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The use of drugs by teens in high school is a touchy and controversial subject. When the editors first considered doing a feature on drugs, it was feared that the users might feel that it would draw too much attention to them and that parents would feel that it would be a black mark against the school. However, drug usage by teens in high school is so widespread that we, the editors, felt that the subject should be investigated so that people will better understand the problem. The following articles give not only the facts about drug usage, but also the opinions of many who are involved.

EFFECTS OF DRUGS

Setting the Record, Straight

THC- The Harmful Chemical

By ALAN MELCHIOR
Many believe that the use of addictive and habit-forming drugs, such as marijuana, is

three and a half joints per day. Among the nation's high school freshmen, 32% smoked

MIND



Do Highlands students arrive at classes stoned? Which age group is the most involved with drugs? When do Highlanders begin their involvement with drugs? Have boys or girls had more experience with drugs? A recent poll, randomly distributed among the student body, revealed the surprising answers to these

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use with teenagers is an especially big problem. Twenty-five percent of all regular marijuana smokers are seventeen or younger. Among high school seniors nation-wide, 11% smoke marijuana everyday, averaging

one would have suspected tobacco of being a major cause of heart attacks, respiratory disease, and lung cancer. The secrets of how drugs act have always been notoriously resistant to the proings of researchers."

that this growth of drug consumption is due to, "peer pressure, the rebellious nature of adolescents, and just plain curiosity. They (the teenagers) use drugs like aspirin, as self-medication so that they can feel better, and don't have to deal with their problems." Mrs. Friedkin and

and disrupts memory." As for the long term effects Dr. Robert L. DuPont, former director of NIDA believes that, "Marijuana is a very powerful agent which is affecting the body in many ways. What the full outcome (of this drug)... is going to be, one can only guess at this point."

revealed that many students have their first drug related experiences in junior high school. For this reason, the drug situation at Emil A. Cavallini Middle School in Upper Saddle River was investigated. Mr. Bruce Dursema, Cavallini Vice-Principal feels that drugs are not really a problem at all. He stated, "I can count the drug related incidents here on one hand."

Mr. Dick Twiefel, Physical Education Department Chairman, commented, "I don't think that it (drugs at Cavallini) is something that is extremely serious at this point." Mr. Twiefel, however, did admit that a slight drug and drinking problem does exist within a small group of students. He explained this by saying, "the younger students tend to mimic older people. If they see their older sister drinking, they feel it is the right thing to do, and they do it. They watch a movie and everyone drinks, 'so why can't we' is their answer."

When asked whether the use of drugs has been increasing or decreasing over the years, all of the teachers questioned answered similarly. Mrs. Tranno, a Spanish teacher, expressed the consensus best by saying, "the students are different every year. The school as a whole isn't getting better or worse, it's (drugs at school) each individual class."

DRUG DIALECT

Following, is a list of words designed to educate those non-users who are not familiar with the dialect of drug-users.

acid-hallucinogenic drug, LSD. (trips, cid, A)
bong-smoking device that intensifies smoke of marijuana or hashish.
bowl-section of pipe that holds marijuana.
burnt-condition of the brain after consuming excessive amounts of marijuana.
busted- being caught or apprehended.
buzzed-descriptive term for less severe state of intoxication.
cocaine- expensive white powder inhaled through nose or smoked for euphoric effects. (toots, blow, snow, coke)
hashish-concentration of active ingredients in marijuana.
count-quantity that marijuana is sold in.
a. nickel \$10 worth of marijuana.
b. dime-\$20 worth.
hit-a. the quantity of smoke

obtained in one inhalation.
b. dose of any drug.
joint-hand-rolled cigarette of marijuana (J, stick, bone)
ludes- barbituate nickname derived from prescription drug named Qualudes.
marijuana-slang names include weed, pot, reefer, tea, grass, ganja, stuff, mary jane.
snort-to inhale cocaine.
roach-end of a smoked joint. Is further smoked with a "roachclip"
speed-amphetamine nickname. (R-J8, Dex, velocity)
straight-state of having no drugs in body. Can be used to describe non-drug users.
trails-hallucinary blurring of images created by motion when under the influence of acid.
wasted, stoned, ripped, twisted
'faced, blown-descriptive terms for being under the influence.



DRUG PARAPHANELIA:
(listed counterclockwise) bong, count, joints, pipe and rolling papers.