Party Time Problems
The trials of a college social gathering

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Hey there everybody! I’m back for another exciting column of witty observations and cynical humor. If you see my picture next to my column, then it would seem we have succeeded in tearing down the iron curtain and won a battle against censorship. If not, then what the heck are you waiting for? Write in! Tell the paper your deep dissatisfaction with the fact that you don’t get to see what I look like! Anyway, as I stated last week, I have decided to ditch the literature guide format because, frankly, I got sick of it. Now I know you have probably just let loose a bestial howl, rent your garments, and begun thrashing about violently on the floor in frustration, but fear not, I’ll still do my darndest to be as funny as I can. This week I have instead decided to write about something that is near and dear to all of our hearts: Parties!

In all honesty, what would college be without parties? College parties offer students a chance to see new parts of the campus, get to know members of the opposite sex better, and set off car alarms several blocks away, or finally talk to that young man or young lady you have been thinking about. Here is a typical dialogue that could result from such encounters.

Todd: Y-you wanna make out?
Cindy: …
Cindy: (smiles) Hi.
Sam: (approaches Cindy) Hi.
Cindy: Yuk.
Sam: (laughs) Well, perhaps trying to pick up girls while drunk isn’t the best idea. Luckily, there are other things to do at college parties. Since every member of the student body at any college, but particularly at Holy Cross, has to possess a functioning brain in order to even reach this point, conversations

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So why does anybody smoke today? If the numbers in Wednesday’s Jolt poll speak true, smoking is unpopular at Holy Cross, and if the majority of students at our school had their way, it would be banned. Is fondness for tobacco products merely an archetypal habit, a longing for days of wild romping in the hills of Marlboro Country? Or is it truly a satisfying and relaxing pastime to some, one that, despite the health risks, brings about a satisfying feeling of non-restraint? Should the tobacco industry be attacked any worse than the liquor and snack industries, both of which pose health risks to consumers?

There are no easy answers, but these days, it seems most people would answer the latter question with a ‘yes.’ From a medical and insurance standpoint, this is a blessing. For some, it’s an oppression of the spirit. In the least, it is a sign of the times. Perhaps it’s time for America to let go of its subtle adoration for the stoic smoker who ignores annoying public service commercials. On the other hand, maybe this is a sign that our culture has become too uptight, too concerned about risks and not enough about the simple pleasures of life.

If one thing is certain, it is this: this poll was the most thought-inspiring thing on the Daily Jolt since the entry that dissed that girl on Wheeler two last Tuesday (she thought she was “all dat”).

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