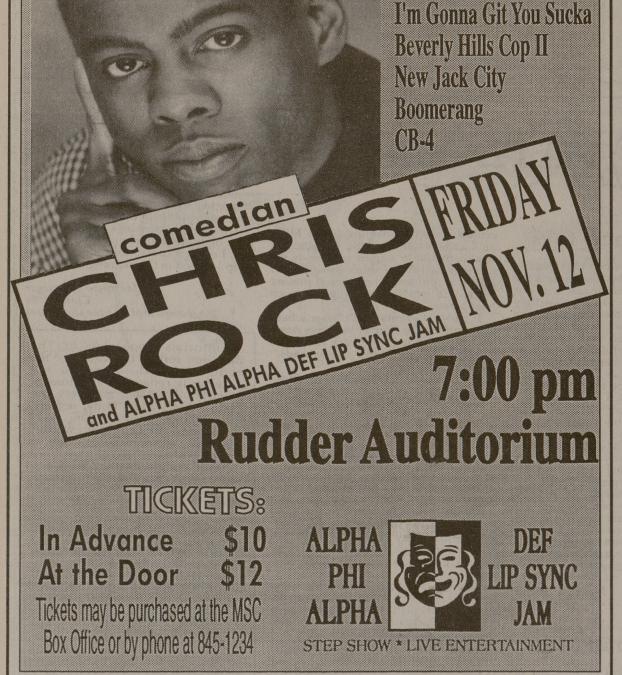


ciency and engine performance are being increasing-ly abused by youngsters as an inhalant to get high, authorities say. Police and school officials say they are seeing a

disturbing rise in the number of youths who are

it to a minor. In recent weeks, six Austin youths have been ar



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sniffing octane booster, known on the streets as "OB" or "Tolly."

"We're seeing young kids — 11-, 12 -and 13-year-olds — going down the hall sniffing out of rags be-tween classes," said police officer Billy Sifuentes.

Health officials say octane booster is a potentially deadly inhalant that contains a high percentage of toluene and other toxic chemicals. It can cause kidney and brain damage, chemical hepatitis and sudden sniffing death syndrome.

The additive can induce hallucinations, lower inhibitions and increase paranoia, said Dr. Richard Scatterday of Irving, an expert on youth inhalant

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ley said. "From the information we obtain, we hope to craft a strategy about future legislation concerning higher education and will conduct our research accordingly

Karla Staha, legislative study group chairman, said she anticifound inhaling the product at a school campus after school hours.

A junior high student told the Austin American-Statesman that after inhaling octane booster for one year she is forgetful and sometimes thinks about killing herself.

"I don't think I'm all there. It ate all my brain cells," she said.

The youngster said she realizes she is addicted to inhaling octane booster, and that it will hurt her. But she says she can't stop because it helps her forget about her problems with her boyfriend, school, mother and the law.

> Bill Presnal, director of the office of public policy, said he thought the discussion group topics would appeal to all of the sum

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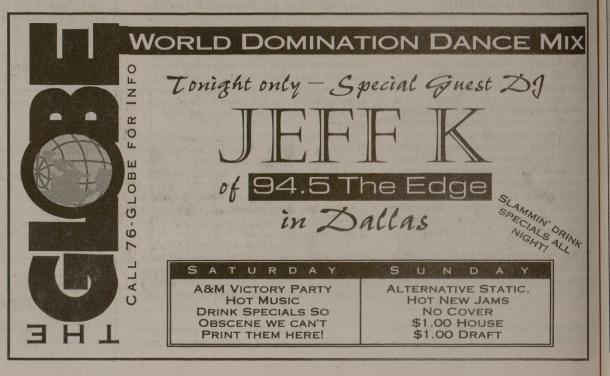
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mit participants. "Some of the topics are geared toward larger universities and others might appeal to more smaller colleges," Presnal said. "They really appeal to a wide variety. I expect the discussion to be healthy."



pated some of the discussion

group topics more than others. "We are especially concerned

about formula funding since it's something LSG has talked to ad-

ministrators about and will be re-

searching in the future," Staha

said. "Also, I'm personally very interested in the discussion group

concerning President Clinton's

health care plan and the effects it

might have on Texas A&M."