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Drinking: A Student's Point Of View

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"Whatta ya gonna do this weekend?" "Partying; gonna get wasted!" This type of conversation is often heard around high school campuses in one form or another. But just how serious is alcohol use among high school students?

A recent poll shows that a large number of Grimsley students do drink. Indeed, one only needs to go to a weekend party to see that a great amount of students imbibe.

Why do these students drink? Responses were in three general areas; liking alcohol's taste, liking alcohol's effect, and drinking because of peer pressure.

Religion and strict morals stop some from drinking, while others simply do not want to drink, or don't like it.

Among those who do, however, the same general replies were noted for the question, "Why is it (drinking) so accepted?" For many, it provides, according to a senior male, "...an excellent escape for a few

hours." Also, many say it's simply fun to drink. Some feel that it is a form of "...rebellion against parents and society." (junior girl) For some, it gives confidence, and the courage "to ask questions normally not asked especially (to) girls." (junior male)

Parties are the prime drinking ground for most GHS students, with a few going to bars. At parties, underage students can often get liquor (usually beer) from a keg, or get someone of age or with a fake ID to buy for them.

Then again, there are underage students who brave the possibility of being carded and/or arrested and buy on their own. Most claim a high rate of success.

Surprisingly, despite the fact that many teens enjoy drinking, some do feel that the laws should be more strictly enforced. The majority did feel that drinking laws shouldn't be "cracked down on" with a few students saying it should be controlled like it is now, or a little more, like "on younger



(Hamilton Photo)

kids, under 15" (senior girl).

Among those who felt that drinking should not be cracked down on, some felt that more stringent enforcement of the laws might cause teens to rebel even more. One senior male flatly stated, "(There's) no chance of winning." (for the people who would enforce the laws.)

Showing good judgment, an overwhelming majority did feel that drinking and driving do not go together.

Judging from the survey, teens seem to be more in touch with their drinking habits than adults may realize. They seem to understand what they're doing and just don't want to stop. Admittedly, anyone who

drinks may be an alcoholic without realizing it, or may develop a drinking problem.

It would seem to be a good practice for teens to be alert to their drinking habits; their reasons for drinking, the amount, etc., in order to halt any potential problem before it gets started.

But, teenage drinking seems to be here to stay, for the time being, perhaps until someone enforces the rules, or teens find another way to escape, as they've usually done in the past.

'Winter Wonderland'

Dance To Be Held

The "Dime-a-dance" contest will be just one of the many attractions of the "Winter Wonderland" holiday dance sponsored by the Grimsley Civinettes. This contest involves buying ten-cent tickets and, during a designated half-hour period, presenting the ticket to a participant wearing a ribbon for one dance with them.

With the help of some of the other Grimsley service clubs, the Civinettes Holiday Dance will be held on December 18 from 9:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. Proceeds from the dance will go to the Association of Retarded Citizens. This is also the main fund raising project for the Civinettes this year.

Refreshments will consist of drinks donated by Coca-Cola Company and 12 dozens donuts donated by Dunkin' Donuts.

GYC Toys Project Under Way

The approximately ten-year-old GYC Christmas Toys Project is again in progress.

Members of the Greensboro Youth Council along with Home Federal savings and loan associations, adult civic organizations, and school service clubs clean and repair old and broken toys donated by the public.

These toys are put in boxes at any Home Federal branch and are then taken to the Army/Navy Reserve Center on designated workdays to be cleaned and repaired.

GYC, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services, also gives a party for foster children during which some of the toys are distributed to the children.

The chairman for this year's GYC Christmas Toys Project is Lisa Keith, a junior at Page.

In addition to the "dime-a-dance" contest, there will be midnight dance contest with prizes awarded to the winning couples.

The evening is expected to be a huge success with a surprise awaiting all those who stay till the end.



Girls help out in the Student/Faculty game. For details see page 8.

(Carrier Photo)

High IQ Team Looks To Competition

Grimsley's 1982 High IQ team is doing its best to live up to the adage "practice makes perfect."

Team members Charles Hodge, Gerrit Newton, Michelangelo Grigni, John

Krege, and Barbi Prillaman, along with their advisor Mr. Bert Whisenant, have been practicing approximately an hour, three to four days a week for almost two months. This schedule will continue

through April, assuming that the team survives the semifinals.

The preliminary competition, to be held February 6, narrows the field of forty area high school teams to the top eight teams with the most cumulative points from the contest.

Grimsley's teams are renowned for reaching the semifinals.

Prillaman explains that Whisenant has old achievement tests, exam reviews, and textbooks from which practice questions are drawn. Also, the team listens to tapes from previous matches.

The reward for all of this hard work is, according to Prillaman, "a lot of self-satisfaction," plus a \$400 scholarship to each member of

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The 1982 High IQ team is (first row, l-r) Gerrit Newton, Charles Hodge, Barbi Prillaman, Michelangelo Grigni, and John Krege; (second row, l-r) Lorraine Marca, attestor, Sidd Chopra, Carl-Henry Geschwind, and Bill Vehorn, assistants.

(Sykes Photo)