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# Comedian educates with 'Alcohol is Funny'

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Comedian Mike Green knows a lot about being funny. He also knows a lot about alcohol.

In his debut performance of his "Alcohol is Funny" routine, Green entertained and educated a crowd of more than 300 Oakland University students about the effects alcohol can have on a person's life.

Green combines his own personal alcohol struggles with his knack for comedy to share his experiences and not sound "preachy" at the same time.

"It's got to be comedy," Green said. "I feel it's the only way because kids feel very passionately about music and the arts, and without 'rapping' it to them, it's going to be hard to get their attention."

His unique routine did grab the attention of audience members and gave them something to think about.

"He made some good points," junior Abby Hetu said. "A lot of people think they don't have a problem, like he didn't either. Hearing about his experiences might have awakened some people to that possibility."

Along with his entertaining stories of his experiences with alcohol, Green also gave some astonishing statistics about the consequences of alcohol abuse.

Audience members were stunned by the statistics Green presented, such as 28 percent of students will drop out of college due to alcohol, 85 percent of all sexual assaults are alcohol related, and all the money spent on alcohol during the year could be used to buy a laptop for every student in the United States from kindergarten through the fifth year of college.

"I can't believe that much money is spent on alcohol every year," freshman Allison Hooper said. "That's just crazy."

Adding together a little lesson with a little laughter, Green accomplished exactly what he set out to do.

"My life has gotten so much better without alcohol. I finally realized how much I was hindering my own growth, and I really want to share my experiences with kids and hopefully be able to help some of them too," Green said. "It might sound ridiculous, but it's true."

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