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Lodge decision provokes students

By KAY ARROWOOD
TJ staff writer

This year at Winthrop College, Valentine’s Day was not just a regular lover’s holiday. The Winthrop College Housing Office managed to make it a little more interesting, for at least for 58 women who are housed at Winthrop Lodge. On the eve of Valentine’s Day, these 58 women received a letter from the Housing Office saying that in the fall of 1985, Building C and even-numbered rooms 136-156 of Building B would be used as male quarters.

Last year, the number of male applicants for the fall of 1984 greatly exceeded the number of available beds,” stated Jeff Mann, Dean of Students. “There were approximately 100 men who had to be housed in temporary rooms, rooms that much more resembled ‘broomclosets’. At the same time, there was not even a waiting list for the women,” he added. “The number of male applicants has already risen above that of last year.

So, a Task Force was implemented to try and find a solution. Composed of students, faculty, and staff, the Task Force independently determined that “the Lodge was the best place to create new spaces for men.” They held a general hall meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27, to hear concerns and suggestions that residents may have.

The Housing Task Force then submitted the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees, who in turn approved the recommendations: 1) Men assigned to the Lodge will be limited to upperclassmen, freshmen only if necessary; 2) During room sign-ups priority will be given to those who are displaced by the conversion of spaces.

On Wednesday, March 6, those residents in Winthrop Lodge B and D except those in even-numbered rooms (136-156) will sign up to keep the same rooms. Thursday, March 7, those residents in Building C and even-numbered rooms 136-156 will be given first chance at signing up for another room anywhere on campus.

“We have an obligation to make sure the 2900 beds here at Winthrop are equitably distributed,” stated Dean Mann. “We currently have 106 empty spaces for women,” said Cynthia Cassens, Director of Housing, “and only 10 spaces open for men. This is hardly equal distribution,” she added.

The co-educational Winthrop Lodge will be administered just as co-ed Thomson is administered. No renovations will be needed at the Lodge and changes in parking policy. The administration has accepted the for guests of the building. Other parking policy. The addition of 106 empty spaces will be main-

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By VIOLETTA WESTON
TJ staff writer

Winthrop College will feature New York City dance troupe, Dan Wagoner and Dancers, in Byrnes Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on March 19. The dance company has appeared throughout the United States and Canada, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, West Germany, Venezuela, England and Holland since 1969.

Born in Springfield, West Virginia, Dan Wagoner graduated from West Virginia University with a B.S. in pharmacy. He toured with the United States Army, and later left to dance in New York where he studied under Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham, and Paul Taylor until he formed his company in 1969.

The company will perform throughout South Carolina for eleven weeks on a dual home arrangement which will consist of classes open to the community with lec-

ture/demonstrations by members of the dance troupe. According to the New York Times Dan Wagoner and dancers are "among the most compelling companies... sheer power of energy and momentum." Says the Chicago Sun Times, "So fast moving and varied it is the action that you don’t want to miss anything by blinking... a non-stop delight."

Individual tickets are $6.00. Special group rates are available. For more information, call Public Information, 323-2236.

Senate takes action

Parking policy revamped

By CHRIS BLAKE
TJ staff writer

Starting next fall Winthrop College will implement a new parking policy. The administration has accepted the policy from the Winthrop College Senate.

The legislation was supported by at least 19 senators and was co-sponsored by Donna Chapa and Ashley Byrd. Harold Tuttle, vice president for Institutional Planning and Programming, approved most of the senate’s recommendations with some changes due to feasibility, time and funds.

The major points of the new parking policy include:

-Withers, Wofford, and Richerson loading lots will be paved for next fall.
-Parking fees will increase to ten dollars per semester.
-All freshmen students not including commuters will park in the lot between College and Charlotte Avenue, though that lot will not be paved by next fall.

See SENATE pg. 3.

New York City Dance Co.
to perform next month
**Newsb Briefs**

**Application Extension**

The deadline for applications for editor of The Johnsonian, Talent, and The Anthology have been extended until 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 25, 1985. Students who wish to apply may obtain an application form from Dr. Thomas S. Morgan, Chairman of the Publications Board, in Kinard 210. Interviews for applicants with the Board of Student Publications will be scheduled soon after February 25.

**Phi Kappa Phi**

Phi Kappa Phi Spring Business Meeting and Election of New Members will be held today, February 18, at 5:30 p.m. in Dinkins Auditorium.

