

Trying to make a

Difference

GOODBYE During the mock funeral presented by SADD, Annette Cermak says her goodbyes to her boyfriend, JJ Cooley, as he lies in a coffin pretending to be dead.

This year the SADD organization wanted to do something that they had never done before and it had to be something that really got their point across. The event they chose to do was a mock funeral, using a real coffin holding the "body" of JJ Cooley.

"I think the looks on the students' faces when the funeral was taking place showed me that the event was worthwhile," stated Amanda Barror. JJ Cooley was chosen as the "deceased" because of his great ability to get along with everyone. "We thought by using JJ it would have more of an impact on the students because he is so well-liked by everyone," commented Mrs. Marilyn

Gearhart.

Some students who are close to JJ got up and spoke about his life, which made the event seem even more real. "I didn't think that it would be that hard to get up and talk about JJ until I turned around and saw him and I started to cry," revealed Jill Cermak. Even though it was a mock funeral, there were still many emotions involved. "That mock funeral was pretty nuts, man. I didn't know what to think. It was so real. I can't begin to imagine what it would be like to really experience something like that. I think it played its part in showing everyone the consequences of being an idiot," stated JJ Cooley.

-Amanda Barror



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DON'T CRY FOR ME A tear falls down Ms. Sara Potter's face as she listens to the sad

and very truthful words said during the mock funeral.