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AIDS in the Black Community

(The following information is excerpted from a pamphlet of the same name currently available from the NC Department of Human Resources Division of Health Services.)

Anyone can get AIDS if he or she is not careful when having sex with another person, or if he or she is shooting drugs and sharing needles or "works". Children can be born with AIDS from their infected mother. Straights can get it as well as gays and bisexuals.

While Blacks make up only 12 percent of the population in the United States, 25 percent of all persons with AIDS in the United States are Black. In other words, one out of every four persons who have AIDS in the United States are Black. Almost one half of the persons with AIDS in North Carolina are Black. Almost one half of the persons with Aids in North Carolina are Black. Furthermore, in the United States, one out of every two women and six out of every 10 children who have AIDS are BLACK.

If current trends continue, more than a quarter of a million people in the United States will have contracted full-blown AIDS by 1991. That means that, by 1991, 67,000 Blacks could have full-blown AIDS. And the only way to stop this from happening is to change our sexual behavior and drug-using habits.

Here are some simple steps you can take to reduce your chances of becoming infected with the AIDS virus:

1. Not having sex and not shooting drugs are the surest ways to protect yourself. If you are sexually active, reduce your number of sex partners. The more partners you have, the greater your chances of coming into contact with someone who

is infected with the AIDS virus. Having just one sex partner is safest.

2. Whether straight, gay or bisexual, always protect yourself by using a latex condom during sexual intercourse.

3. Do not shoot drugs. If you do, seek help, and by all means DO NOT SHARE NEEDLES.

4. Keep your body's defense system strong by eating the right foods and by not abusing any kind of drugs or alcohol. Drugs weaken the body's defense system.

5. If you have been sexually active and plan to have children, you and your partner may want to be tested to determine if either of you is carrying the AIDS virus.

The following are the warning signs for AIDS:

-Always feeling tired, light-headed and head-achy, and this tiredness is not due to physical activity.

-An unexplained weight loss of more than 10 pounds, which lasts more than a month.

-Diarrhea for a long period of time with no clear reason.

-Fever or night sweats which last for several weeks.

-Swollen lymph glands (lumps) either in the neck, armpits or groin.

-A whitish coating on the tongue known as thrush. This condition may be accompanied by a sore throat.

-New or slowly enlarging purplish lumps or blotches on top or beneath the skin or inside the mouth, anus, nose or underneath the eyelids.

-A persistent heavy or dry cough that is not from smoking and that has lasted too long to be a cold or flu. Fever and shortness of breath may also be present.

It is important to note that any of these signs may be evidenced by someone who is NOT carrying the AIDS virus. However, a physician should be consulted whenever any of these symptoms is present.

For more information about AIDS contact your local health department or call the National AIDS Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS.

Students Awarded Scholarships

by James E. Raynor

Two students were the recipients of Fall Incentive Scholarships awarded by the Fayetteville Alumni and Epsilon Beta chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. The deserving students are: Reginald Buckman, a sophomore majoring in Speech and Theatre from Lilesville, North Carolina; and Tammy Conner, a junior Biology and Chemistry major from Fayetteville, North Carolina. The purpose of these scholarships is to reward students for academic excellence and achievement and to inspire others to work harder to increase their grade point averages.

An awards ceremony was held in front of the Student Center. Chancellor Vic Hackley was a distinguished guest. He lauded the fraternity's efforts and indeed was so pleased with Kappa Alpha Psi's participation in the program that he personally agreed to double the amount of the awards. Presenting the awards was James E. Raynor, President of Epsilon Beta chapter and Director of the Scholarship Program. He was assisted by Jeffrey McLeod, Vice-President of the chapter. Also in attendance was Dr. Betty Lovelace, Director of the Student Center.

Students, Not States, Pick Up Tab

(CPS) -- The Reagan administration roared into power 8 years ago with a daring college funding idea:

If the federal government cut the amount of money it dedicated to higher education, state governments would take up the slack.

Now, as many state legislatures are drawing up their last college budget measures of the Reagan era, some of the nation's education money watchers say they aren't sure the theory worked.

While still critical of the idea, the money watchers say that, on the average, state funding of higher education has probably stayed "about the same" during the era while federal support -- especially direct grants to colleges, libraries and students -- dropped.

State aid to students, at least, buys about as much college as it did in 1980, estimates Gwen Pruyne, managing editor of "The Grapevine," an Illinois State University newsletter that tracks state higher ed appropriations around the country.

But students, not states, generally have had to pay for it.

"States get money from legislation or from tuition," she noted. "Many states have increased tuition."

While at the era's start an in-state student's tuition typically might have covered 10-15 percent of the cost of actually educating the student, now in some states it must cover 20-30 percent of the cost.

Tuition nationwide, the American Council on Education estimated in January, has gone up an average of 40 percent since the beginning of the decade.

"Many states have used tuition increases or other means that force the student to bear the cost of higher education," added Brenda Erickson of the National Conference on State Legislatures, which

monitors the nation's state governments.

"Many states," she reported, "are not in a position to help (state colleges) as much as they'd like to."

Erickson, however, does believe the Reagan administration has succeeded in shifting the burden of funding state colleges from the federal government to the states, and that most states "are keeping even" in their funding.

But wanting states to assume part of the federal role, argues Jerry

Roschwalb of the National Association of State Colleges and Land-Grant Universities, is "a myopic view" in the first place.

What happens, he asks, when a state pays for educating people who leave the state after graduation?

When it comes to "picking up the tab for national medical research done in the local medical school," he contended, "there's no reason why the people of (any 1 state) should be taxed to support it."

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Class Elections Held

by Richard Sumpter

On August 31, 1988 elections were held in the Seabrook Auditorium to elect class officers for the 1988-89 school year. Successful candidates and their offices are as follows:

Senior Class Officers

President
Vice-Pres.
Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian

Bradford Bannerman
Kenneth Nelson
Theresa Sawyer
La Shavete Sellers
Eric Tweed

Junior Class Officers

President
Vice-Pres.
Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian

Odis Bellinger
Gina Doggette
Kirby Wallace
Earl Purvis
Samuel Richardson

Sophomore Class Officers

President
Vice-Pres.
Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian

Mia Jones
Tanzania Cooley
Syntheris Nettles
Andreka Miller
Cheryl Washington

Freshman Class Officers

President
Vice-Pres.
Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian

Richard Sumpter
Reasa Davidson
Sophia Moore
Brenda Cooper
Karsten Ray

The lovely class queens were also elected at this time and they are:

Miss Senior
Miss Junior
Miss Sophomore
Miss Freshman

Najma Hogan
Sharon Walker
Nicolette Sledge
Renita Murray

Best wishes to these newly elected officials for a productive school year.

Kappa Delta Pi To Host Inductions

by Shaye Wilmers
The Omicron Beta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society for education, will hold its fall induction ceremonies on Friday, November 18, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. The ceremonies will be held in the multi-

purpose room of the Rudolph Jones Student Center. All members of Kappa Delta Pi as well as the new initiates are encouraged to attend with their families and friends. Dr. Bertha Miller, Dean of the School of Education, (See Page 4)