**Tallers on Sale**

Tallers will be on sale Feb. 25-March 1 at the cafeteria. The cost will be $12.00 for this week only. Hurry! Only a limited number of extras will be available in April on a first-come, first-serve basis. Their cost will be $20.00.

**Scholarship**

The National Panhellenic Association of Winthrop College is offering a scholarship to any female rising junior with a 3.0 GPA.

Applications are in the financial aid office and the deadline for applying is February 25, 1985.

For more information call 323-4157.

**Eagle Run ’85**

Saturday, March 2, at 11:30 a.m. the Four Mile Race will begin at Byrnes Auditorium. Runners will make their way around campus, through residential streets, out to and around the college lake, and back to Dinkins Student Center. T-shirts will be given to all official entrants. Anyone interested should pick up a registration form at Dinkins. We need runners!

**Dance Theatre**

Dance Theatre will present their annual spring concert Feb. 21 & 22 in Johnson Auditorium at 8 p.m. The box office (Johnson) opens at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 for the public and $2 for students with WCID.

**Blood Donation**

A two-day Red Cross Bloodmobile will be sponsored by Winthrop College on Wednesday, February 20th and Thursday, February 21st from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. each day. This February annual event will again be held on the second floor of the Student Center and is open to everyone: faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

**Communication Announces**

The Department of Communications announces that speech and hearing evaluations will be given for those students electing teacher education and other interested students. Dates are Monday, Feb. 25, 1985 through Friday, March 1, 1985. Screenings will be held in Room 208 Johnson between the hours of 10:00 and 12:00 noon and 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. It is not necessary to make an appointment.

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Auditions for entertainment to perform during Ms. Winthrop Pageant will be held March 8th, 7 p.m. in Tillman Auditorium. Interested persons or groups should call Karen Lynn at 323-3471.

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Senate discusses policies

By LISA BUE
TJ managing editor

Senate shot down a recommendation calling for a 24-hour visitation policy on weekends last Wednesday.

According to Wofford Senator Sharon Cook, who wrote the legislation, Senators aren't representing students' interests. "A majority of students want the policy. From the understanding of my committee, which surveyed many students across campus, we believe that the majority of students want this policy, and I personally feel that many senators voted on a personal basis," Cook said.

She added that a great deal of time and work was put into the legislation and she sees no reason why it shouldn't pass.

In other business, Senate passed by a vote of 17 for, three against, and eight abstentions, a recommendation to drop the wrestling team. "The corner of Sims has a Mar. 1 by Governor Richard by which conditions are favorable for freshmen, he said, "There are a lot of schools that don't even allow freshmen to have cars on campus. We don't have a parking problem, we have a conformance problem." Tuttle said he believed the new policy was fair. "Anytime you have a limited amount of something, steps have to be taken to allocate it fairly," he said.

He also pointed out that all parking fee funds will go into improving existing lots.

When asked about the effect on his fellow freshmen, he said, "There are a lot of schools that don't even allow freshmen to have cars on campus. We don't have a parking problem, we have a conformance problem."

Awareness Week approaches

Tornado season begins

By BRYAN ROBERTSON
TJ news writer

Everyone knows that tornadoes cannot be prevented, but a good plan of action is necessary to insure everyone's safety.

On March 28, 1984, 14 tornadoes touched down in South Carolina between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. bringing millions of dollars worth of destruction. President Reagan declared this state, along with others, a disaster area.

According to Tornado Preparedness Week, conducted by the National Weather Service and the Emergency Preparedness Division of the Adjutant General's office, has been in effect since Mar. 1 by Governor Richard Riley.

No one knows exactly what to do during a tornado. To prepare the student body, faculty, and staff in case of a tornado warning the following procedures should be followed:

- For classrooms: When the tornado alert is sounded, the conducting professor is responsible to move all students away from all windows down to the lowest floors of the building.
- For dormitories: Everyone must be on the lowest floor.
- For offices: Everyone must be on the lowest floor.
- For homecoming floats: Work officially begins as the morning. To guard against vandalism and bad weather such as wind and rain, numbers of work go down the drain, so I let some of the others take down the float. I just can't watch."}

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Homecoming floats: More than meets the eye

By DICKIE BUCHANAN
Special to TJ

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Think positive

Editorial columns generally in our sorority and or our future seem to take a negative outlook on the things happening here at Winthrop College.

