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Coke, X, and Other Happy Things

By CLAIRE WATNE

Wayzata High School, like most high schools, has a drug problem. The two arrests made on the day with "increased police presence" raised the issue. I have a friend who knows someone who was in a class with the best friend of someone who got arrested that day, so I know how serious this issue was, and how close to home it hits. The thing is, though, that even though I knew that it's common, I didn't know how common. I have never seen any statistics for drug use at WHS. I've seen nation-wide, state-wide, and metro-wide surveys, but never anything just for Wayzata.

Since I'm the editor of the Trojan Tirade, and it's up to us to make the difference that's needed (or get information that's needed out there), I decided to do something. A simple, two-question survey was handed out to a total of 100 random students, and 61 were received back. Question #1 was "I could get the following drugs easily, within 24 hours..." and Question #2 was "I have used the following drugs within the past 30 days..."

The following percentages are the number of "yes" answers to the questions about each of the mentioned drugs.

Drug	Q. 1	Q. 2
Alcohol	100%	74%
Marijuana	93%	52%
Cocaine	46%	8%
Hallucinogens	57%	15%
Pills	75%	23%
Meth	5%	0%
Heroin	8%	0%
Speed	3%	2%
DXM	5%	2%

Only 18% of those surveyed were completely clean, without any drug use.

Besides the two-week chemical dependency unit in 10th grade health, and the *inspiring* videos in Advisory I am not aware of preventative measures being done here. There are police present, and we all know about the locker and car searches, but what what's being done *preventatively*?

If I am mistaken, and there are programs like that, then the advertising crew is slacking. I don't think any programs will change a lot, but since Wayzata is known for its ecstasy use, it would be nice to know that something was *trying* to be done about it.



If these objects are seen, they should be sold to us—I mean given to the proper authorities.

It's a good thing that Wayzata students know the serious ramifications that come with drug use. You know, the brains splattered across pavement because you drove drunk, and jumping out of windows because you're stoned. Don't get me wrong, the occasional social beer is fine, but wait until your brain is fully developed. Keep in mind, the brain isn't fully developed until about age 24.

The earlier you use chemicals, the more likely you are to become an addict later in life. Someone who starts drinking at 14-15 is four times more likely to become an alcoholic later in life, than someone who starts drinking in adulthood.

Think about it. And remember all those brains splattered across the pavement. That could be *you*. «

Limitations of the study include the statistical randomization of surveyed. Only one table of students refused to participate.

Of Tyranny and Hats

By CHENY LUO

So today, when I went to the absurd waste of time known non-colloquially as "advisory", someone asked me, "What do you think should be changed about the school?"

You don't ask the editor of the Tirade that kind of question without expecting a response. Open campus lunches, for one. And repeal the stupid zero-tolerance rule - "zero tolerance" is just another way of saying "thinking rationally about whether or not a student should be expelled is too much work, let's just expel him/her". Not to mention the "no fighting back" rule. And let's replace some of the less scrupulous administrators. And the hat thing. Why aren't we allowed to wear hats?

Back when Wayzata High School was located where Central Middle School currently is, we didn't have a "no hats" policy and we did have an open campus. "Well, I'm sure there are reasons for it," the aforementioned person said. "Maybe it's a respect thing. You should respect teachers by not wearing hats."

Excuse me? Are you sure you're talking about the English word 'respect' I'm thinking of? Because I don't remember anything involving forcing people to do things. Quite the contrary. Perhaps the most well-respected man in the history of the United States was none other than George Washington, the man who insisted to be referred to as "Mr. President" as opposed to "Super Ultimate Supreme Exalted President of the United States of America". He demanded the respect of no one, and so he received the respect of everyone.

Or consider instead a tyrant such as Stalin, whose power depends solely on establishing his superiority to his subjects. He demands respect from his sub-

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Fine Print: The Trojan Tirade contains satire, which may be unsuitable for sociopaths; critical thinking, which may be unsuitable for bigots; and facts, which may be unsuitable for school administrators.

The Purveyors: Next Year's Classes Edition

By CHENY LUO and CHRIS HEFFNER

A week ago (maybe more, depending on when the editorial staff actually get around to printing this), YOU (yes you!) decided what classes you get to take next year. Juniors, will you take Mo Pro, or will you take Mo Pro? Freshmen, will you succumb to peer pressure and take Health, or will you take Health in a defiant gesture against the school administration?

Whatever you decided to choose, the Purveyors will be right there alongside you, chastising you for making stupid decisions.

Freshmen (our review board says it's not nice to call you "freshies"): whatever you do, do not listen to the rumors about AP Euro. Despite the fact that everything "they" say is completely true, well... blood stains are easier to get out of clothes than you'd think.

Sophomores, next year will be AP US History for many of you. Some of you will get Mr. Miles, the best teacher in existence. Some of you will not. We are not implying anything about Mr. Junker (who is in fact quite a kind guy) at all whatsoever.

