Students at Lake Worth High School learned a difficult lesson in class one day last November when a 15-year-old freshman collapsed on his desk from an overdose of drugs.

Now instead of planning pre-game pep rallies, this group of teen-agers is organizing anti-drug rallies.

Their first, called "Kids Care Too!," promises all the elements of a traditional pep rally, but these students are revving for more than a game. They're declaring war on drugs.

"Maybe by telling other people our horror stories, we can get the message through to the kids," said Lisa Platt, a senior at Lake Worth High School and a member of the Sick of It All club, which the teen-agers formed after their fellow student overdosed.

Though it is an anti-drug rally, it still will have music and athletes. Kerbin Paul, a Lake Worth High School football player, will perform his rap songs. Tony Romeo, a former professional football player who now heads the Growing Together drug-treatment program in Lake Worth, will be the master of ceremonies.

The group even will have a mascot. Avery Smartcat, an anti-drug animal character created by magician and musician Brent Kingston, will invite the audience to sing along to the soft rock tunes of his songs such as Life is Better on a Natural High and No Crack Cat.

Kingston said his own fight against drug addiction years ago has inspired him to warn youths across the country against the dangers of using drugs.

"The message is not who Brent Kingston was, but who Avery Smartcat is," Kingston said. "This is the beginning of Avery's Army -- we're gonna blow the windows right off this place."

Although the collective message of the show is upbeat, it will carry with it a frightening message. Two counselors from Romeo's drug-treatment program, ages 15 and 17, will give their own tragic testimonies of adolescent drug addiction in an effort to keep their peers drug-free.

Growing Together counselor Sergio Hernandez, 17, said the committee already is planning another rally in April for teen-agers at Bryant Park in Lake Worth. "We want to make this something they want to get involved in," he said.

Other students from Forest Hill and Santaluces high schools and the local Boy Scouts recently joined the efforts of the Sick Of It All club.

The rally committee expects about 200 students to file into the auditorium at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Lake Worth Elks Club, as well as some city officials, including Officer Kevin Conry of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, Lake Worth Mayor Ron Exline, Lake Worth City Manager John Kelley and Chief of Police Lee Reese.

"If you help just two people out of a whole class, it's worth it," Reese said.
Avery Smartcat belts out No Crack Cat during an anti-drug rally Sunday at the Lake Worth Elks Lodge, while the rap group GQ3 and M.C.K.O., featuring Maurice Watkins, left, Michael Brown, right, and lead singer Kervin Paul perform. About 100 people turned out for the rally, which featured students from Lake Worth and Forest Hills high schools, the Boy Scouts of America and the Growing Together drug treatment program.
New members of the Palm Beach Gardens Woman's Club were honored during the President's Tea last week.

They include Eileen Simler, Donnalyn Di Maria, Angie Shaffer, Mildred Ruth, Mary Carolyn Eland, Stacie Ahee, Colleen Volstad and Paulette Wood, all of Palm Beach Gardens. Doris Karlik is president.

The club was represented in Tallahassee Tuesday by Jo LeGault and Jo Spears. The occasion-- the centennial of the founding of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

On Thursday, Palm Beach Gardens Mayor Mike Martino issued a proclamation proclaiming Tuesday to be the General Federation of Women's Clubs Centennial Day in the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

Among the club's achievements are: community college scholarships, scholarships for an African child, Hoby leadership seminars for students, butterfly gardens at area schools, and protection of endangered species.

The club was cited for support of the Pine Jog Environment Center, Special Olympics, the Hacienda Girls' Ranch, the Mental Health Center, Project Graduation, Growing Together, fire prevention contests and the Red Ribbon Campaign (against drugs).

* Lake Park's Town Hall will host to the paintings of Carol Malon for a month, beginning Tuesday. The exhibit will be part of "Art in Public Places."

Malon does most of her own framing and is a member of the North Palm Beach Art Society. She recently studied with Stephen Scott Young, whose works were displayed last year in the Norton and Hunter Galleries.

