SPITTING GAME
[ABRIDGED VERSION]
[TRANSCRIPT]

Text on Screen: spit game. v. To flirt with, hit on or try to pick up (a woman). Often includes compliments and other forms of flattery that will hopefully lead to a "hook up."

DENICE ANN EVANS: What is hooking up?

NICOLE: Hooking up, to me, would be anything kissing and beyond.

MALE PARTYGOER: Anything an older brother would not want you doing with his younger sister.

TYE: Kissing, all the way up to sexual intercourse.

GARRETT: Hooking up is just going out and having a good time, finding a lovely lady, hopefully. Hopefully they’re good looking. Sometimes you got to pick and choose, but...

FEMALE PARTYGOER: I’m not looking for hook ups.

FEMALE PARTYGOER: I mean, when I think of hooking up, I think of someone, like, you go to a party and meet someone and you go home with him, and then you have sex, and then you may or may not talk to them ever again.

FOCUS GROUP FEMALE: Holding hands and, you know, maybe making out. But I don’t mean, like, sex.

FEMALE PARTYGOER: Making out.

ANNA: Hooking up to me is either having a make out session with someone or anything further than that, which could be sex.

NICOLE: So first, second, third base, home run – it doesn't matter.


Graphic on Screen: "PRE GAME"

SAM: "Pre game" is when I drink as much of the cheapest alcohol as possible. I don’t get wasted before I go out, but I make sure I’m feeling pretty good.
TYE: I think alcohol is the #1 factor in hooking up.

ANNA: Pregame, anywhere – dorms, houses, or wherever. You just meet over, have a couple of ‘drinkies’ before you go out to the bar so you don’t spend as much money and, you know, it gets you a little loose, talkative and whatnot. Pregame.

DENICE ANN EVANS: Alcohol sometimes can be used as an excuse?

MADISON, FOCUS GROUP: Definitely. More often than not alcohol plays a role in hooking up.

KELLY: Alcohol is a huge factor.

GARRETT: Alcohol is probably the main factor in hooking up.

KELLY: I mean, how can it not be? You know, it’s the time when your inhibitions are lowered and your judgments are a bit skewed, and it’s time to make some bad decisions.

RANDY HAVESON: And all of a sudden there’s alcohol involved, they start drinking and all of a sudden are doing things they’re not really comfortable doing. Alcohol tends to take down people’s shields and they tend to do things that they wouldn’t normally do if they weren’t under the influence. They call it "liquid courage." But it’s sad that some people are making decisions in their lives that are going to stay with them for the rest of their lives, that they did in one night. One decision and it’s going to affect them forever.

Text on Screen: Annually, college students spend $5.5 billion dollars on alcohol.
-AlcoholPolicyMD.com

DENICE ANN EVANS: On the continuum piece going from low risk to abuse, to alcoholism, what are some of the warning signs that a college student should know about? What are some red flags that they could look out for?

RANDY HAVESON: Sure. There are a lot of them that they can look for. Some of the main ones that I tell people are blackouts. Are you experiencing blackouts when you go out and drink, with a blackout being periods of time that you don’t remember throughout your night. Blacking out is not passing out. Passing out is when you lose consciousness, a blackout is when you are walking and talking, you just don’t remember what you’re saying or what you’re doing.

LUKE: If I had a good time, you had to tell me if I had a good time. A lot of people had to tell me what I did that night, because I was a blackout drunk.
TARA: It's funny, because the very first time I got drunk I blacked out, which I don't ever black out. I've had maybe on one hand I can count how many times I've blacked out in my life time, and I've drank a lot.

RANDY HAVESON: Another one is tolerance. Does it take you more of the drug to get the same effect that it did at the beginning?

LUKE: People had to tell me I did these crazy things. I had videos of me punching walls and just screaming at people, saying, "I'm going to kill you," and stuff like that. All these crazy things that come out of my mouth and I wouldn't remember at all.

RANDY HAVESON: Look at the people that you're hanging out with. If more than half the people you're hanging out with on a regular basis are abusing alcohol or drugs, then probably you're doing that too.