Juniors, you get to be seniors next year. You inherit a grave responsibility to slack off. Your duty to uphold the ideals of senioritis cannot be simply brushed off. Remember: If you start Task 3 two days before it's due, you're an overachiever.

New classes this year include Chinese 1 and Chinese 2. Although you have to adapt to a new character system, single-syllable words, and inflections that change meaning, the class goes at a fairly slow pace, so you don't need to worry about falling

behind.

New classes next year include Asian studies. No one's taken it yet (time machine technology is sorely lacking), so you should change that. You could have the privilege of contributing to next year's Purveyors: What Classes Are Worth Taking Edition.

AP Literature has the dubious distinction of being the class with the most homework. For those of you who like homework, this is the class for you! For those of you who are human, read on.

AP Comp Sci, on the other hand, is now a business course, as opposed to a math course, as it is in all colleges. It is also no longer taught by Mr. Kilkelly.

Mr. Kilkelly says he agrees with this decision, but we don't. He says he thinks that there are better people for teaching AP Comp Sci than himself. We don't mean to offend anyone by saying this, but there aren't (the preceding two words represent a lot of effort to avoid offending anyone).

On the upside, we now have a class so cool it's beyond AP, namely, Linear Algebra. This class is the one you take after AP Calc, and since CollegeBoard doesn't go that far in math, it isn't an AP class. It'll really impress whatever college you're applying to.

The Purveyors is usually an advice column (you know, like "Dear Purveyors, I keep on getting C's, what should I do? Answer: Slack off more. -The Purveyors"). Of course, once in a while, we do regular articles if we're needed. The Purveyors may or may not be back to an advice column by next issue, but, either way, send your questions to purveyors@trojantirade.org.

ADVICE

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jects, if you will. And although he may believe all his subjects respect him, in reality none truly do.

If you try to force students to respect you, I think it's quite clear whom you have more in common with. And if you decide that maybe, just maybe, the teachers you speak of will receive more respect if you don't force students to take off their hats, well, hats off to you. «



These dangerous gang members are not only refusing to learn, but they are disrupting the learning processes of other students out of sheer disrespect!

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FOLD ALONG DASHED LINE

I'll Ski Ski If I Flippin' Want To!

By CLAIRE WATNE

The recent banning of school Superfan shirts brought to my attention the numerous First Amendment violations here at Wayzata High School. "Aw ski ski," referring to "Oh skeet skeet skeet" of "Get Low" is simply and solely a non-sequitur, and the fact that this slogan was on the back of a *skiing* Superfan shirt only makes the banning seem more pointless. "We're flippin' cute" being a euphemism for the F word is not only a non-sequitur, but it also has another meaning—you know, the one that they actually meant. What do gymnasts do? They FLIP! What's the point of living in a free country if we do not know our rights and do not stand up for ourselves when they're violated?

Being the almighty protector of students' rights (i.e. Tirade Editor), I took it upon myself (and someone else) to do something about this injustice. (Okay, so it was ten people.) We distributed a total of 60 shirts with "WAYZATA! Just flippin' ski!" on the front, and "BAN THIS" on the back. It was not the splash we were hoping for, but it was enough.

The day of the distribution, with 60 of us walking around, we heard nothing about the banning, or even recognition of these shirts by the administration. Disappointed, we came to school the next day. A teacher, who will remain nameless, told me that an e-mail had gone out to ALL the staff at WHS and they were told not to acknowledge the shirts.

Now, if they were told to send every one of us wearing them to the office, and we were told to go home, and change, or we were all suspended, what would have happened? Because there was NOTHING on those shirts that was inappropriate for school—even by their standards, we would have taken it to the superintendent,

then to the district, and then whoever was above them until we got justice. We even had a pro-bono lawyer on hand, just in case (one of our parents [it literally pays to live in Wayzata]).

By not acknowledging our presence, they were giving up. Now, that may seem like a non-sequitur on our part, but how can that be when I've seen the Skiing Superfan shirts all over lately? The day after that, I saw about four of them. None of them had the back covered up, and when I asked all of them if they had been stopped by a teacher, the unanimous answer was: "no."

So, congratulations, Wayzata! We showed the administration that we know our rights, that we won't leave them at the door, and that we WILL fight for them. We won. «

Lunch

By INSERT PEN NAME HERE

Ah, the wonders of themed lunch days. Where we toast to the red, white, and blue on "Meals Across America" day and honor our Hawaiian heritage by indulging in Mahi Mahi Chicken (which looks suspiciously like coagulated vomit smothered in gravy). Themed lunch days: where racial slurs and stereotypes are magnified ten-fold. Where the entire student body unites and says "Thank God I'm not Asian...I'd never eat that". Now, I don't mind the school trying to force students to eat what they consider more "culturally diverse" foods like...New York Apple Pie (that butter crumb topping sure is daring!) But, I need to stop this lunch trend before the school does themed days like these:



There are more edible things in this picture than an African child encounters in a day. Not that the flower would taste very good.