* Palm Beach Gardens' Allamanda Elementary School students have become more environmentally aware this past week and their participation in Earth Day activities has taught them about the needs and care of the environment. Steve Lawrence, Desiree Bryant, Aaditya Vora, Michael Lichtstein, Amelia Murgio and Emily Teader were among the students who participated in the tree planting activity.

Jason Lichtstein, president of the Project Earth Club of Palm Beach Gardens High School spoke to the fourth and sixth graders about environmental issues. Among the illustrated discussions were: the killing of dolphins resulting from tuna fishing; killing of African elephants for their tusks; global warming and water and energy conservation; and remedies for various problems.

The Project Earth Club and the Meagher Nursery donated a tree that the children helped plant outside the Learning Center. Students in the school brought rocks, pebbles, and stones to place at the base of the tree.

* As part of the 20th anniversary celebration of Earth Day, the Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation District and the Jupiter High School Ecology Club hosted an Earth Visions conference and resource fair Saturday. The thrust of the program was education, according to organizer Eileen Tramontana.

* The International Sorority of Beta Sigma Phi, with 12,500 chapters and 250,000 members, will celebrate its 59th anniversary Saturday.

Sandpiper Council of Palm Beach County, composed of three chapters, Psi Sigma, Preceptor Rho and Laureate Kappa, will celebrate Founders Day at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Seminole Inn, Indiantown.

Chairman of the event is Carol Wilson of Palm Beach Gardens. Mistress of ceremonies will be outgoing president Shirl MacNitt of Singer Island. Charlotte Buscher of North Palm Beach will present a special message from the International Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi.

Other members taking part in the program are Barbara Paradis, Tequesta; Janet Wagenfeld, West Palm Beach; and Martha Husvar, North Palm Beach.

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Bob Nichols of WPEC-TV 12 has been elected president of the executive board of the Palm Beach County chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"The first thing I plan to do as president," Nichols said, "is to begin a drive to bring more members into the chapter. We'll be looking for people to come aboard to help with fundraising activities year round, as well as additional help with the annual telethon."

Nichols joined the chapter in 1970 and has been emceeing the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon held annually at WPEC.

* Gerry Bogatin will be installed by Sen. Phil Lewis as president of the Palm Beach Chapter of City of Hope during an open meeting and awards luncheon Monday at the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach.

The City of Hope, founded in 1913 in southern California, is comprised of a non-profit medical center and research institute where life-threatening diseases are studied and treated.

* West Palm Beach ophthalmologist Dr. Lawrence Katzen spent a week in San Jose, Costa Rica, to participate in an eye surgery exchange program with doctors and medical professionals.

Katzen performed operations ranging from eyelid deformities to acute tear duct malformations in San Jose hospitals in September and lectured before ophthalmic medical personnel on topics related to oculoplastic surgical advancements.

Project Orbis sponsored Katzen's trip to San Jose, a private non-profit institution that provides free eye care to countries by transporting doctors and equipment on a DC-8 airplane.

"The Orbis plane," said Katzen, "is a unique facility providing a forum for doctors and medical personnel from a variety of backgrounds and cultures to come together peacefully and share knowledge in all aspects of eye care and the fight against blindness."

* Barbara Griffith, executive director of Growing Together Inc. in Lake Worth, has been selected for membership in the 1991 class of Leadership Palm Beach County.

Griffith will be joining a group of 50 people chosen for their leadership qualities in business and the community. They will participate in a year-long program that has been designed to inform them of issues effecting Palm Beach County and they will be trained to try and solve these issues in the areas of education, health care, transportation, and the criminal justice system.

* Erica Segal and Shayna Bloom of West Palm Beach attended a conference sponsored by the Gold Coast Council B’nai B’rith Youth Organization to learn skills that will help them be better leaders in their own chapters.