Chapter 2 – Alcohol & Other Drugs

GRASON: I guess binge drinking in general is not just going to a bar and having a couple of beers. There's card drinking games now, and dice drinking games. You know, you're basically chugging beer, you'll get a funnel out, and you'll do keg-stands. I mean, something where you're not just leisurely drinking a beer, you're pounding beers faster than it's hitting you.

TYE: I can go, and my male friends can go, over 10 shots or more.

DENICE ANN EVANS: 10 shots? And what kind of hours would that take – one hour, two hours, three?

TYE: Oh no, no. Like one to two, two hours, two to three hours we can do that much, or more.

Text on Screen: A stunning 25.9 percent of underage drinkers meet clinical criteria for alcohol abuse or dependence. -AlcoholPolicyMD.com

DENICE ANN EVANS: Generally speaking, what do you think the average female would drink on a heavy partying night? You said you're the exception, so...

TYE: The average female would probably drink four to five shots.

DENICE ANN EVANS: Four to five shots within a two-hour period?

TYE: Yeah.
PARTYGOERS: What the hell was it? Everclear.

DENICE ANN EVANS: And a guy?

TYE: Probably six to seven.

Text on Screen: Forty-nine percent (3.8 million) of full time college students binge drink.
- The National Center on Addiction & Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

DENICE ANN EVANS: So that’s at the beginning of the evening, I’m assuming. Two hours is just starting. So by the end of the evening, would there be maybe not shots, would there be other types of drinks involved?

Text on Screen: Approximately 5,000 young people under the age of 21 die as a result of underage drinking a year. -NIAA, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

TYE: There would be mix drinks, hunch punch... I mean there are so many different stages of "the game."

DENICE ANN EVANS: What are the most popular drugs, besides alcohol?

RANDY HAVESON: Oh, besides alcohol? Because I was going to say the most popular drugs are nicotine and alcohol.

DENICE ANN EVANS: Okay, well let’s talk about that first, then.

RANDY HAVESON: And a lot of parents will say, "Oh, it's just alcohol, they're just having a few drinks. It's not like they're doing drugs or something." But you know what, they are doing drugs. Alcohol is a drug. Once you go past that, marijuana is probably the number one most abused drug. And we’re seeing a sharp rise in the use of marijuana on college campuses around the country.

Text on Screen: Alcohol abuse and addiction cost the nation an estimated $220 billion in 2005 – more than cancer ($196 billion) or obesity ($133 billion). -www.casacolumbia.org

JESSICA: Well, when I first started college, it was mostly pot. Tons of pot, pot everywhere. Everyone smoked pot. You smoked pot in the bar.

DENICE ANN EVANS: And everyone, it wasn’t just like... the stoners weren’t the only ones smoking pot?

JESSICA: No, no, the frat kids smoked pot. The stoners smoked pot. You had the punk-rock kids that smoked pot. You had the jocks that smoked pot. Everyone smoked pot.

DENICE ANN EVANS: How about sorority girls?

JESSICA: Oh, yeah.

RANDY HAVESON: Marijuana has shifted over the past 20, 30 years and it's not the same drug that it used to be. Back then, it was 7% THC, today it's about 14 to 23% THC. So it's a lot more potent than it used to be. It's no longer a gateway drug, it is a formidable drug. People are using this, they are becoming addicted to it. Yes, people can become addicted to marijuana. We need to start taking a look at this as the potent drug that it is.

Text on Screen: It is estimated that 310,000 U.S. college students smoke marijuana daily and 630,000 students use illegal drugs, such as cocaine and heroin. -Brown University Health Services

Graphic on Screen: "THE GAME"

DENICE ANN EVANS: Do hook ups ever turn into dates? Ever turn into boyfriend-girlfriend relationships?

SAM: Nah, that's a bad way to start out a boyfriend-girlfriend relationship.

Chapter 3 – Hooking Up

FEMALE INTERVIEWEE: Most of the time when I did have hook ups, it was because I was either drunk, or I was on drugs.

WHITNEY: "What was what's-his-name that I hooked up with back then?"

MALE PARTYGOER: Well, in and of itself, the act is enjoyable. I mean, kissing somebody, being with them, contact, it's fun.