- hash, and a hot dog.
2. Celebrate Starving African Children Day! Included: Nothing. Absolutely nothing.
3. Celebrate New Orleans Day! Included: Grits, and fried catfish. Also, a shingle from that hurricane ravaged house in the Lower Ninth Ward! BONUS: Free Mardi Gras beads if you flash a lunch lady!
4. Celebrate Authentic Japanese Day! Included: Greasy fried turkey giblets smothered in "Famous Dave's Sweet & Tangy" and sugar cookies in the shape of sashimi.
5. Celebrate the Holidays Day! Included: Chicken nuggets in the shape of Jesus, burger patties shaped like Kinaras, and your choice of a free Yarmulke or a Buddha action figure. We didn't miss any religions did we?
6. Celebrate White Supremacy Day! Included: Whitefish, mashed potatoes, mozzarella cheese, and skim milk. Please note: overalls, a southern drawl, and an I.Q. of 70 or less are required to enter.

Don't take this the wrong way, though. I'm not encouraging rebellion against school lunch. I'm not saying anyone should stop loving the infamous "Gyro with Fixings" or stop eating the "Teriyaki Chicken Breast Sandwich" just because its not 100% authentic. Just try to remember that authentic foods from other cultures exist outside the walls of jai—I mean, Wayzata High School. If you've never had good sushi, good Chinese (and I'm not talking Grand Buffet), or good Mexican not encased in a "Spice Up The Night" wrapper, get out and try it. Try something new, experience something different, and for heaven's sake, eat your Gyro already. «

1. Celebrate Minnesota Day! Included: Corn on the cob, cornbread, corn

Your Horoscope For Today

By CHRIS HEFFNER, astrologer certified by the Center for Realistic Astrological Practices

Aries: Okay, so, this one time, this guy was walking down the street towards a bar. The guy sees a clown, and thinks, "Hey, that was a clown." Then he goes into a bar and says, "I saw a clown." So the bartender says, "Oh, is that so?" Get it? "That"! AHAHAHA-HAHAHAHA!!!!

Taurus: Here are the answers to all of your questions, in order (trust me): Yes. No. No. No. Voiced uvular fricative. Definitely not. Yes. Yes. Maybe. No. No. 283. Yes. Yes. Evan Bayh.

Gemini: Keep an eye on your family relationships today. They may change, in an upwards or downwards direction. After all, your family is probably important to you, just like 99.7% of the known world. Don't you feel reaaaaaal special?

Cancer: Alas, your great-great-great-great-great grandfather died long ago, yet no one has yet informed you of this *terrible* calamity. However, you do not have any great-great-great-great-grandchildren, but their great-great-great-great-grandparent is currently alive.

Leo: You are devilishly handsome sly dog who can have any girl he wants. When you walk through the halls, girls melt on your feet like several hot melting things. When you grow up, you will have an attractive, intelligent wife and two clever sons, and will be the greatest Vice-President the world has ever known. Congratulations, ~~Chris Heffner~~ Leo, you are

one hot stud muffin.

Virgo: OMG, your a Virgo? Wow lolz. Thats soooo funny cuz I know this one guy whos, liek, a Vrigoo and he is, liek, all like sloppy and stuff but aren't viggoes supposed to be, liek, neat? Um ya I don't get it. Anyway did u know that Vgro is the VIRGIN? Well now u no! lol

Libra: Earlier today, or perhaps even earlier this week, you somehow obtained a large (unfolded) piece of paper with the words "Trojan Tirade" printed prominently on the front. And, in the past few minutes, you have happened upon an article labeled "Horoscopes", and you are either intrigued, skeptical, or none of the above.

Scorpio: Pluto has been moving through your second house lately. Boy, I hope you have some *real* good homeowners' insurance, because not all insurance companies cover ex-planets bowling through houses. Check your policy just to make sure.

Sagittarius: Today, the planets tell me you will wake up on either the wrong or right side of the bed. You will eat cereal/a bagel/a

waffle/another baked good/nothing for breakfast, and will thus arrive at school hungry/full. Am I all seeing or what?

Capricorn: Capricorn is reputed to be the sign of the 'See Goat'. The meaning of this will be made much more clear this week, as you see goat after goat parading through the halls of Wayzata. Unfortunately non-Capricorns have trouble distinguishing the goats from freshmen, and will thus think you have some sort of goat-seeing mental disorder.

Aquarius: When the Moon is in the seventh house... and Jupiter aligns with Maaars... then peaaace will guide the plaaneets... and looove will steer the stars! However, this is not the dawning of the Age of Aquarius, so you can hit the snooze button as much as you want this morning.

Pisces: Your birthday has happened recently, is coming up very quickly, or is happening now. Happy birthday! Remember, your birthday (or "solar return" as we call it in the astrology biz) marks the passage of one more year closer to your death. I hope you eat a lot of cake!

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