

TADD a driving force at FHS

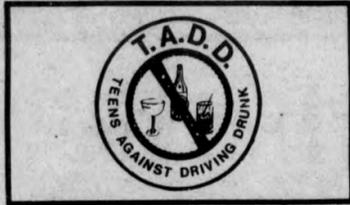
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"Teen Dies in Alcohol Related Accident", Graduation Marred by Fatality", "Drinking and Driving Claims Youth". These headlines will no doubt be familiar to all of us. It seems that no matter what city or town you live in, each of us have at some time or another been touched by the tragedy of an alcohol related death. Indeed last September everyone was saddened by the alcohol-related death of a Saint John native here on campus.

This tragic death on campus last year left both student organizations and the administrations wondering: "what more could have been done to alleviate the dangers of drinking and accidents?"

Some high school students at Fredericton High School may

have found the answer. Teenagers Against Driving Drunk (T.A.D.D.) is an organization dedicated to the promotion of alcohol awareness through education and peer education programs.



It also seeks to raise the level of awareness among high school students of the inherent dangers of drinking and driving, as well as assisting in the elimination of drunk driving on our highways.

The organization itself was formed in September of 1985, by Debbie Ashfield and Jacki Watt, when students at FHS decided to take a stand on the

issue of drinking and driving after the tragic death of three schoolmates.

The executive this year is comprised of eight members headed by co-chairpersons Janet Redding and Lori Haley, who have many events lined up including guest speakers. In particular TADD is hosting a conference to be held March 27th and 28th. The purpose of the conference will be to establish a 'provincial network' of TADD organizations among other schools attending, with FHS as the home base.

Seventeen high schools, from throughout the province are expected to attend the two day event which will include a social nite Friday evening, followed by workshops on Saturday.

On the overall effectiveness of the organization, co-chairpersons Janet Redding

and Lori Haley commented "we definitely have the support of the students and the community as a whole. There has been a positive response at student assemblies, funding has been made available from the community by organizations such as the Rotary Club and the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Commission."

As well the FHS administration has taken an active role in the organization providing two faculty advisors and a personal interest by vice principal McIntyre who has acted as a liaison between the group and FHS administration.

The overall success of the organization in promoting an awareness of alcohol has been attributed to "positive peer

pressure" states co-chairperson Lori Haley. "Students would much rather hear the effects from their peers, than be told what you should or should not do by adults."

Herein lies the answer to the question originally proposed of; "what more could have been done by the administration and UNB and student groups to alleviate alcohol related accidents?" The answer is through the development and encouragement of organizations such as TADD.

It is only through promotion of alcohol awareness at the high school level, that we can hope to make a lasting impression on freshmen entering 'university life'.

Weekend Weather with Wicked Wanda

Well, Frederictonians, it's time for your weekend interlude with Wicked Wanda. Today, we can expect a sunny high of -3 with a low of -7. Saturday and Sunday will have clear skies with near normal temperatures.

In Florida, however, they experienced a sunny 23° with high expectations of great tans and good times.

See you guys in Ft. Lauderdale!!

Judicial Review

Tony Tracy informed the Brunswickan Thursday that his lawyer has commenced proceedings towards obtaining a judicial review in front of Provincial Court Judge Dixon in regards to the decision to remove him from council.

Tracy says there will be a hearing on Friday Feb. 27 in which a motion will be called for a stay of proceedings that will effectively put him back in office until the judicial review can be heard in early March.

Meanwhile, S.U. President Larry Hansen says that "this is just one more attempt to undermine student government on this campus. We just want to get on with business," he commented.

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