MALE PARTYGOERS: Hungry like the wolf, man, no ties. You know, you can give them the next night phone call, if you're feeling crazy. But you know, everybody wins.

FOCUS GROUP MALE: A hook up, you don't have to know her first name, her last name, it's just, you see her at a club, you go talk to her, go do what you all do and then go back home. Then split from there, never see her again.

DENICE ANN EVANS: What's good about hooking up from a female perspective?
FEMALE PARTYGOER: [laughter] Well, when you hook up with people it makes you feel...especially if you’re out and you can get someone to hook up with you, which is making out for me, it’s good because it makes you feel good about yourself that someone wants to hook up with you.

DENICE ANN EVANS: Are more college students hooking up than dating?

FEMALE PARTYGOER: Yes, yes. I would assume so.

WHITNEY: I was surprised how a lot of people would hook up with one person one night, forget about them, hook up with another person the next night, and it would go on and on and on. And the numbers would just increase, and nobody could even remember people’s names half the time.

FOCUS GROUP MALE: Why date and have just one when you can... You know, it’s college, people are just trying to have fun.

DENICE ANN EVANS: Why do you think so many people are doing it then, drinking and hooking up?

AMBER MADISON: Because it’s what everyone else is doing. Because, in a way, it’s fun for a lot of people. It’s fun to go out drinking. I think a lot of people feel like, "Oh, I’m in college, this is what I’m supposed to be doing." College is the time for sexual experimentation and all of that.

Chapter 4 – Drunken Sex

KELLY: Drunken sex is definitely not always good sex.

GARRETT: It's not at all.

MALE INTERVIEWEE: I’ve had a friend who threw up on his girlfriend in the middle of drunken sex, so it’s not always the best.

MALE PARTYGOER: And it just ended up not working because I had drank way too much and was kind of not accustomed to how alcohol gives you whiskey [expletive].

DENICE ANN EVANS: Did you hook up with anybody Stephen?

STEPHEN: I could not have performed. I could not have had sex last night.

AMBER MADISON: I think that one problem with the way that many people have looked at the hook up culture is this whole idea, "Okay, girls are getting the [expletive] here. They’re the ones who end up hurt in the morning. They’re the ones who have problems with
intimacy or feel bad about their decisions." But from the guys I've talked to, they deal with the same things. Guys regret cheap hook ups, they regret sleeping with a girl when it wasn't really what they wanted to do, they feel awkward in seeing her and feel like 'why did I make that decision?' So it's something that both guys and girls deal with.

**Text on Screen:** 60% of college women who are infected with STD’s, including genital herpes & AIDS, report that they were under the influence of alcohol at the time they had intercourse with the infected person. -Cal Poly Health & Counseling Services.

**ANNA:** Yeah definitely, there are so many horrible things that can come out of just one drunken night of meaningless sex.

**Chapter 5 – Bad Hook Ups**

**DENICE ANN EVANS:** Is there a downside to hooking up?

**ANNA:** You could get STDS, you could get raped. There’s several negatives. You could get pregnant.

**DENICE ANN EVANS:** So tell me about the night you got pregnant.

**MONICA:** The night I got pregnant, I was with a guy – we’ll call him ‘W.’ He was part of my drinking group, we were acquaintances. We hooked up one night and when we were finished, we realized that there had been a condom malfunction. I didn’t really think much of it because it was one of those things where I thought it would never happen to me. And three weeks later, I found out I was pregnant.

**DENICE ANN EVANS:** How did it change the structure of your lifestyle when you found out you were pregnant?

**MONICA:** A lot, because I had been out partying a lot at that point. Going out, you know, not every night but a lot of nights and as soon as I found out, I stopped all of that.

**Text on Screen:** Approximately 24% of college women have experiences an unplanned pregnancy and 20% of all college students are single parents. -Single Parent Career.

**Text on Screen:** The CDC estimates that 19 million new sexually transmitted diseases occur each year, almost half of them among young people ages 15 to 24. -Student Services Brown University.

**JESSICA:** It’s rampant, it’s everywhere. Actually, I’m having surgery tomorrow because I have pre-cancerous cells in my cervix.

