

Graduation '90



Photo by Darla Jackson

These University students seem to feel that a pro-bowlers' party is a splendid idea.

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worked so hard to achieve?

Graduation calls for some sort of special festivity. Any fool can pour alcohol into a blood system until the red cells face minority status. A college graduate should be able to party with a certain flair that seemed unattainable just days before.

Theme parties have become popular recently and can be interesting if done properly. One form of theme party is the generation party. You pick a certain decade and everyone dresses in the clothing of that time. You also try and arrange activities that are stereotypical of the age.

Fifties parties have always been popular. The music and the clothes are very distinctive, and what male hasn't had fantasies involving the combination of hair oil and doing the limbo?

Probably the best decade to party to is the '60s. The clothes were the wildest and the music was the best. But throwing a '60s party in Eugene, a town permanently

stuck in time, seems redundant.

Seventies parties can be fun. Once dressed in polyester and feathered hair, the need to stand in a line with similarly dressed people and dance in unison is overwhelming. The feeling of togetherness and harmony is very spiritual.

A different form of theme party that is popular with English majors is the "Literary Characters" party. Guests dress as their favorite characters from literature. They adopt the mannerisms of that character; then other guests try to figure out who they are.

This is fun unless one of the guests is a fan of Edgar Allen Poe or Stephen King. Nothing will end a party faster than a mass murder. The police show up and the mess left for the host to clean up is just atrocious.

Topping the list of theme parties has to be the "Pro Bowlers Tour" party. Everyone dresses as their favorite professional bowler. Then you

sit around and watch highlights of the top telecasts from the past 10 years.

The pro bowlers party is a personal favorite of many, because if things begin to drag there is enough polyester being worn to immediately switch the theme to back to a '70s party. Simply insert a Bee Gees tune.

While not at the same level of intensity as the pro bowlers party, the "Heavy Metal or Die" party has merits of its own. The highlight of the evening is the head-banging contest. The winner is the first person who can induce whiplash. First prize is traditionally a personalized hypodermic needle and a gift certificate for a hearing aid.

The party can also be intellectually challenging if the host requires anyone caught not ending a sentence with the word "dude" to be forced to listen to rap music the rest of the night.

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