

Listen Up Delco . . . We Have Somethin' to Say!

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YO! I know that you're thinkin', "The weekend is here, I think I'll go out and chug on some beer."

When ya think your problems are gonna dunk ya, you say, "Man, I'll be stone cold drunk"-huh!

We all face problems individually, but yo, man, don't take it out on me! If you're thinkin' 'bout drinkin' to thrive, then DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TRYIN' TO DRIVE!

There are laws in America, and yo we need 'em, but too many say, "They impede my freedom!" If you wanna talk about losin' rights, Then talk to the victims who've lost their lives.

Stay Alive-Don't Drink AND Drive.

If you take the "lyrics" above, find a beat that works and try to rap it to yourself. If you can't, well,.....

Having fun is essential to staying alive. It is like bread and butter for the soul. Each of us has a different meaning for the word fun, and we implement this meaning in our own ways also. This is a NORMAL function that we as individuals perform, and thank goodness that we are individuals.

The problem that seems to keep occurring is that we too often forget what our actions mean to other people, and how what we do really effects other people. You can argue that this is an exaggerated statement, and I'll agree with you—to a degree.

How many of you have been exposed to the positive psychology that one person can really make a difference? One person's hard work, determination, and perseverance can pay large dividends. This is true, and all of us will have a chance to make a difference somewhere, somehow, and in some way. Many of us will be the difference in certain situations. Knowing that you are the

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positive difference in a situation is very gratifying.

On the other side of this coin is the reality that we can also make a negative difference. Through our lack of thinking and impulsive behavior we can end up doing things that we should not, and have a negative effect on ourselves and others. Drinking and then driving is an example of such a negative difference.

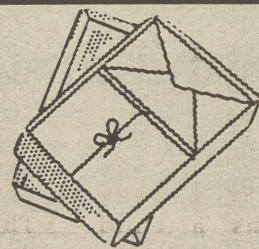
Ask yourself why you drink. Each of us has his or her own individual reasons. When you have come up with a reason or reasons, then ask yourself under what conditions you would drink. Would these be conditions which might have driving involved somewhere along line? THIS is the problem. The two are like oil and water—THEY DO NOT MIX.

So remember, the next time that you drink and then go out and try to drive, it could be the last time.....

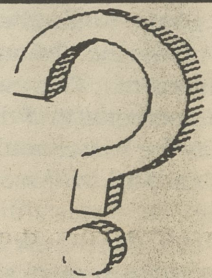


Anyone want to dance? These dancers were full of energy and enthusiasm during Hispanic Heritage Week.

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DEAR MAGGIE



Dear Maggie;

I have this problem! My best friend is a man-crazy wench and is influencing me toward the dark side! And I love it but I'm a virgin and won't give in until I'm married. but—boy do I like the side she is showing me. Please help me see the right thing to do!

HELP!
THE VICTIM

Dear Victim;

Now-a-days virginity is definitely becoming a serious topic. Despite all the "peer-pressure" that we, all, have encountered; the bottom line will always be the decision of the particular individual.

It is clear, in your letter that you have made up your mind about sex, so you should stick to your decision. You should talk to your friend. You said you liked the "Dark-Side"; yet staying a virgin is important to you, you don't have to have sex to have a good time with people. Neither is sex needed for a good relationship. Perhaps you should evaluate your friendship with your friend; decide if being her friend means you have to compromise yourself—if so get out of that friendship.

You appear to have your head on straight, so don't compromise your morals for anyone. There's nothing wrong with being a virgin, you are protecting yourself from many diseases. Stand your ground! This person should be your friend, regardless of your sex life and if they

aren't then they were never a real friend in the first place!

Maggie

Dear Maggie;

A girl I was dating will not let the past go. It's been two weeks since we have parted ways, how can I tactfully tell her it's over and done with? I want to get on with my life, as well as her, so we can be just friends!

MARS

Dear Mars;

Since it is very obvious that she is still holding on, you should be very honest with her. Do not be rude because this could hurt her even more then she would wind up hating you. It is sad that relationships have to end but they should at least end honestly. If being honest with her doesn't work then perhaps being her friend is the wrong choice.

Maggie

Dear Maggie,

I recently started seeing this girl on campus. She constantly talks about sex. This does not bother me, but when we go to parties, she hangs all over all of the guys there. Then she disappears for a while, and when she comes back, there is usually some guy following her around like a lost puppy. Do you think she is being unfaithful? Please help me.

Jiggum

Dear Jiggum,

It sounds like this girl is not really the kind of girl a respectful guy would want to get involved with. Maybe her disappearing acts are really nothing at all, you should confront her and find out. As far as her being "unfaithful" that answer is something only she would know. If you really care enough to worry about this then talk to her. And remember to be honest with her because you want her to be honest with you. After you talk things out, hopefully there will be a chance to work things out. Good Luck!!

Maggie

Dear Maggie,

Are school grounds an appropriate place to establish or express personal relationships?

Unsigned

Dear Unsigned,

School grounds are as appropriate a place as anywhere to express one's feelings for a loved one. The important thing is to remain tactful when expressing one's feelings. Remember that others are present on campus, and some things may be offensive to some although you may find pleasure to the act.

Maggie

P.S. Thank you for the note Cacciatore, it was very amusing!