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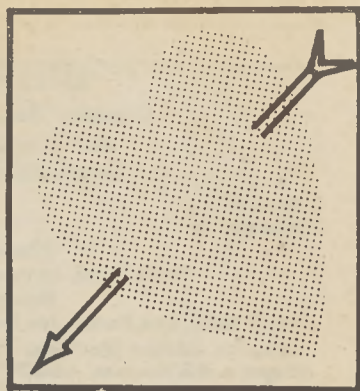
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# High Life

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## News Commentary

### MADD Or SADD?

## Drunk Driving Is 'Socially Accepted' Murder

By Jay Floyd and Tamera Majors

During the past ten years over 250,000 Americans have been killed by drunk drivers. This number is five times that of Americans killed in the Vietnam War. What is being done to prevent this "socially accepted form of murder?" Experts are now saying that one out of every two Americans will, at some

Americans have become MADD and SADD over the numerous time, be victimized by a drunk driver.

murders and injuries due to the irresponsibility of drunk drivers.

MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Drivers), founded by Candy Lightner in 1981, is an organization

of women who counsel those people who have been victimized by drunk drivers and who fight for stricter

laws against drunk drivers. SADD (Student's Against Drunk Drivers) is an organization of students who want to educate their peers about

the dangers of driving drunk. SADD has set up a system in which students who have been drinking

may receive a ride from their parent or guardian, no questions asked.

Several states are now taking drastic and innovative steps to stop the current bloody trend of

drunken vehicular murders. South Dakota places highway signs

reading "X marks the spot... THINK!" at the almost 600

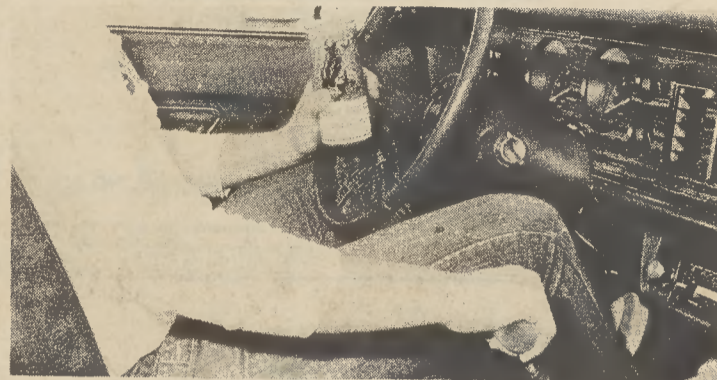
places where drivers have lost their lives. A Pennsylvania legislator proposed a special red license plate for all drivers convicted for driving

under the influence. The red plate serves as a modern day "scarlet letter." These forms of abject persua-

sion are only a part of the nationwide attempt to prevent death by drunk drivers.

American citizens like Candy Lightner, have given up their normal lives to aid in the prevention of

drunk drivers and the protection of innocent citizens. The government



An example of safe drinking while driving, as this person's keys are not in the ignition. (Cheshire photo)

is working to educate people in the

dangers, consequences, and problems of drunk drivers. It is up to

each individual American to aid in

the struggle to prevent the "socially accepted form of murder" called drunk driving.

## HIGH LIFE Survey Reveals Drinking Habits

A recent High Life survey of drinking habits of Grimsley High School students revealed that a large number of students consume alcoholic beverages on a regular basis.

This survey points out that 69.15 percent of the student body drinks. However, this survey also showed that 26.3 percent of the student body does not drink. Declining to answer was 4.55 percent.

The senior class leads off this survey with an over-all percentage of 84.1 that does drink and 15.1 percent for seniors who do not drink. This survey points out that 85 percent of senior males drink and 84 percent of senior females drink. The percentage of males and females who do not drink are much lower: 16 percent for females and 15 percent for males.

Of all seniors, both male and female, the most common type of alcohol preferred is beer.

"It tastes good," "to escape problems," "for the pleasure of getting drunk," are many of the common reasons why 78 percent of the males in the junior class drink alcoholic beverages. A mere 22 percent stated they rarely drank or did not drink at all. The majority of the males' average weekly consumption is a six-pack of beer or more, secondly, a bottle of wine, and thirdly, mixed drinks. Since most juniors are under 18, obtaining alcohol might be a problem. But according to the survey 30 percent buy it themselves, 20 percent get it from friends and 25 percent have a friend of legal age buy it. Other responses included using fake iden-

tification or having an employer get it.

