

The Doors Make Campus Comeback

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More than a decade after the drug-related death of Jim Morrison in a hotel room, the "Lizard King" of rock music is making a comeback on college campuses.

Jim Morrison and his group, The Doors, tended to home-in on the more cynical side of things: loneliness, the dark side of life. During this rather down period we are experiencing, The Doors' music realtes to the feelings of students on the colleges campuses.

The group is well-known for hits they produced in their short career. Among their most popular tunes are: "Light My Fire", "Hello, I Love You", "Riders On The Storm". Between 1967 and 1971 the group had nine albums out. The group has recently gained popularity from the bestselling biography of Jim Morrison, **No One Here Gets Out Alive.**

Jim Morrison was the group's lead singer, songwriter, and focal point of controversy. He was known for his frequent arrests for obscenity, nudity on stage, public drunkenness, and possession of illegal drugs. Morrison earned his "Lizard King" nickname by performing in skin-tight leather pants.

Jim Morrison died July 3, 1971 in Paris. Some people believe that heroin was the cause of death despite Morrison's strong fear of needles and the death certificate listing heart attack as the official cause of death. At the time of Jim Morrison's death there was no police report, no doctor present, or autopsy performed. A doctor's signature, however, did appear on the death certificate that was issued four days after his death. Many fans think that Jim Morrison is still alive.

The album, "Weird Scenes Inside the Gold Mine", was the last album produced by The Doors with Jim Morrison. Two other albums were released after his death: "The Best of The Doors", "An American Prayer".

The Doors have made quite an impression on some college students. They dress like Jim Morrison, listen exclusively to sixties music, and adopt the same reckless lifestyle Jim Morrison enjoyed.

The Doors' music has endured the years because they express thoughts that were important in the sixties and are still part of life in the eighties.

A Louisburg college student, Johnnie Rotten commented, "He's hot, he's sexy, but he's dead."



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A drinking-driving test

Set 5

21. I usually do things that everybody else is doing.
22. What my friends think of me is the most important thing in my life.
23. I would ride in a friend's car even if that person has been drinking a lot.
24. Often I do things just so I won't feel left out of the group I'm with.
25. I often worry about what other people think about the things I do.

Add scores 21-25

Set 6

26. Adults try to stop teenagers from driving just to show their power.
27. I don't think it would help me to go to my parents for advice.
28. I feel I should have the right to drink if my parents do.
29. My parents have no real understanding of what I want out of life.
30. I wouldn't dare call my parents to come and take me home if either I or a friend I

was with got drunk.

Add scores 26-30

Set 7

31. I can't help getting into arguments when people disagree with me.
32. If people annoy me, I am apt to say what I think of them.
33. At times, I have a strong urge to do things that may be harmful or shocking to others.
34. I usually take a person up on a dare.
35. I easily become impatient with others.

Add scores 31-35

Set 8

36. I often act on the spur of the moment without thinking things through.
37. I tend to change my mind abruptly.
38. From time to time, I do things that are really reckless.
39. Often, I don't consider the consequences before I do things.
40. There have been times when I felt like smashing things.

Add scores 36-40

Scoring:

Set 1: 13-25 points, realistic in avoiding drinking/driving situations. 5-6 points, tend to make up excuses to combine drinking and driving.

Set 2: 15-25 points, take responsibility to keep others from driving drunk. 5-9 points, wouldn't take steps to stop a drunk friend from driving.

Set 3: 12-25 points, hesitate to drive after drinking. 5-7 points, are not deterred by the consequences of drinking and driving.

Set 4: 19-25 points, perceive autos as means of transportation. 5-14 points, use cars to satisfy psychological needs, not just transportation needs.

Set 5: 16-25 points, care about what others think but act according to own beliefs and values. 5-10 points, go along with the crowd.

Set 6: 18-25 points, accept adult and parental responsibility and concern for one's safety. 5-10 points, reject parental concern or control.

Set 7: 17-25 points, patient with others and calm in reacting to them. 5-11 points, lack control over reactions to others.

Set 8: 19-25 points, likely to think before acting. 5-12 points, impulsive and dangerously reckless in behavior.



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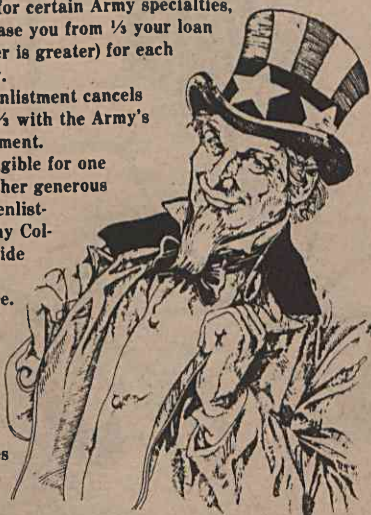
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