Segal and Bloom joined 30 youths from around the state to attend the Florida Regional Leadership Training Conference and Kallah on Oct. 19 - 21 at the Tarleton Hotel in Miami Beach. They participated in workshops and discussion groups, in addition to Kallah, an intense Judaic educational program. During Kallah, topics for discussion included interfaith relations, tzedakah, prejudice in yourself, oppressed Jewry, Jewish identity and assimilation.

* Three local pharmacists participated in the Florida Pharmacy Association's planning retreat held at the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

Glenn Boyles of West Palm Beach, Barry Paraizo of North Palm Beach and Betty Harris of Delray Beach, president-elect of the association, joined 50 pharmacists from around the state on Sept. 23-24 to discuss issues affecting the profession and the delivery of quality pharmaceutical services to the public.

Some of the issues discussed were certificate programs which train pharmacists to provide special services to senior citizens; the loss of services patients experience when required by their health insurance carriers to obtain prescription medications from sources other than their family pharmacy; and a campaign to urge consumers to talk with their pharmacists before taking any medications.

* Sgt. William Dority has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal at Finthen Army Airfield in Germany.

The medal is awarded to servicemen who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.
Dority, a petroleum supply specialist, is a 1979 graduate of John I. Leonard High School and is the son of Lewis and Fannie Dority of West Palm Beach.

* Pvt. Corey Mitchell and Pvt. First Class Garrett Maule have completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Mitchell is a 1990 graduate of Suncoast High School and is the son of Alberta Mitchell of Riviera Beach. Maule is a 1986 graduate of Lake Worth Christian High School and is the son of Donald and Tara Maule of Lake Worth.

During basic training, Mitchell and Maule received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army History and Traditions.

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Money talks, but it's going to take a lot of money to talk Sylvia Gibson down from the roof of Palm Beach Gardens High School today.

Gibson has coached, choreographed, chaperoned and raised money for the award-winning Palm Beach Gardens High School Gatorettes dance-drill team for 17 years, and today she will be perched on the school's roof until enough money is raised to help send the team to upcoming state and national competitions.

The 20-member team performs for their school's home football games and for other community events such as parades, festivals and grand openings. Individual team members have performed at the Aloha Bowl in Hawaii and in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland.

This year, the team's three officers will dance on national television as part of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Televised coverage of the parade will open with a production number featuring the 400 drill team dancers chosen to participate from 101 cities in 27 states.

Capt. Shaundra Watson, Co-Capt. Tammi Davis and Lt. Cari Cohen and earned the invitation this summer at a National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) officers competition in Orlando. Last spring the team took second place in a national competition held by NCA in Nashville, Tenn.

Other team members include Tijuana Atkins, Amy Birse, Jessica Corbett, Caroline Elliott, Denise Fritz, Jamie Howell, Tiffany Justice, Tashia Kenty, Jennifer Malanga, Jessica Medlock, Jennifer Moran, Laurie Phelps, Tarneka Rembert, Lauren Russell, Pamela Sherman, Karrie Singel, and Sherry Turner.

The team is available for community performances. The national competition will be held in Anaheim, Calif., next spring. If you are interested in booking a performance or helping out financially, contact Gibson on the roof of Palm Beach Gardens High School today or at 694-7300 in the future.

* Charity is a family affair for Jone and Samantha Sadow.

Recently the mother-daughter team presented The Children's Place with more than 500 articles of clothing, the fruits of a drive sponsored by the Medical- Dental Wives of the Northern Palm Beaches. Jone Sadow led the drive with the assistance of junior chairman Samantha. The group will continue to help out The Children's Place with the proceeds from a fashion show-luncheon today at 11:30 a.m. at the Admiral's Cove clubhouse and their annual Black Tie Ball on Dec. 14 at the Jupiter Hilton.

The Black Tie Ball will feature sleight-of-hand magician Gary Goodman and Miami's SRO band. The event is open to the public. For reservations or information call Deborah Downing or Jone Sadow at 627-9454.