At WC, you're not a number. Unless you chose to be, it's easy to get to know your professors and administrators. Most are willing to see you and answer your questions. We often assume the worst, and don't give them the opportunity to prove us wrong.

True, parking, and things of this caliber is a problem, and it's one of my main gripes, but a lot of my main gripes, but a lot of us are allowed to have cars. If parking were our only worry, school would be a breeze.

We should be proud of our mass society. After all, we work for four to five long years to get to our name on that diploma.

If we all tried to have a more positive outlook on Winthrop College, it would probably give us a more positive outlook on a great melting pot of people. Life's try, just this once, to but at the same time, we know be positive. Anyone can be our neighbors. We know the negative; it takes a lot more people in our major, on the hall, be positive.

Victimized by campaigns

By JAMES DEDES
TJ advertising manager

It's that time of the year again. I realized that my sanity was in jeopardy when I had not even settled into my room at the beginning of the semester and I saw one there it was in black and white above Richardson Lobby-A CAMPAIGN POSTER.

Since then things have been deteriorating rapidly. I began to see posters, pamphlets, buttons and announcements appear everywhere. They were then seen in classrooms and stuck to windows. It reached a low point, however, when I went into a bathroom in Richardson and saw one posted in a stall. Now, I realize that some people probably do a considerable amount of thinking while sitting there-but let's be serious.

While I think it is great that so many people are taking an active interest in elections, it seems that a lot of students do not realize the purpose of elections. Elections are designed to place the most competent officials in offices where they will be most beneficial to their constituency. Now of course this doesn't always work look at the presidential election of 1976, but I hope the students of Winthrop realize that the candidate with the most and the biggest campaign posters and flyers is not necessarily the best person for the job.

I think that it is best for us as students to focus on the PERSON not the campaign. Do the candidates give the appearance of actually being knowledgeable about campus issues or do they instead appear to be dead from the neck up? I have found that the best way to pick these people out is to listen to them speak for about 2 minutes and simply count the number of times they say "I, me, or my." Unfortunately, (or fortunately?) you don't remember a thing that they say but this method does eliminate the annoyance of being forced to actually pay attention.

What has happened to debates, and statements on the issues? Must we have our candidate selection on who can wield a magic marker or turn on a copying machine the best?

I hope that I've made at least two points clear. One, candidates should stop trying to abuse our eyesight, insult our intelligence or marshal us to death and, two, the students should vote with responsibility and not simply on impulse. After all, folks, we have to live with these people for an entire year, and if they turn out to be real losers we have no one to blame but ourselves.

Elections: Get serious!

By LISA BUDE
TJ managing editor

is blessed with ambitious, citing campaigns increase voter qualified students this year. I turn out. And speaking of voting, students should also make wise decisions when they cast their ballots. Voting for someone just because they have gorgeous eyes or cute dimples doesn't mean a thing. Students should think hard when they vote. Get to know the candidate and their qualifications, then vote for who you consider the best person for the job.

This year the candidates are unfortunately, about one fifth working hard. They are serious. Of the entire student body voted I challenge students to do the same.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Response**

Dear Editor,

I am responding to Mrs. Sharon M. Cook's blatant and unsupported statements in last Monday's *Johnsonian* concerning the film "Going Places".

First of all, a quote from Ms. Cook: "If that film is Mr. Lader's idea of culture, then believe it is time he took a closer look at his values." My first question is this: Who said this was Mr. Lader's idea of culture? I'm sorry, I didn't realize Phil took time out to screen each and every cultural event so as not to let anything go by uncensored—we wouldn't want to offend our college students with reality now, would we?

I find it amusing that Ms. Cook also feels she has the purity to say that anyone needs to take a closer look at their values. She goes on to say "The movie was lewd, explicit, obscene, and sexually immoral." Again, who is Ms. Cook to say that something is sexually immoral? Granted it may have been immoral to her, but perhaps it wasn't to me. I suppose my biggest problem with Ms. Cook's credibility is the mere fact that she went to see the film at all. Is it my understanding that the only method of publicity this film on campus had, was the many posters around which quite clearly and visibly stated "SEXUALLY EXPLICIT—MAY BE OFFENSIVE"? Now, she knew what she was in for. In fact she could've written an equally foolish letter of complaint without having seen the film. But she went through, and guess what else? She isn't even a freshman who needed the cultural credit! Therefore, I can only conclude from this that Ms. Cook willingly spent her Sunday evening watching a film that she knew was sexually explicit and verbally offensive.

