

Grim Reaper Stalks



The Grim Reaper stalked Sycamore on December 6 to show students the effects of drinking and driving. Every 20 minutes a student "died" throughout the day, but in reality the student was taken out of class, dressed in a black robe, and instructed not to talk the rest of the day. At the end of 6th period a list of obituaries were read to the student body.

Junior Laura Knight, who participated said, "I think it was cool. Everyone always talks about statistics but this really showed students what could really happen to them if they drink and drive."

SADD advisor Terry Delaney commented, "I feel it was very successful because it opened up a lot of eyes." Delaney also said that the simple fact that a whole lot of people talked about it the event made the day a success. He even got phone calls from a school in Clermont County about how to start a project like the Grim Reaper.

Junior David Jolly said, "I think it had a great impact on the students. I also feel that it

stopped some students from drinking and driving. Jolly also commented, "I think it stopped the drinking and driving because I know I imagined some of my friends dead. Seeing the people walking around school supposedly dead was a real scary thought."

This was SADD's first year doing something like this. They wanted students to see the reality in drinking and driving and not do something stupid like getting in a car with someone who had been drinking.

"I think it was a very good idea. Especially since it was right before the Christmas Dance. It made students stop and think about what could happen if they drink and drive," commented junior Kelly Foster.

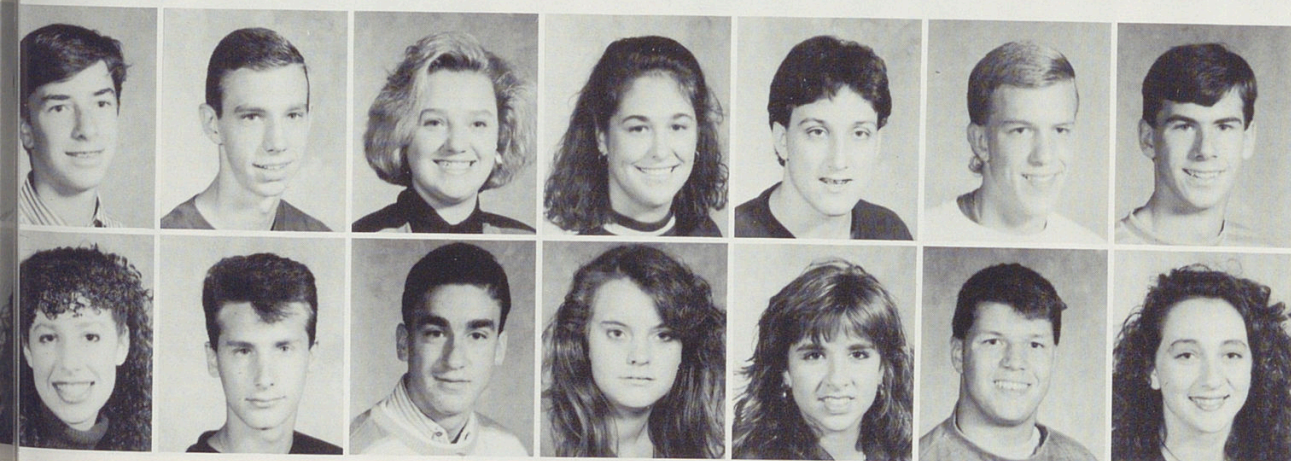
Senior Scott Sauer, who participated had these final comments. "I was really glad that I was involved in a project like this. I hope one day it will make someone stop and think and maybe save their life."

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Senior David Young, dressed as the Grim Reaper, approaches a lunch table. Students "killed" had to wear black robes and could not talk for the rest of the day.

Grim Reaper and freshman Mike Gannon calls junior Margaret Donovan to her "death." Every 20 minutes a student was "killed" in part of SADD's drinking and driving awareness week.



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