A large number -- 65 percent -- of their parents know of their current drinking habits even though most of them disapprove. Many males had little alcohol as a child, but 38 percent began drinking between the ages of 13-14. The next common age was 15, which acquired 33 percent of the male junior class.

When asked if their drinking habits would change if someone they knew was injured due to drinking, most replied "yes", but many who said "no" stated they already do not mix drinking and driving.

And finally, with the current issue of whether or not to add a 5¢ tax on gas or alcohol, a common response was, "gas is a necessity

and alcohol is a luxury -- tax alcohol."

Out of approximately 200 females surveyed, a surprising 158 students drink compared to 42 who do not. Thirty percent of the girls stated they drank just to get drunk and another 10 percent drink to escape problems. A few "just like the taste". Even though most females do drink, 51 percent stated they spend little or no money at all on their beverages. Only 30 percent said they spend between \$1 and \$5.

The majority stated that they had not been arrested for driving under the influence and most said their parents would definitely care if they came home drunk.

Finally, the survey showed 62 percent of the junior females would prefer the drinking age to stay the

same; 23 percent felt it should be raised; and a meager 7 percent thought it should be lowered.

On the sophomore scene, 63 percent of the entire class drinks compared to 37 percent who do not. Thirty-four percent of the male sophomores drink liquor, wine, and beer; but only 25 percent of the females drink just beer. For the females, 34 percent drink all three, and 22 percent drink just beer.

When the male and female responses were combined, 71 percent said they drank for the pleasure of getting drunk, 16 percent to escape problems, and 10 percent because of peer pressure.

The average age when their drinking began was between 13 and 15, and since they are underage to

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## Student Council Sponsors Twirp Dance

By Susan Thaxton and Lisa Freiberg

This year the Valentine Twirp Dance, sponsored by the Grimsley Student Council will be held on Saturday, February 19. The dance will be held in the auxiliary gym.

Paul Cordtes will be the disc jockey. He was the disc jockey for the Homecoming Dance.

Tickets will be \$5.00 per couple. The sales campaign started on Monday, February 14, a week before the dance. It is to be held from 8:00 pm to 12 midnight.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Lackey, the Student Council will sponsor the dance. The Student Council alone will furnish the refreshments and chaperones. Profits are estimated to be around two or three hundred dollars. All of the profits will go to the Student Council.

At "twirp" the girls ask, pay for, and escort their dates to the dance. This has been going on at Grimsley for approximately the past five years.

There has traditionally been a Twirp Court. It consists of ten senior boys with an announced Twirp King. The senior class nominated and voted on the Twirp Court. The senior male who receives the most votes is crowned as Twirp King.

This year's court consists of Erik Albright, Calvin Boles, J.B. Baynes, Russ Clegg, Reuben Davis, Chick Ferrell, Carl-Henry Geschwind, Chris Hutts, Chris Poole, and Odell Shoffner.

him.

The Get Set Steering Committee

will meet again Thursday,

February 17, 1983 at 3:30 pm. The

meeting will be held at Weaver

Center.

be held at the Aycock Auditorium on Tuesday, April 12, 1983.

Curtis Sliwa, founder and presi-

dent of the Guardian Angels will be

the next Get Set speaker. His wife,

Lisa Sliwa will be accompanying

## News Update

### Car Accident

Four teenage boys died early Saturday morning (February 5) in a car accident on Westridge Road. The driver survived with minor in-

juries, the loss of four friends, and an indictment on driving under the

influence, exceeding safe speed,

and four counts of involuntary manslaughter.

Greensboro authorities are questioning the liability of the store at-

tendant who sold two cases of beer to these minors. Governor Hunt

has ordered the accident report to Raleigh.

### Teacher Attacked

Teachers sometimes feel as though they are being stabbed in

the back by students' comments, attitudes, or actions. Hopefully,

none of the students at GHS take this literally, as did one student at

High Point Central High School.

Mrs. Ann Morris, French teacher, was leaving HP Central on

the afternoon of February 4 when she saw a student and commented,

"Thank goodness it's Friday!" The student turned and assaulted Mor-

ris in the back with a nine-inch knife!

At last report, Morris was

reported in satisfactory condition.

The student has been apprehended.

## Sliwas To Speak At GET SET

The Get Set Steering Committee

met on January 11, 1983, 3:30 pm

at the Administration Building

downtown. After a brief wrap-up of

Ellis Woodard's program they

discussed the next convocation to