

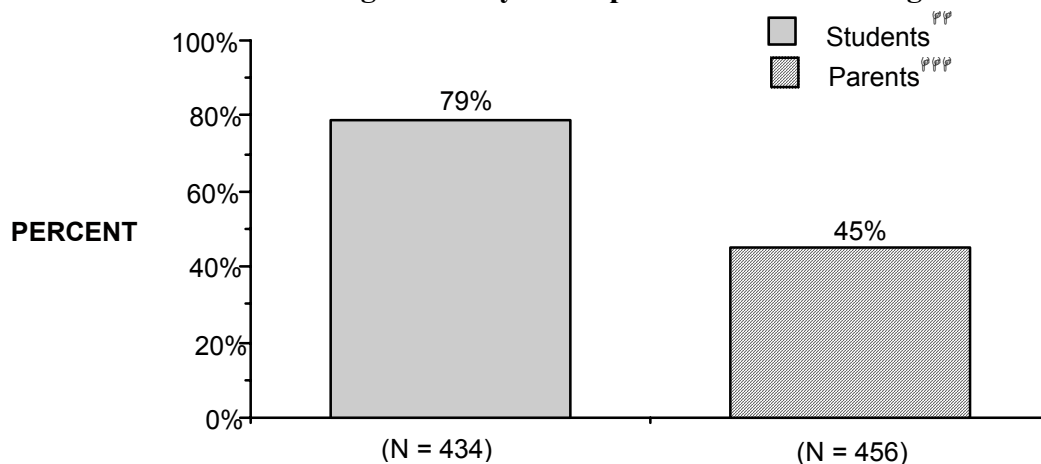
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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***Nationwide Survey Finds Generation Gap Between
Parents' and Teens' Perceptions of Extent of Underage Drinking***

Separate surveys— of youths aged 16–20 and of parents of youths aged 16–20 have shown considerable differences in their view of alcohol use and abuse. Seventy-nine percent of students reported heavy drinking as an extremely or very widespread problem among students in their school, compared to only 45% of parents. The survey also found a gap between youths' self-reported drinking behavior and parents' estimates of their children's' drinking behavior. Forty percent of youths reported consuming alcohol at least twice a month in the last six months. In contrast, only 20% of parents thought their children were consuming alcohol at these levels. Youth who described their parents' rules as strict, were far less likely to say they had been drunk in recent weeks (18%) than those who said their parents are very or moderately lenient (31%).

**Percentage of Students and Parents Who Reported That Heavy or Excessive
Drinking Is A Very Widespread Problem Among Students**



^P Nationwide telephone survey of 529 youth aged 16-20 and 536 parents of youth aged 16-20 conducted June 16-22, 1992, by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, Inc.

^{PP} Includes subsample of youth aged 16-20 who were students at the time of the interview.

^{PPP} Includes subsample of parents of a student aged 16-20.

SOURCE: A copy of the report "Double Vision: Parents, Teens, and Alcohol," by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, Inc., may be obtained from CESAR.

CESAR SPEAKER SERIES: ACUPUNCTURE AND DRUG TREATMENT

April 27, 1993, Atrium of the Stamp Student Union, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Michael Smith, Director of Substance Abuse, Lincoln Hospital, will be lecturing on the "Use of Acupuncture and Computers for Improving Drug Abuse Treatment."

For further information about today's topic or to be placed on the distribution list, please call CESAR at 301-403-8329.

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