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Amanda Quirola (left) and Kristi Bosker stand in the halls at Harrison after school, getting reactions to their painted faces which represented deaths from drunk drivers. Reactions

ranged from a glance to students poking fun. Organizers said the day brought out awareness about drunk driving deaths.

# White faces help kids remember



Harrison Junior Allison Manly and 31 other members of the Students Against Driving Drunk chapter dressed in black and painted their faces white one day last week in memory of people killed in drunk driving accidents. Here, Allison sits in her Algebra II class.

## SADD members catch students' attention

By Casey Hines  
staff writer

THEY WORE white clown paint, but their message wasn't meant to be funny. Thirty-two members of the Harrison High School Students Against Driving Drunk chapter painted their faces white, donned black clothing and spent the day last Thursday making their point without saying a word.

They attended classes, ate lunch and went through a regular day while fellow students tried to talk to them and get them to talk in return. The idea of the SADD chapter's "White Out Day" was to make other students aware of the many people who are killed daily due to drunk driving accidents.

"Every 23 minutes, someone dies in a drinking and driving accident," SADD chapter co-president Heather Schemmel told students in an announcement at the end of the school day. "One person gone is just one too

many. Please think before you drink and drive next time, and take away the keys from a friend."

The number of students in costume represented the number of deaths from drunk driving accidents in a 12-hour period.

LAST YEAR, the SADD chapter did a similar exercise, but this year used more students so their message would be more visible during the school day. "We wanted to do (the hours representing) a whole week-end, but that would have been 165 kids and we couldn't do that many," Schemmel said.

Aaron Polk spotted fellow Harrison senior Jodie Whitehead in the school's front hall at the end of the day, after she had participated in the project all day.

"I think it's smart, because it shows other kids how many kids are dying," Polk said about the SADD effort.

Whitehead said students tried to get her to talk all day, which

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for their event because it was shortly before the district's winter break which started this week.

The chapter has other events planned and do ongoing things throughout the school year, as well.

MEMBERS ARE visiting area car dealerships, asking owners and managers to put red ribbons on new cars and hand out an anti-drinking and driving message. SADD chapter co-president Heather Maddaford said students had a good response so far with one dealer offering to give the ribbons and messages out to the owners of the cars they service.

Also, the Harrison SADD members continue to work with the SADD chapter at Farmington High School on a peer resistance program for fifth graders in the district's elementary schools.

During prom season, SADD chapter members hand out dimes and quarters, so fellow students feel comfortable calling and asking for a ride if necessary.

prompted discussion of the issue. "It makes you think about it," she added.

The Harrison SADD chapter has between 30-40 active students this year, a big increase from last year. The chapter adviser this year is teacher Linda Lanigan.

The chapter picked last Thursday



SADD chapter members at Harrison dressed in black with white painted faces in memory of those killed in drunk driving accidents as part of the school's White Out Day. Here, members watch a video in a ninth grade English class, "To Kill a Mockingbird." Pictured are (l-r) Carole Friedman, Laura Westberg, Rachel Jensen and Sarah Smathers.

### police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

#### • HILL INJURY

A 42-year-old Farmington Hills woman was reported treated for a bruised back after sledding down the Chitawac hill Jan. 16. A report on the incident was made Feb. 13. According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the woman was sledding on a plastic sled when she struck a sewer manhole cover at the base of the hill. City officials said the area had been blocked off with hay bales. The woman was taken by family members to Providence Hospital-Novi, where doctors told her her back was bruised. The hill is owned by the Farmington Public Schools.

#### • MAN SENTENCED

A 36-year-old man, formerly of Detroit, was sentenced to 6-15 years

in prison for the death of his former girlfriend, whose body was found in a Farmington Hills field Feb. 7, 1991.

Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Leonard Townsend found William Doll guilty of manslaughter in late January in the smothering death of Kristine Albert, 30, whose decomposed body was found in a field on Goldsmith, north of Eight Mile. The manslaughter verdict was handed down despite a request from Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Bob Donaldson for a second-degree murder conviction. Townsend sentenced Doll Feb. 12.

Albert's father, Ronald Bekkala of Livonia, reported his daughter missing Dec. 31, 1990. She was smothered to death Dec. 15 in Doll's house on Worman in Detroit. Doll told police he dumped her body in the empty field the night before she was found on Goldsmith, according to testimony.

#### • THEFTS REPORTED

An AM-FM compact disk stereo

valued at \$500 was stolen recently from John Paul Metro Salon, 30901 Orchard Lake Road.

A total of \$75 in cash was stolen Saturday from a locker at the Racquetball Courts of Farmington, 34200 Nine Mile.

Tadar detectors, one valued at \$200, another at \$150, were stolen Monday from two separate cars at Country Glen Condominiums on 14 Mile Road.

Approximately \$670 in cash was stolen from Tremec Trading Co., 2332 Commerce Drive, between Feb. 7 and Friday.

Three red vests with the VFW logo valued at \$350 were stolen Saturday from the VFW Hall, 23414 Orchard Lake Road.

A camera and case valued at \$2,063 were stolen Feb. 12 from a house on Millbrook Drive.

A 1991 Ford valued at \$15,000 was stolen last week from the Streamwood Condominiums on Middlebelt.

A drill saw and high-beam light valued at \$1,000 were stolen from a house on Greenboro recently.

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