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Schools

SIR: Further to the drug problem at Capilano College. Let's be fair and not single out Mr. Glenesk as our scapegoat. This drug situation exists not only in Capilano College but in other schools as well.

Mr. Glenesk says that "If people would come to me, rather than the newspapers perhaps we could get some where."

This problem concerns us all. The newspapers have the means of reaching the greatest number of people and the more people we have involved in this business, the better.

As for dress. Mr. Glenesk says, "Staff are examined on the basis of the job they are hired to do."

I think it should be a stipulation of a teacher's employment that he or she dress suitably and I mean, neatly and conservatively. After all, teachers should set an example to their students. They will try to emulate a teacher they admire. In addition, inappropriately dressed teachers are a poor reflection on the school and certainly do not inspire the respect of their students.

It has been shown in the past that the PTA is poorly attended and possibly the same would apply to public meetings. This is where the Press comes in. What better means of communication can we have? Perhaps they could devote a weekly column to our educational system.

The School Board could keep us up to date on what programs are being instituted, parents and teachers could air their views and complaints and a few good articles by educators could be included. Let's hear from students as well.

I would like to say that many programs instituted by the School Board are excellent. I am thinking particularly of the one in music.

As parents I think we should arouse ourselves from apathy and do something concrete about the corruption and permissiveness that does exist. Let's employ more discipline and emphasize sports and good health rules. Nothing is perfect but let us strive for it. Teachers, Principals, The School Board, officials

of Government and community affairs parents . . . ALL are responsible.

Let's start talking about it, writing about it and using the Press as our medium of communication.

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