**DENICE ANN EVANS:** Is that from HPV?
JESSICA: Well, I didn’t have an HPV test, but generally it is. I even talked to my doctor about it and she told me that 1 in 4 people have HPV. One in 4 people has it, and she even went on to tell me that statistics show that pretty much every person in America will have HPV at some point in their life. That’s scary. For men it doesn’t really do anything, but they don’t get tested, they don’t know they have it. And, you get it and sometimes it goes away and you’re cool and you never even know you had it, but in my case I have to go have surgery tomorrow. It’s probably as a result of HPV.

Text on Screen: HPV is caused by direct skin-to-skin contact. Most people do no develop symptoms, but certain types of HPV can cause genital warts in men & women. -Centers for Disease Control

Text on Screen: HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer and has led to an estimated 12,200 infected women per year. -Centers for Disease Control

Graphic on Screen: “POST GAME”

SAM: The next morning, I do everything I can to not make them feel uncomfortable by just making light of the whole situation and, when I see them again just smile at them, maybe even give them a little smirk.

Chapter 6 – Sexual Assault

DENICE ANN EVANS: Are there instances when women, after a hook up – since we’re talking about hook ups – will wake up in the morning with no memory of what’s happened, or very scant memory, or... tell me what you've heard.

KATHLENE: Well, I've had friends that have woken up half blacked out, half passed out with a guy they don't even know on top of them, and they're going at it, and they wake up the next morning and they'll look and be like, "Oh, he's hot." That was one of my friend's excuses. I was like, "Are you kidding me? You don't even know who he is," and he got up and left and she never saw him again.

ANNA: And I've heard stories like that too: "Girls drink too much." "They either don't remember what happened, they don't know whether they've had sex or not," or there’s other things, they’ve woken up and found condom wrappers or something like that, just from getting too drunk, taking it past that certain level and things happen.

Text on Screen: False reports of rape, according to the FBI, varying between 2-8% of the time. -National Center for Victims of Crime
**MALE INTERVIEWEE:** You’re drunk and the girl’s drunk and you all have sex and the next morning she’s like, “You raped me.” You can’t say anything, you can’t do anything because no matter what, you still had sex with her and it’s her word against yours.

**DENICE ANN EVANS:** A college woman who has had nonconsensual sex, she wakes up in the morning, realizes that she’s been penetrated. How come she doesn’t think of that as rape?

**DR. DAVID LISAK:** Well, we know that society in general is very confused about what the definition is of rape and sexual assault. People don’t get up in the morning and review the legal definitions in their state. Especially in this arena of non-stranger rape, many women as well as men believe that rape is essentially that guy in the ski mask who jumps out of the bushes, or the guy who’s waiting in the home, the stranger rape-assault.

**Text on Screen:** Women ages 16 to 24 experience rape at rates four times higher than the assault rate of all women, making the college (and high school) years the most vulnerable for women. -Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network

**FOCUS GROUP FEMALE:** Oh my gosh, I think she had fifteen beers or something and a few shots and stuff. And she had sex with somebody and I was like, "Well, was it good, because how do you know?" and she was like, "Honestly, I can’t even remember what happened to me." And I was like, "Well, you weren’t raped, were you?" And she was like, "Well, I don’t think so, but I’m never going to see him again anyway, so it doesn’t matter."

**DR. DAVID LISAK:** That’s really a small minority of rape, and the vast majority of rapes involve, as we said, non-strangers.

**ANNA:** "Hey, let’s get you a drink!" Of course, they want to get you a little tipsy because they know there chances are better of getting in your pants.

**LUKE:** And that’s the best part. Everybody loves to get with the freshmen at the beginning of the semester. That’s why we have so many parties at the beginning. When rush is going on, that’s why we have so many parties on the weekends.

**Text on Screen:** Women are at the greatest risk of being sexually assaulted their first 3 months on campus. -Bureau of Justice Statistics

**DENICE ANN EVANS:** Is there talk amongst students about which fraternities you would feel safer at than others?

**TYE:** There are fraternities that there are rumors going on, especially around my campus, about certain fraternities that make extra strong punch for the ladies for the specific purpose of getting them drunk.
**DENICE ANN EVANS:** So how many non-stranger or acquaintance rapes on campus go unreported in your estimation?