* Recording artist Glenn Medeiros will perform tonight at 10:30 p.m. at Club Galaxy in Palm Beach Gardens.

Medeiros is hosted by a steering committee with plans to form a teen center in the north county area. Tickets are $10 and all profits will go toward building a permanent facility for teens.

According to chairman Lauren Furtado, the committee plans to host live concerts every weekend, with big-name entertainers featured once a month.

"Our goal is to give kids something fun to do on Saturday nights so they can keep away from drugs and alcohol," she said.

The committee is made up of concerned parents and community leaders who work closely with a board of teenagers. "The teens give us ideas about what interests them. We're just here to make sure their ideas are carried out," Furtado explained.

For more information about the group or tonight's concert, call Furtado at 622-3924.

* Jennifer Gold Strenges of North Palm Beach and Bob Cole of Palm Beach Gardens have been chosen to assist coach Sally Smith in her fourth season as head of the Palm Beach Community College Lady Panthers basketball team.
Strenges is an adjunct physical education instructor and coordinator of the intramural program at PBCC. Cole serves as a news writer for PBCC's College Relations and Marketing Office and is also an adjunct communications faculty member.

The Lady Panthers will defend their title as Florida Community College Athletic Association state champions this season.

The American Association of University Women will highlight their next general meeting with an inspiring presentation by a group of teenagers from the "Growing Together" program.

"Growing Together" is a comprehensive adolescent drug program that uses supervised peer pressure to change negative attitudes and destructive behavior to prepare teens for living a drug-free life. Many of the participating youths are themselves rehabilitated drug users.

The meeting will be held Monday at 8 p.m. at the North Palm Beach Library. Refreshments will be served following the program. For further information call JoAnn Endorf at 626-9790.

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Dub Pagan celebrated his 72nd birthday Sunday and returned home from the hospital Monday, two occurrences that were uncertainties over the past month. The head professional at West Palm Beach Country Club is recovering from two open heart surgeries, one scheduled, one an emergency, at the Miami Heart Institute.

"I was almost dead twice-- I was on the way out," Pagan said Tuesday. "Now I'm just glad to get out of the hospital. Over a month on my back was horrifying. It seemed like that month was six years."

Pagan ventured out to West Palm Beach CC Tuesday morning, spending 40 minutes in the pro shop and office before heading home. It will be awhile before he swings a golf club again, but he has those hopes. It will take two months of exercise, and getting adjusted to a new diet, before that day comes for the former Florida Open and Amateur champion.

In the meantime, he is just happy to be out of the hospital and breathing the fresh air. "It makes you think a lot different than the way you have been thinking, about people and yourself and the folks who did things for you," he said.

* John Gardner has accepted the position as general manager of golf operations at PGA National Golf Club. Gardner replaces Rick Renick, who recently took a position as director of golf at the TPC-Scottsdale.

Gardner comes to PGA National from Arnold Palmer Golf Management Company, where he was director of operations responsible for 22 public, private and resort courses. Before that, he was general manager and director of golf at Isleworth, Palmer's new project in Orlando.

"He's a businessman rather than a golf pro," said Colin Wright, president of PGA National Golf Club. "We think we got a great guy."

Gardner also worked for the PGA Tour as general manager of the TPC at Plum Creek outside Denver. He begins his new job Dec. 15.

"I figured since the Tour took my last guy, I'd take a guy who once worked for the Tour," Wright said.

* Danny St. Louis has been on a roll. The assistant professional at Palm Beach Polo and Country Club won the West Palm Beach Invitational Pro-Am last weekend at West Palm Beach CC. St. Louis shot rounds of 72-68--140 for a one-stroke victory over Chris Brooks (71-70) and Mike Buja (75-66). Steve Hart (70-72) was two strokes back.

The win was worth $2,000 to St. Louis, who won the Chapter Assistants Championship Oct. 1 at Breakers West for $3,500.

