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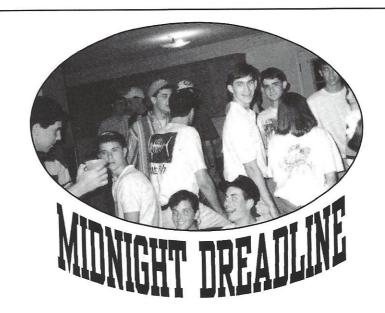
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It could be a death sentence. It hits everyone, some of the time. It is bothersome to all involved. It comes along when it is least wanted. It cannot be avoided. Our parents' price is too high. What is this rotten plague?

Commonly known as the curfew, it is the deadline our parents set for us to leave our fun and come home. On weekend nights, it is set from about 11:00 to 1:00, depending on the high school students' ages and parents' lenience. Upon reporting home, the student must speak to the awake parent, and/or wake up a parent to share the necessary detail or two which assures the parent that the teen has been where he was supposed to be. This event marks the official end of the evening. How do students feel about this curfew policy?

"I think if you are a responsible teenager, your curfew should be lengthened. Sometimes you're having a good time and you have to leave, but you don't want to — that is when curfews really stink," said sophomore Brandy Guffey.

"What is the big deal about staying out an hour later in the dark?" That is what Bramlett Easterlin wants to know.

"Curfews limit our fun," said Karyn Davis.

"They make us rebel and pick fights with our parents," said Senior Johnny Thomas.

All in all, it can be said that WHS students, for the most part, understand and observe their curfews. But they do not feel that it should be a necessary part of growing up.

"Why the anxiety of looking at the clock every 10 minutes when one is simply trying to enjoy a pleasant evening out?" Senior Marvin Tucker summarizes student opinion on curfews.

