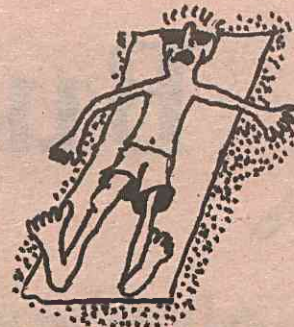




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Improve Your Vocabulary

By Susan Grantier

Did you know that the word "drunk" has more synonyms than any other word? In 1737, Benjamin Franklin was the first American to publish a list of synonyms. He managed to come up with 228. Why are there so many words for drunk? According to Stuart Berg Flexner, author of *I Hear America Talking*, it's because "people have been getting drunk for a long time, for many different reasons, and experiencing many different reactions. We drink or overdrink from coast to coast - drinking can be funny, drinking can be sad - and both those who do and those who don't talk about it."

There are three categories that drunk words can be filed into.

- 1) The pleasant phase - "feeling good," "high," "happy," or "lit."
- 2) When you're kind of "unsteady," "tipsy," "three sheets to the wind," and "bleary eyed."
- 3) When you're really drunk - "clobbered," "smashed," "petrified," and "stoned."

Though it's hard to imagine Victorian ladies or our Puritan ancestors getting "smashed," it's apparent that they did. And they had their own words to describe it.

The 1500's: intoxicated, soused (to the gills), booray, boored up, in one's cups.

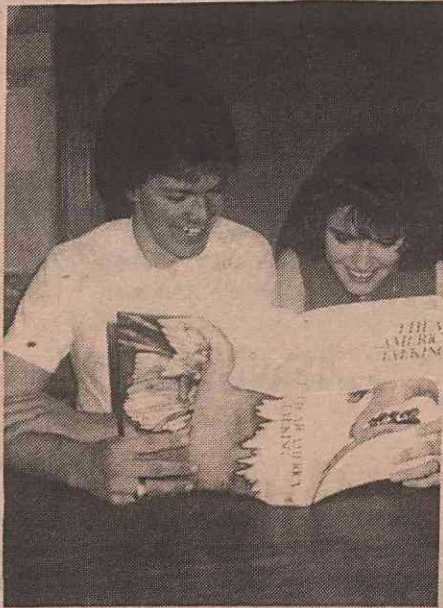
The 1600's: blind drunk, elevated (high), foxed, jolly, cut, shot in the neck, half seas over.

The 1700's: wet, oiled, stewed, stift, soaked, buzzed, cock-eyed, mellow, fuzzy, jagged.

The 1800's: half-shaved, liquored up, bent,

stewed, stinking drunk, screwed, lushy, battered, swizzled, whipped, spifed, shot, D and D (drunk and disorderly), boiled, loaded, loopy, pickled. **The 1900's:** lit up like a Christmas tree, ginned, saturated, tanked, plastered, polluted, juiced, fried to the eyebrows, dead to the world, bombed, feeling no pain!, slosed, zonked.

Of course there are many more words, and new phrases are being created every day. The next time you're searching for the perfect word to describe someone's "state of intoxication," remember that there is a vast selection to choose from.



Jay Morgan and Lori Ingram discover new and useful words.

It's Dear Abby Time Again

By Meonne Blalock

Advice... advice... and more advice. While some people truly care about you and just "love" and "want" to give you advice, many are just eager to get their opinion in. Because each person has their own way of viewing a situation, their advice may be different from the next person's. Some people would like to steer you towards their own way of thinking. When these AHS students were asked what the best advice they had ever received was they replied...