"It's coming so easy," St. Louis said. "It's hard to understand. How come it's coming so easy? I have no idea. I don't think I'm doing anything different except the ball is going where I'm looking. I have no way to explain it. Maybe it's confidence. I'm not missing anything within 4 and 5 feet anymore, either. I just hit 60 2-footers in a row for 21 days. Now, when I make a mistake, I can get out of it. I'm not paying the penalty like I used to."

* Tickets are on sale for the Sazale Classic at Binks Forest CC in Wellington Dec. 6-9. Admission to the PGA Tour's Team Championship, won in 1989 by Ted Schulz and David Ogrin, is $20 for a weekly ticket from now until Dec. 5. Gate prices throughout the week are $10 Thursday and Friday and $15 Saturday and Sunday. Parking off Southern Boulevard is $3 each day. To purchase tickets, call 800-443-GOLF.

* Palm Beach County residents Les Breedlove, Bob Bergmann, Scott Mustapick and Jim Hutchison finished second in the Greg Norman Amateur Team Challenge last month at Turnberry, Scotland. . . . The South Florida Left-handed Golf Association is looking for members to play in six tournaments. Call Nat Healy (586-2913) in Lake Worth for details. . . . Gary Carter and Nathaniel Crosby are chairmen for the The Growing Together Scramble for Kids Feb. 4 at Atlantis CC. Entry fee is $300 per person. The contact is Dorothy Orawe (626-1414).
PARTY FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER HELPS TAKE AWAY SOME OF THE PAIN

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Anthony Going, 3, of Royal Palm Beach stood on his knees in a chair at the American Cancer Society's "Kids Helping Kids" Christmas party and ate one pretzel after another.

He paused to play with his cousin, Cortney.

"He has never been to a `party' party before so this is a party," his grandmother, Nancy Going, said.

Last Christmas, Anthony was recuperating from surgery after having a brain tumor removed from the back of his head. On Wednesday, he was among 60 Palm Beach County children with cancer who attended the party organized by the society's New Directions group. New Directions is a group of young professionals who help the society with its fund-raising efforts.

"I organized everything and everybody helped and brought in gifts," said Brooke Raben, chairman of the party committee and a registered nurse for Preferred Home Care of America in West Palm Beach. "It turned out so nice . . . Their little faces were so cute."

The children ranged in age from 7 months to 19. They gathered in the gallery room at the Ramada Hotel Resort of the Palm Beaches (formerly the Palm Hotel).

Christmas music filled the air and the children and their families members ate pretzels and potato chips while sitting at round tables decorated with balloons and holiday centerpieces.

"I think this is wonderful and we'll probably be back next year whether he has it or not," Anthony's mother, Melissa Miner said.

She said Anthony has one more chemotherapy treatment to undergo. Thereafter, he will go through six weeks of radiation therapy.

"Because of the chemotherapy, Tony can't be with a large group of children," Miner said. "He was limited to being around two or three children at a time."

Tracy Maxner of West Palm Beach brought her daughter, Launa, to the party. Launa also had a brain tumor and is a friend of Anthony.

"I think it's just great for all the kids to be together," Maxner said. "This is Launa's first Christmas party. Last year, she was in the hospital."

The children were entertained by Ronald McDonald and Harry the Wonder Bird.

Dressed in a leprechaun outfit, Richard Fogarty, 66, who also has cancer, roamed the room and passed out balloons with his puppet, Clyde, on his hip.

"I like to have fun with kids," he said.

The party ended with a visit from Santa Claus who passed out gifts to the children.

Among those attending the party were patients treated by Dr. Narayana Gowda of Hematology Oncology Associates in Atlantis and Boynton Beach.

In the past, Gowda has conducted a Christmas party for his patients. This was the first year the party was open to children throughout the county.

Gowda received a plaque from the group with the inscription: "Thanks for Caring. We love you."