**DR. DAVID LISAK:** Well, we actually have very good data on this. The best estimate on college campuses is somewhere around 90% of sexual assaults are not reported. So, at most, 10% are reported. What that means is we have a problem that is just enormously larger than the official figures that are released by a college campus indicate. It also means that we have large numbers of students on any college campus who have experienced this, who are suffering with this.

**Text on Screen:** Most of the rapes that occur on college campuses involve people who know each other. It is most likely to be a friend or classmate. -RAINN, 2007. Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network

**DENICE ANN EVANS:** So, will women come forth to talk to other women about an experience of nonconsensual sex?

**AMBER MADISON:** Often times not, because they’re not going to be supported by their women-friends, because their friends are in the same cultural mindset of, "Well, you know, you did walk into his room by yourself at a party. You don’t think he’s under the impression that maybe you’d have sex?" So then all of a sudden, it’s the girl’s fault and everyone’s rushing to blame the girl for what happened to her instead of say, “Well it’s a guys responsibility to ask for consent for sex.” And giving a little bit... If you start to hook up with a guy, and then say, "No, stop," that still means "no." Whether you’re making out with him, whether you’re both naked. The second you say "no" it means no, but that’s not something that people understand.

**WHITNEY:** From there, he picked me up, and I was about 100 pounds so I had no way of defending myself. He picked me up and was holding my legs and still kissing me, despite my screaming and movement, nothing happened. He was like, "You’re a [expletive], you were sitting on my lap, what the [expletive] were you doing?" Somehow I got away from him, crying. I didn’t understand if someone is crying and telling you to stop, why you keep going. And then, I’m too scared to even drive, so I call all my guy friends that are back in the apartment and tell them, hoping they’d go beat him up, you know. And they said, "It’s so-and-so, so what, he’s drunk."

**DR. DAVID LISAK:** Often times, it’s through the rape crisis center that the victim starts to realize that this indeed was a criminal assault and they have at least an option of filing a complaint.

**AMBER MADISON:** Girls can’t come forward with, "I walked into a guy’s room and he forced me to have sex with him," because no one would believe them. Their friends wouldn’t support them most of the time. If it happens in a fraternity, all the frat brothers are then like, "Oh, that lying [expletive]. She walked into our fraternity dressed in a little mini-skirt, getting drunk, what does she expect was going to happen?" And so the second a
girl made any sort of move to have any sort of sexual relationship with a guy, then all of a sudden the blame gets put on her that the sex happened. And so it can't be rape because she walked into that situation willingly.

LUKE: I’ve gone outside and seen girls on the sidewalk, and everybody just staying away from them because they don’t want to be involved with the cops, they don’t want to be involved with ambulances coming. A lot of times, we’ll take girls out of the house and go drop them off a couple houses down in front of another fraternity’s house so that they’re blamed for it.

SCOTT: When you go to a party and you’re pledging, especially when the party involves a sorority, they’ll kind of point you in the direction of certain types of girls and say, “Well this girl, she's kind of known to be a [expletive], she’ll definitely sleep with you. This girl’s kind of prudish. If you can get her to hook up, you're the man.” They just kind of tell you, kind of show you the ropes as far as how to get with a girl, what they refer to as “spitting game” or “having good lines” or things like that. And trying to almost take you under their wing and show you how to do it.

Text on Screen: 90% of all campus rapes occur when alcohol or drugs have been used by either the assailant or the victim. -Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse

AMBER MADISON: Any kind of sexual assault where the girl made some move to put herself in a situation where it happened, at that point she just blames herself, and I think that’s the biggest problem with sexual assault on college campuses.

Chapter 7 – Consent

GRASON: You go home, they go all the way back to your house and then they want to sit around and make out on the couch, and fall asleep. That’s not what a guy who left a bar at three in the morning will do.

KATIE: A woman has a choice whether or not to take somebody home or to go home with someone, basically. It’s always their choice.

MADISON, FOCUS GROUP: That doesn’t mean to her that she wants to have sex. It might mean that she wants to get to know this guy, she's out to meet people and she's attracted to this guy, so let's talk and see.

GRASON, FOCUS GROUP: Don't go home at three a.m.! We used to call girls like that "kissing [expletive]."