I would also like to quote her as saying, "Many people found this movie too repulsive to sit through. I cannot blame them. Well, if she cannot blame them, why didn't she get up and leave hersevles. As far as I can remember, the Exit signs were fully illuminated."

Ms. Cook yet said something else which I found interesting. She said, "(the film) degraded the status of women and portrayed men as sex-starved animals. It portrayed these two particular characters as frustrated individuals."

For Ms. Cook's added information, this film was only one of many, many cultural events on and around the campus. There are too many to choose from for me to believe anyone had to attend this particular film for credit. I also didn't know Ms. Cook was such an authority on culture. In the Fine Arts, I have been taught that Culture is that which one finds within an entity that he feels displays a certain artistic ability. "Going Places" featured Gerard Depardieu, one of France's highest acclaimed actors. As far as I am concerned, he convincingly played the part of a street-wise loner in search of a more exciting life. . . . And as far as having no plot or meaning, well, I'll say this, it had all the plot and meaning that was necessary for a film such as this about rampant sexual adventure with a title like "Going Places".

Sincerely,
Christopher Cook
Alpha Psi Omega
National Honor Society
In Theatre
Delta Mu Chapter

**Solution**

Dear Editor,

At a time when it is time he took a closer look at their values, Winthrop's support seems to be slipping.

I am referring to the system of registering graduate students in January. I do not know if any undergraduates or transfer students had the problems I had, but boy did I have troubles.

Being new to the Winthrop campus, I did not know where some offices were, and I did not know which office to go to for certain transactions. Thinking how nice it was that Winthrop had an information window, I approached the person working there with much enthusiasm.

I am sure the person grew tired of me, because I went there three times asking for instructions. I was directed wrong twice, probably due to the fact that no one took the time to inform this person of what to tell the students. After having waited in line for an hour only to find out that I had waited in the wrong line, was very frustrating.

I would like to offer a solution to this problem. I propose that an orientation sheet be drafted and printed listing any possible transaction that a student may need to make and where to go for each transaction. This solution seems simple enough to me and I would like to see it acted upon.

Sincerely,
Deena Hester

**Thanks**

Dear Editor:

Greeks, thank you so very much for the support shown at the basketball game on January 30. Your attendance, support and performance was simply outstanding.

Those of us in the Athletic Department are very appreciative of the fine way in which you conducted yourselves and the enthusiastic support you provided for the basketball team.

Your attendance means more than you will ever know, and I do believe has a great deal to do with the overall team success. I am hoping that you are beginning a tradition that tells the world at large that support by the Winthrop student body through clubs and organisations such as yours is tremendous.

Sincerely yours,
Doug Echols,
Associate Director of Athletics

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**TJ letter policy**

TJ welcomes letters to the editor on any topic related to Winthrop College.

All letters to the editor must be signed by the author. The author's name will not be omitted unless we feel retribution will result. Letters will be limited to 200 words.

Letters should be typed, if possible, double spaced, on a 60-inch space line.

Letters should be submitted to Box 6600 or brought to TJ office in Good Building. Letters must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday to appear in the following week's issue.
Winthrop Eagles

lose one away; win one at home

By LAURIE ANN DEDES
TJ sports writer

The Winthrop Eagles lost to the Wofford Terriers in Spartanburg last Saturday night by a seven point margin. During the first half it was an up and down ball game with the point difference not straying anymore than three points between the two teams. The team was accompanied to Spartanburg by the Rude Crew and many other students who rowdily cheered on the Eagles as the game tied up 26-26 at the end of the first half.

During the second half number 32, Pat Sass, was injured and had to sit out the better part of the game. The Eagles began to foul, and Wofford's Robert Mickie put 15 points on the board in free throws. Although the Eagles outscored the Terriers in the field, Wofford made their winning points in free throws. The final score was 62-55.

Fred McKinnon scored 20 points with nine for 15 from the field. He also had nine rebounds. He was followed by Brain Pope with 14 points and Jon Bowman with 12 points.

After the disappointing loss on Saturday night, the Eagles College.

Defense player Easterling

Committed to Eagle basketball

By TRISH McKITRICK
TJ staff writer

Debbie Easterling, or the Lady Eagles "defensive spark", is thoroughly enjoying her junior year with the basketball team. Debbie comments, "We are up and pulling together to win in the districts. Hopefully we'll land in the top four." She also is excited about playing NCAA her senior year. "I feel that the competition of playing larger schools will be good. We played a division I team already and enjoyed the challenge."