"I'm so happy," he said. "I'm so excited. . . . I think here they have forgotten everything . . . This is the one time they can forget about their pain and suffering and get together."
Cortney Welsh, 2 (left), shares a laugh and a smile with her cousin, Tony Going, 3, during a party for Going and other pediatric cancer patients, which was sponsored by the American Cancer Society at the Ramada Hotel Resort of the Palm Beaches.
The 36th annual Leon "Pop" Sikes International Father and Son Golf Championship will have a change in format, but the tried-and-true, one-ball, alternate shot format remains in place for the final round.

"There's the frustration in that format," said Jim Simon, the head pro at Atlantis Country Club. "The father or the son hits it behind the tree and you try not to get mad. Some do, some don't."


The first round of the father-son will be a modified scramble with each team required to use at least four drives by each player. The second round and the Father-Daughter will be one-ball, alternate-shot.

The latter format "keeps it a true team competition, rather than having one player dominate and the other guy along for the ride," Simon said.

Past winners include teams featuring Bob Murphy, Jim Simons and Andy North.

For information, call Leon Sikes Jr. at (305) 566-1212 or Simon at 965-7700.

-- PGA Tour players Bobbie Wadkins and Robert Wrenn teamed with amateurs Jack McCullagh and Dick Scott to shoot a five-round, 71-under-par 289 and win the pro-am title in the Sazale Classic in Wellington.

Emlyn Aubrey, Lee Janzen, David Gneiser and Craig Rebold finished second at 68-under 292, followed by Gary Hallberg, Scott Hoch, Mark Spehn and David Stevens, also at 292, Mike Hulbert, Bob Tway, Bruno Mazza and Nils Peterson at 67-under 293 and Jim Hallet, P.H. Horgan, Paul Davis and Wayne Nance at 66-under 294.

-- Julie Brand, a senior at Palm Beach Gardens High, recently was named second team All-American by the the American Junior Golf Association. Lee McEntee of Doylestown, Pa., and Vickie Goetze of Hull, Ga., were the players of the year. Chris Couch of North Lauderdale, who won the PGA Junior Championship and the Doral Ryder Junior Classic, was first team All-American.

Brand's summer included membership on the victorious East team in the inaugural Canon Cup in Orlando, a victory in the New York State Girls, third-place ties at the McDonald's Besty Rawls Girls National Championship in Wilmington, Del., and the Apawamis Smith Corona Centennial and a fifth-place finish in the Ping Myrtle Beach Junior Classic.

-- Adam Armagost of Palm Beach Gardens, who won the Gold Coast Pro Golf Tour event at Woodfield Nov. 29-30, finished in a five-way tie for seventh in the tour's sixth event Dec. 6-7, 11 strokes behind winner Martin Stanovich of Tamarac. George Kraljevich of Boynton Beach also finished tied for seventh.

-- Charlie Hackett, a PGA master professional and the former pro at Deerfield Country Club, is the new pro at Boca Woods.

-- The Sixth Annual Pro-Am Celebrity Classic to benefit Growing Together will be Feb. 4 at Atlantis Country Club.

The four-player scramble will begin at 12:30 p.m. For information, call 585-0892.

-- The 1991 Oldsmobile LPGA Classic will be Jan. 31-Feb. 3 at Wycliffe Golf & Country Club south of Wellington.

The Oldsmobile LPGA Classic's pro-ams are three-day and one-day events. The three-day Champions Pro-Am will be Saturday, Jan. 26; Sunday, Jan. 27 and Wednesday, Jan. 30. The one-day Classic Pro-Am will be Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Entry fees are $1,900 for the Champions and $900 for the Classic with discounts available if players register before Nov. 15.

The Proctor & Gamble Shootout will be Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Wycliffe and the first round of the Oldsmobile will be Thursday, Jan. 31.

Tickets are $15 per day or $25 for a weekly pass. For information, call the tournament office at 642-6644.