STEPHEN: You know, you can tell. Every signal they send you, it’s just like, "She wants that."
DR. DAVID LISAK: If I’ve been drinking and they’ve been drinking, and we’re messing around, how do I know that she’s not giving me consent or she doesn’t want to do it? From a legal perspective, yes, these can be extremely murky questions to answer.

Text on Screen: More than one in five men report "becoming so sexually aroused that they could not stop themselves from having sex, even though the woman did not consent." - Sexual Assault Statistics, John D. Foubert, Ph.D.

AMBER MADISON: There are physical cues that guys should look out for, if you’re making out with a girl and things are moving really fast and all of a sudden, she just freezes and is doing nothing, don’t continue what you are doing! Stop and ask her, "Is this okay? Is this okay what I am doing? Are you still into this? Because you're not acting like you really want this to happen."

AMANDA A. FARAHANY: That's a question when you're drinking alcohol. Does the person have the capacity to give consent? Is that person able to understand what it is that they're doing? Is the person so incapacitated that they are unable to control their own actions, or understand their own actions? And again, depending on the state it is, it's going to depend on at what point there's incapacity.

DENICE ANN EVANS: Can a man or woman make a conscious decision if they're drunk?

AMBER MADISON: No, probably not. I mean, who makes good decisions when they’re drunk? And I think that is a huge problem because alcohol is such a part of the hook up culture. When I lecture on college campuses, something that I try to encourage people to do, I’m like, "You know how if you go out at night, you’d have a designated driver? How about a designated [expletive] blocker?" And decide at the beginning of the night who you want to hook up with and how far you want to go, and then tell your friend, "Please look out for me, we’re going to be drinking. This is what I want to do. Don't let me do anything else."

KATHLENE: I think she just kind of didn’t want to think about it and just move on, but I think that’s rape. If she woke up in the middle, and didn’t say ‘yes’ in the beginning. And things like that happen all the time.

AMANDA A. FARAHANY: Has he said, "Let’s go back to my place and talk?" Which is usually what they say. And she says, "Yes, I’ll go back to your place and talk." Well, she’s agreed to go back to his place and talk. At some point, there has to be an understanding between the both of them that it’s going to go to some other level before you can even question whether it’s consent. But just because a woman goes home with a man doesn’t mean that she’s consenting to have sex with him.

AMBER MADISON: A girl agreeing to kiss a guy is not giving them consent, "Okay, I want to have sexual intercourse with you now."
JESSICA: It's hard to think about sometimes when you're out drinking and you go home with someone, and maybe you didn't want to have sex with them, but you end up doing it anyway because you're too drunk to say no, or to really put the energy into saying, "You know, I really don't want this. I don't want to sleep with you." You're just too wasted, and you're too exhausted to really say no. And that's disgusting.

AMANDA A. FARAHANY: Somebody who is going to penetrate another person's body has a responsibility to do so with that person's consent. So, they must get that person's consent in order to be able to penetrate the person's body. Consent can either be verbal, which someone actually says, "Is it okay if we do this?" And the person says, "Yes, it's okay." Or, it can be nonverbal, which is, "Tell me to stop if you want me to stop," and the person doesn't say anything, and it continues on. Those are all ways of giving actual consent.

GRASON, FOCUS GROUP: I cannot name one single guy that would go home with a girl at three in the morning, wasted, just to make out and have her sleep next to him, and then say, "Hey, let me take you home," in the morning. I cannot name one single...

FOCUS GROUP FEMALES: I can! I can name a few...

GRASON, FOCUS GROUP: Girls can name them, guys can't!

Text on Screen: 51% of college males admit perpetrating one or more sexual assault incidents during college. -National Center for Victims of Crime

DENICE ANN EVANS: Why is there such confusion about the consent thing?

FOCUS GROUP MALE: Because you just shouldn't put yourself in a situation where there should be... I mean, if you don't want to sleep with a guy, don't go home with him.

FOCUS GROUP FEMALE: If they're really your true friend, that's a guy, and you're saying, "Yes, yes, yes," but you're completely drunk, then they should know enough that you're just not in your right mind right now.

