

Monday, March 2, 2015

Further Information regarding student club display

The university is aware that the display planned by the student group Go Life has generated a number of questions and concerns from within our campus community. As a result, we have gathered further information to help address the most common concerns that have been raised so far.

Concern: *The university doesn't care about the health and wellbeing of students or they would prevent this event from happening.*

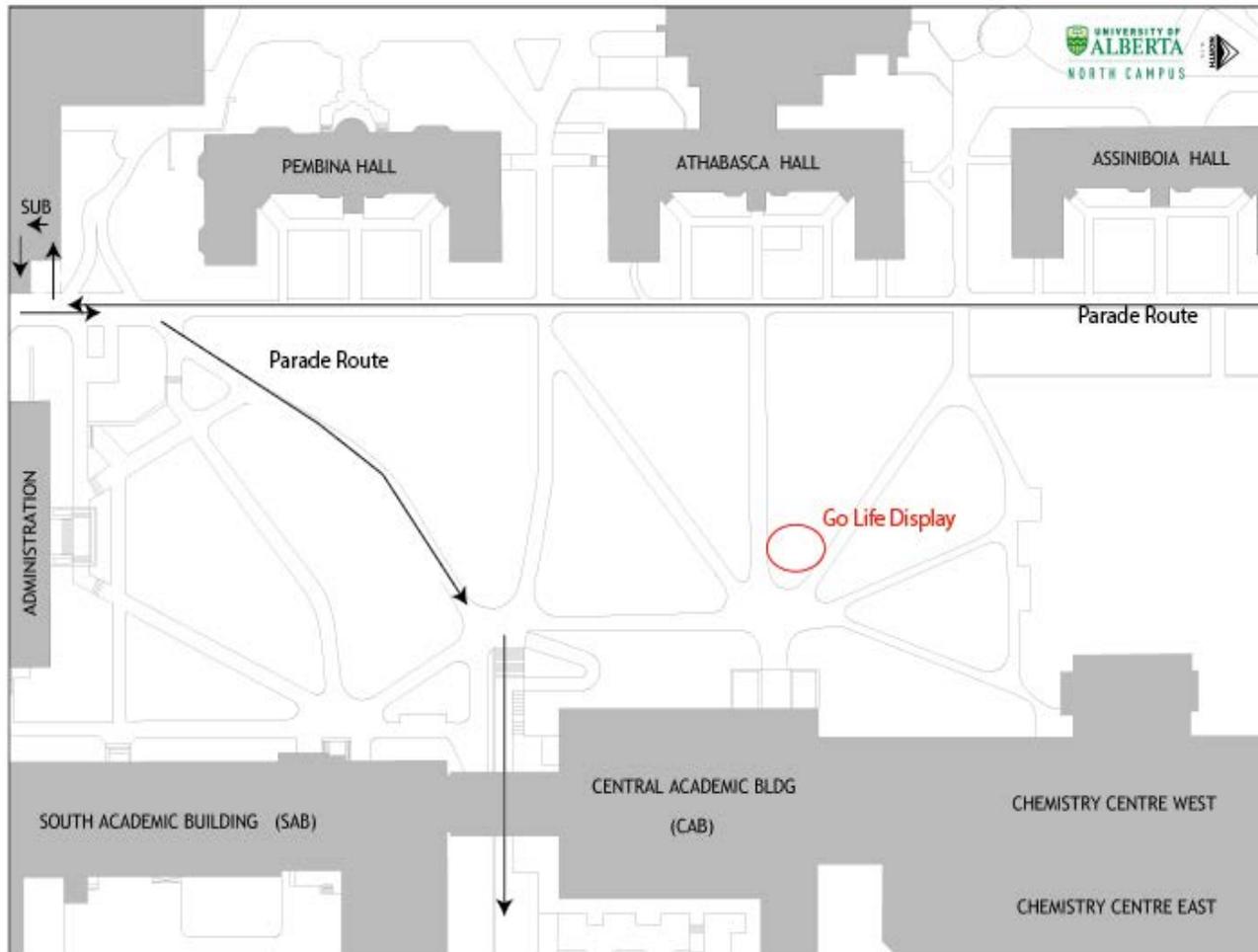
Reply: The university cares greatly about the safety and security of our students. The university will be monitoring this event to ensure that a reasonable balance is struck between the rights of the Go Life student group and the rights of other students and members of the university community.

Concern: *The Go Life display will be in contravention of the Code of Student Behaviour.*

Reply: Go Life is a registered student group on campus and, under existing policies and procedures, has the same rights, privileges and obligations as other student groups including accessing the same spaces as other registered student groups. Go Life has worked cooperatively with the university in understanding its obligations including considering the possible impact of their display. At present, there is no information that any individual student associated with the Go Life display will contravene the [Code of Student Behaviour](#). The CoSB states in its intro that "[n]othing in this Code shall be construed to prohibit peaceful assemblies and demonstrations, or lawful picketing, or to inhibit free speech." All complaints made in relation to the conduct of an individual student(s) under the Code of Student Behaviour will be investigated. Complaints under the [Student Groups Procedure](#) will be investigated by the [Dean of Students](#). The university will be monitoring this event on an ongoing basis to ensure the group's continued compliance.

Concern: *I will not have access to Quad or the Pride events without risking emotional harm.*

Reply: The Go Life event is located in one particular area in Quad, and is not adjacent to the planned [Pride Week](#) parade route. The Go Life display will be located near CAB's northeast doors.



Concern: Defence of freedom of speech should not outweigh defence of protection against harm.

Reply: As the [Code of Student Behaviour](#) indicates, “the University is defined by tradition as a community of people dedicated to the pursuit of truth and advancement of knowledge, and as a place where there is freedom to teach, freedom to engage in research, freedom to create, freedom to learn, freedom to study, freedom to speak, freedom to associate, freedom to write and publish”. The university also seeks to maintain the safety and security of our students, faculty and staff. The university will be monitoring this event to ensure that a reasonable balance is struck between the rights of Go Life as well as the rights of other students and members of the university community.

Concern: The Go Life group will be displaying graphic images of abortion and comparing them to genocide.

Reply: The Go Life group has indicated they will not be displaying any material that compares abortion to genocide.

Concern: *As a member of the university community, I will be emotionally traumatized by the images displayed by the Go Life group.*

Reply: The mental health and wellbeing of our students, and other members of the university community, is always a priority. Should anyone need help at any time, there are a range of support services available to help that include:

Counselling and Clinical Services:

Location - 2nd floor SUB

Phone - 780.492.5205.

Hours - Open 8-4:30 Mon, Thur, Fri; open till 8-7pm on Tue and Wed.

Community Social Work Team:

Phone - 780.492.3342

Email - cswteam@ualberta.ca

Sexual Assault Centre:

Location - 2-705 SUB

Phone: 780-492-9771

email - sexualassaultcentre@ualberta.ca

Hours - 9am-8pm Mon-Fri, evening hours dependent on volunteer availability

Chaplains Association:

Phone - 780.492.0339

Email: interfaithchaplains@ualberta.ca

Peer Support Centre:

Location - 2-707 SUB

Hours - Monday to Friday 9am-8pm.

Phone - 780.492.HELP (4357)

Email - psc@su.ualberta.ca

Additional HR Supports for Faculty and Staff:

Contact our EFAP provider, [Homewood Health](#), at 780.428.7587

24 hour toll free numbers for services across North America

1.800.663.1142 (English - 24 hours)

1.866.398.9505 (En Francais)

1.888.384.9505 TTY (hard of hearing)

Please [click here](#) to see the original statement regarding this matter.