At 5'8" Debbie is from Kingsport, Tenn. She plays forward and averages 10 points per game. Basketball can be traced all the way back to her high school days where she played all conference and all state.

Debbie Lancaster, the Lady Eagles' new basketball coach, spoke highly of Debbie. She said, "Debbie is very likable. Her comradery with the other players is warm and personable. Maturity and experience are two qualities that contribute to her basketball skills. She has a good long outside shot and has a high intensity for defense."

Easterling comments, "I especially enjoy playing defense when I can come in and get a steal. It really gets everyone going."

Positive mental attitude: Support Winthrop athletics
Turbeville Eagles ready

By DOUG CORB
TJ sports writer

The Winthrop College Eagles are preparing for the 1985 baseball season. This year marks the first time that a Winthrop College team has participated in a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) sponsored event.

The season starts on February 28, when the Eagles visit the "Fighting Gamecocks" of the University of South Carolina at three o'clock p.m.
Renovations continue

By CHRIS BLAIR

The recent renovations on campus have brought a rash of complaints from students.

Complaints mentioned included Phil's empty hobby to Dreamer Apartments, classifying the dormitory as being renovated simply because the halls were being painted. Cassens said that buildings are being renovated simply because they are.

Cassens also said that the incovince caused by renovation such as problems with parking are avoided as much as possible by doing construction work during the summer.

"Maintenance is an ongoing program," Cassens said. "But major renovations in McClaurine have to be done year round.

McLaurin is slated to be completed by August. Then Margret

Leadership Winthrop benefits

By JEFF COLEMAN

The Student Government Association will sponsor the Leadership Winthrop Program throughout the month of March.

The annual program is designed to enhance the leadership characteristics of campus leaders.

According to SGA President Rick Moore, approximately 20 students will participate. Most students will be selected on the basis of the offices they will hold for the upcoming year.

Moore, coordinator of the program, said that Leadership Winthrop "will include sessions denoted to leadership qualities as well as learning the operations of the college..."

"If you're interested in the college atmosphere, you should attend this program," Moore said.

The program will be held in the evening.
O.D.C. adds new meaning

By BRYAN ROBERTSON
TJ staff writer

What exactly is teamwork? When this question was asked to students, the majority responded in the same way. Most felt that teamwork involved two or more people working and struggling together to reach a common goal.

Teamwork is the goal of the Winthrop Outdoor Development Center (O.D.C.). Established in the fall of 1984, the O.D.C. is designed to improve group cohesiveness. The development center is not just for the physically inclined.

Jane Bell, assistant professor in physical education, brought the idea to Winthrop. She got the idea from Camp Thunderbird in Charlotte, N.C. Now Winthrop is the only school in the South to have this type of facility.

Frank Griffin, co-coordinator with Bell, stated that through guided outdoor experiences in a non-traditional setting, the O.D.C. provides the opportunity for group teamwork, cooperation, planning, and individual growth. He also added, "Developing team cohesiveness is spectacular to watch. You apply the course to everyday life situations and achieve a great feeling of self-confidence." Through team effort, groups are able to put ideas together to solve problems. As each problem is solved, the group tends to grow closer and soon the feeling of oneness prevails.

Located in the grove of trees between the campus golf course and Winthrop Lake, the O.D.C. is composed of 12 initialized stations, seven individual towrope events, five individual highrope events, a 25 feet climbing and repelling wall, and a zip wire extended 200 feet into the woods. Safety is insured by the use of cables and safety belts. Also, after each event, processing takes place to discuss the days activities. "Processing the events is the key element in learning concepts that may be applied to everyday life situations," Griffin commented.

Trained instructors from various Winthrop departments operate the O.D.C. These instructors completed a vigorous three day training program by Woody Woodward, director of Camp Thunderbird and the course designer.

There is no charge for Winthrop College student support groups and academic classes. However, a charge is incurred for individual students, faculty, staff, and the non-Winthrop public. For students, faculty, staff, the cost is $150 per day minimum, or $14.50 per person. The non-Winthrop public is charged $350 per day minimum or $34.50 per person.

The tab for the center ranged between $18,000 and $20,000 including purchase and installation of equipment, and training instructors.

The O.D.C. is open seven days a week, year round, 9 a.m. thru 4 p.m. For more information and appointments, call Jane Bell at 323-2123, or Frankie Griffin at 323-3681.