FOCUS GROUP FEMALE: You can't expect people to be responsible. ...In an ideal world.

FOCUS GROUP MALE: Most likely, the guys most probably drunk too. And he's not going to take your subtle hints of... He might just think, "Okay, she wants to take it a little bit slower." Not necessarily like, "Oh, I'm not going to have sex now."

GRASON, FOCUS GROUP: It's hard to tell exactly, it's hard to tell that level of, "How drunk is she?" It's a very, very gray area. And that happens a lot too.

DENICE ANN EVANS: So, can a woman who's been drinking give consent?
AMANDA A. FARAHANY: That's a good question. Whether a woman can give consent when she's been drinking has to do with whether or not she's incapacitated. So, it's going to depend on how the school defines "consent," or any of the laws define "consent," as to whether or not, and at what level they're too incapacitated to give consent. But, incapacity for consent is a defense. There has to be consent at each step. And that consent could be taken away. So let's say she's been drinking, she's capable of giving consent and, at some point, she becomes so incapacitated that she's no longer able to give consent, that consent is revoked at that point. So, for example, let's say she goes home and she had just done six shots before she walked out the door. By the time she gets to his house, she's probably going to be unconscious or incapacitated. If he thought he had consent when they left the bar to go home and have sex, at the point she's incapacitated, he has no consent. And so he's not going to be able to prove that he had her consent to have sex, and that's going to be a violation of the law.

Chapter 8 – Peer Pressure

KATHLENE: There's peer pressure to hook up. If some of your girlfriends are going out and they're hooking up with other people, they don't want to feel like 'the slut' or 'the whore.' They want you to do it too so that, not only can you be empathetic, but so that you're on the same level, you have the same things to talk about.

JESSICA: As far as feeling pressure, I was insecure about who I wanted to be. You know, "Am I pretty enough? Am I cool enough? Am I doing the right thing? Am I smart enough?" And sometimes if you got attention from a guy, you would just do it because... I mean, and it's so funny to hear myself say this now, because in college I would have said that it was something totally different. But now, I've gotten older and I am in a serious relationship now, so I know a little bit more about what I was actually doing. I was insecure, I didn't know who I was, I was trying to find myself and all the guys that came along basically just made me feel better for the time.

DENICE ANN EVANS: So, what's at the root of all this acting out behavior in college campuses? The abusive drinking, the drug use, the sexual promiscuity?

RANDY HAVESON: My theory? It's all about self-esteem. I think it really comes down to a self-esteem problem. People with high self-esteem, they don't act out sexually, they don't stay in unhealthy relationships, they don't abuse alcohol, they don't use drugs. They don't have time for that, they don't have a use for that. I really think that it's a self-esteem problem.

KATHLENE: A lot of the girls I see that do it more often, they are fresh out of a relationship and they're hurt. I don't know if it's because they want to hurt their boyfriend, or they just want to feel good about themselves and, "Yes, I can go out and get all these guys and they're interested in me." I think that happens a lot and after it happens, they realize the guy was
really just using them for sex or whatever else it was, it hurts their feelings, but they kind of look at it as "whatever," you know, they just blow it off.

**JESSICA:** When I was in college, I thought, "If I'm using him too, it's okay. I'm not really getting used. I'm doing the same thing to him that he's doing to me." And it's not the case. I was disrespected the entire time. And it happens to girls everywhere, all over the place.

**AMBER MADISON:** Is this something that I'm going to feel good about tomorrow? Is this something that I really want to do? Do I feel pressured into it, to impress my friends? Or am I hooking up with a guy because I want to feel attractive? Or am I doing it to get back at some guy who really screwed me over and I want to prove, "Hey, look what I can do." And if it's those reasons, then that's never going to be a fulfilling sexual experience and no one's going to feel good about those choices.

**KATHLENE:** The higher your number gets up, the more people you mess around with. It's dangerous.

**AMBER MADISON:** I think that the biggest problem with sex on college campuses today and oral sex, any kind of sex, it's that people aren't consciously making their decisions. And they're walking into hook ups and saying, "Hey, why not?" And they don't consciously think, "Wait a minute, do I really want to hook up with this guy," or, "Do I really want to hook up with this girl," and, "how is this going to make me feel the next morning?"