- Chassity Speight - If you're going to do it, do it right!
- Tony Thomas - Use it before you lose it!
- Cynthia Crisco - Don't ask other people for advice!
- TR Russell - Don't drink by yo'self!
- Misty Dennis - Don't do it, if you don't think it's right.
- Damien Hudson - Cover it up!
- Genny Hayden - If you have to think about it, don't do it!
- Brian Brown - Do it because you want to, not because someone tells you to.
- Greta Townsend - Don't dye your hair black!
- Daniel Chester - Believe half in what you hear and the other half in what you see.
- Mimi Austin - Don't let anyone stand in the way of what you want!
- AHS Baseball Team - If you believe, you can achieve!
- Linda Richards - Keep covered what should be!
- Frances Thompson - Listen to your heart.
- Jessica Poplin - Don't let him go.
- Leslie Anderson - Drive fast and don't get caught!
- Lori and Keely - Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.
- Marcee Vanore - Don't use the "L" word; it's easier to fall out of lust!
- Senor McGuire - Moderation is the answer.
- Ashley Burleson - Because I said so!?!!
- Harry Snodgrass - Just do it!
- Jennifer Cook - Live for today, dream of tomorrow!
- Michael Blagg - Never trust an athletic coach when they have a smile on their face.
- Julie VanOrsdell - Keep smilin'!
- Jonathan Bowers - Stay away from Miller!
- Jennifer Whitley - You can accomplish anything that you set your mind to.
- Miller Hartsell - Don't drink and drive!
- Rachel Kendall - Be sure you have your head on straight before you go to college.
- Adrian Dennis - Leave the Hartsell kid alone!
- "Fish" Newton - Keep your nose to the wind and your tail to yourself!
- Chris Smithing - Look to the sky but watch where you step.
- Jennifer Jones - Good things come to those who wait.
- Anonymous - Don't take Spanish.
- Jodi and Jennifer - If you want to play pinball, be prepared to lose your balls!
- Ann Barnes - Stay true to your first instincts.
- Shelly Austin - To forgive and forget.
- Chris Huneycutt - If you can't say something nice, then don't say anything at all!
- Adrian Kimrey - It's better not to speak and be thought an idiot than to speak and erase all doubts!
- Peter Smithing - Don't ask so many questions!
- Cynthia Bowers - Keep it simple.
- Kevin Muse - To always do what I want to.
- Michelle Brown - Don't be a doormat!
- Camille Klutz - You only live once.
- Wendy Tobias - Live it all up and ENJOY!
- Mike Furr - Enjoy life day by day and don't look to the future.

Yes, it's true, everyone at some time or another has been given advice by someone. Whether it is good or bad is beside the point. Take your grandmother, for instance. She always has advice for any and every occasion. I bet you, too, have also been given advice by your parents, friends, teachers, and the list goes on and on. The fact remains people give people advice.

Countdown To Summer

By Susan Grantier

Picture this:

You're sitting in class. The sun is shining through the windows. The only sound is the faint buzzing of the insects and the whirring of the ceiling fans. The electric clock hums. It's 1:45 p.m. Your head hurts just thinking about the heat outside. As if in slow motion, you slowly observe the backs of the other students through half-closed eyes. You glance at the calendar on the wall. It flutters in the breeze and then settles softly. Your eyes settle on today's date. It's May 4. The countdown begins.



As you can see, Jeff Brown has been hit hard by senioritis.

From now until June 7, most students will be familiar with this scene every day. How can we possibly survive this torture called school any longer? There are different methods of dealing with terminal spring fever. For instance, despite the weather, teachers will still assign homework. So while you're out basking in the sun, when you flip onto your stomach, do a little math, formulate some equations, memorize some poetry, then turn back around and retreat back into your own little world.

In those long afternoon classes, keep yourself from falling asleep or daydreaming by complying accurate outlines of how you'll spend your week at the beach. What better way to practice those English skills?

If you're not sure if someone has terminal spring fever, there are certain signs to look out for:

- 1) If you see a senior wearing their cap and gown to school every day.
- 2) If a person can tell you exactly how much time we have till school ends. (For example: "23 days, 5 hours, and 47 minutes.")
- 3) If the girls sunbathe on the front lawn during lunch.
- 4) When the smartest people you know are drawing pictures of ocean waves and palm trees on their notes.

I can't think of anything else, but I think you'll be able to spot a victim pretty easily. So toughen it out. We don't have much longer to go. And remember - "Buckle up and survive the drive." Then cut loose and make the most of the summer!



As Adrain and Jonathan take the advice given, Miller has become the #1 social outcast of AHS.