous Pub Crawl, grand Global Fusion night or Palaver, journalism student David Haynes reported that some Bond University students 'just weren't interested'.

He found some students who said were 'sick of walking around campus and seeing all those posters enticing people to attend drinking events'.

Some said they find

Bond booze ups annoying.

"I have no problems with the emphasis on drinking, but it does affect my studies greatly," was undergraduate Edward Stuckey's somewhat cryptic comment.

Administrative assistant for Student Services Diane Hughes agreed that while generally the events held were positive, there was 'a bit of an emphasis on the drinking'.

In the past, this has caused some concern and especially with the number of 17-year-olds enrolled this semester.

Bond student council has come under fire in the past for the events it has organised on campus, and admitted to being extremely sensitive to the criticisms.

Council vice-president Sam Fay denied that the main focus of Pub Crawl and Palaver was alcohol.

"We see it as a fantastic opportunity for new and old students to intermingle and create a friendly and less daunting university environment," he told David.

(Would Coffee Shop Crawl attract the same interest, we wonder?)

Council president Kiah Wood said the council's primary function was to provide a variety of events for students and added that

not all of them revolved around drinking.

"Wednesday on the Water and even Don's on Thursday nights aren't about drinking but more about socialising," she said.

"We fund any event we feel students will go to. However, we do not pay for the alcohol at those events.

"Over the next few months we will be doing things to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the university and the emphasis on alcohol will be kept to a minimum."

Student Nathan Tuttle pointed out that students were not persuaded or forced to attend so-called drinking events.

"If you don't wish to drink at a certain function then don't," he said.

"No-one is forcing you to."

Meanwhile, good news for non-drinkers around campus — the student council has said it would willingly establish a Non-Drinkers Forum.

If anyone is interested, they should contact Kiah or Sam.

"We are here to provide and work for the students, that is our sole purpose," Kiah said.

"As far as a non-drinking forum is concerned, we are more than happy to take it on board."

We won't drink to that!



**On the mend:** Perhaps the next day's 'recovery' is a misnomer



**Sobering reminder:** Bond students sport the Pubcrawl 991 drinking uniform just in case they forget why they are there