**KATHLENE:** Lot's of girls brag about it. I don't think it's great to say, "Oh, I’ve slept with this many people...," but I've had friends who say it and they're just like, "So, haven’t you?" And I don't know if I should feel bad or say, "No, I haven’t."

**MALE INTERVIEWEE:** I won't be offensive, but for black athletes, we have "creamies" which is basically white girls that are willing to do anything just because we play sports, and we have "groupies" which are white and black girls that just hang around us just so they can be seen with us.

**DENICE ANN EVANS:** What's the worst thing you've ever heard about happening at a fraternity?


**DENICE ANN EVANS:** Ok, "running trains?" I think I know what you mean, but could you tell us please.

**FEMALE PARTYGOERS:** There's like one or two girls, and probably ten to fifteen guys. Yeah, all taking turns.

**LUKE:** We had this name called "tosters." If more than three of the fraternity brothers had slept with you, you were a toaster.
RANDY HAVESON: All these students keep comparing themselves to everyone else and what they find is, when they compare, they come out to be less than. So, they feel like they have to make up for it in some way. So they drink, they have sex with people that they don't really want to have sex with, they think that that makes them something and it really doesn't. So I think at the root of this whole thing, we have a society that has a self-esteem problem. How much self-esteem do they have? So I think we need to shift from being an ego-based culture, to a self-esteem based culture and when that starts to happen, then we're going to start having people who feel better about who they are.

DENICE ANN EVANS: So college students who are hooking up and just having random, casual sex – is that like the new handshake? Getting to know you? "Let’s hook up."

LUKE: In some cases, yes. I think that when people hook up... I wouldn’t go as far as calling it a handshake, but it’s definitely a way to skip getting to know the person, and just get that instant gratification.

AMBER MADISON: This is a generation who's coming into college with a completely sexualized world around them, and with very little education.

DENICE ANN EVANS: Do you know of guys that don't use protection when they hook up?

SCOTT: Yes. I mean, I’m not going to say... I haven’t always used a condom, but I usually do. I try to.

JERAMY: I heard that pulling out was 99% effective.

STEPHEN: [laughter] ...It’s called "coitus interruptus" actually.

RANDY HAVESON: I think the hook up culture is alive and well and thriving. I think for a while, when HIV and AIDS first reared its ugly head, I think there was some awareness and some education that was really going on. And there are a lot of campuses that are doing a really good job of educating students on safe sexual practice. I think condoms are used on campus a lot more than they were in the past but again, once you introduce alcohol, all the common sense just goes out the window.

Text on Screen: 1 in 1,500 college students is HIV positive, and the fastest-growing populations of American people infected with HIV are teenagers and young adults. - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

PARTYGOERS: [singing] Happy birthday to you!

Text on Screen: As many as 70% of college students admit to having engaged in sexual activity, or to having sex they wouldn't have had if they had been sober. -Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse
DENICE ANN EVANS: Do you think everybody is as comfortable with the hooking up scene as they appear to be?

TYE: No, no. We all hook up because we drink, we party. It's fun, it's something that people do. But me and my friends also talk about how what's missing is that serious connection, and so it's not always fun the next day, when you realize, "Hey, there's nothing there."

AMBER MADISON: I think if people were more conscious about their choices, sure, maybe there would be a few casual relationships. But it wouldn't be the majority of relationships going on.

DENICE ANN EVANS: So, you're going to have to go back to work full-time?

MONIKA: Yes I will, soon. And, you know, paying for childcare once I do go back, and my main goal is to go back to school and finish school. So, I'll be having to work and school and daycare.

SCOTT: You know, I find that there's a lot to do on a college campus besides get messed up.

STEPHEN: Yeah, that Coors game threw me over the edge.

DENICE ANN EVANS: How much do you think you had, though, like 10 drinks, 12 drinks?

STEPHEN: I had like 20-something.

Text on Screen: 159,000 of today's first-year college students will drop out of school next year for alcohol or other drug-related reasons. - Core Institute Survey

LUKE: To me, sex has become not a thing out of love, but a thing out of necessity and want. That easy fix, almost like a drug. Sex is like a drug in college.

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