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Take a walk on the wild side.
National scholarship available

By TOM STEARNS
TJ staff writer

A meeting will be held February 27 at 6 p.m. in 308 Tillman to advise students on how to apply for a national scholarship or fellowship.

“The meeting was set primarily for CLUES students,” said Dr. Mike Smith, Winthrop College Academic V.P. and Dean of Faculty, “but it is open for all students. In fact, I urge any and all students, particularly freshmen and sophomores to attend, as we will be presenting information that could be very beneficial for future scholarship applicants.”

Smith explained that the meeting will be led by several professors responsible for coordinating scholarships, and will feature previous scholarship nominees. “Basically,” Smith stated, “the meeting is designed to inform students of the many scholarships available, and to give advice on how to apply for one.

“For example, we will be mentioning the importance of a good summer job. Why bother working at a McDonald’s when you could be doing an internship somewhere, or studying overseas. People with scholarships and fellowships have a good chance of obtaining better jobs after college, and a good place to start preparing for a scholarship is to get a good summer job. Fellowship and scholarship committees look for special activities, things that look impressive on the record,” Smith continued.

Smith cited as an example Larry Tavino, Winthrop nominee for a Rhodes Scholarship. “I had two days to prepare my application,” Tavino said. “I should have gotten it a year ahead of time. When I got to the interviews, the other applicants were prepared and prepared for their meeting committee. I might have had a better chance if I had prepared more for it.”

“There are a lot of scholarships out there,” Tavino continued, “and they’re just waiting for you to apply for them. And they can go to anyone who has the determination to apply to themselves. Just go to the library and look up all the scholarships available. There’s a lot of information there, and no reason why students shouldn’t try to get some of it.”

“We’re trying to impress on Winthrop’s students that they have a good shot at anyone else at these scholarships,” added Smith. “The administration wants to get students toward national scholarships. And they should start when they are freshmen and sophomores, waiting until they are ready to graduate.”

Drinking laws rejected

MADISON, WI. (CP) - Students who drink and drive are stimulus-seekers who are not likely to be deterred by laws raising the minimum legal drinking age, recent research by a University of Wisconsin team suggests.

Instead of trying to curb students' adventuresome habits, counselors should help students find new ways to satisfy their need for thrills, the researchers say.

Their conclusions are based on a study comparing student drinking and driving habits with personality types, says UW psychologist Frank Farley who along with grad student Sharon McNeely conducted the study.

They found that those most likely to drink excessively and drive tend to be extroverted risk-takers who prefer change and novelty and who are attracted to experimental lifestyles.

"Those people tend to reject rules and regulations of any kind," Frank Farley says. "Minimum-age drinking and driving laws are just creating more rules for them to reject."

Although these students are more prone to delinquency the researchers say, they are just as likely to exhibit positive characteristics such as creativity.

"They can get the stimulation they need for thrills," Farley says. "We need to get these people to transfer their interests from one to the other.

"If counselors are aware of the characteristics of extreme stimulants, they can channel their energy into being more creative or potential." 

To date, Farley and McNeely have surveyed only a small sample of students. They acknowledge their results may not reflect all students. But their thesis that the need for stimulation is the key to understanding and controlling drunk driving—the largest killer of those 16 to 24 — is supported by accident statistics.

Farley says those in their late teens and early 20s have the greatest need for stimulation. The plot of traffic accidents follows the same pattern.

Further, since alcohol is a depressant young drinkers are likely to seek even riskier means of getting the stimulation they crave.

The theory Farley says, explains why many accidents caused by drunk drivers involve night driving, the presence of passengers and speeding.

"Nighttime driving provides little external stimulation making passengers more likely to divert the driver's attention,' Farley explains. "All of those factors maximize the likelihood of a mistake.

Safety regulations such as seat belt laws and speed limits simply prompt the stimulation-seekers to take even bigger risks, Farley says.

Farley says he does not know whether the characteristics of thrill-seekers are genetic or acquired.

But in either case, Farley prescribes trying to channel the characteristics of extreme stimulants into sport, the creative arts or any other activity that involves intensity or creative potential.
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Geography - What “strand” of land lies West of the Atlantic Ocean?
Entertainment - What dance has become popularized at the strand?
Sports/Leisure - Besides girl/boy watching, what sport is the most popular at the strand?
Art & Literature - What author, made famous by creating Mike Hammer, lives near the strand?
Science & Nature - For what flowering pink shrub is the strand named?

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