



Drug Use Primary Concern Of Triangle Residents

A major research survey released Sunday revealed that drug use is a primary concern of triangle residents.

Dr. Alden Lind and Karl Ostrom, co-directors of the Urban Policy Study, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, said that crime, the economy and race continue as the dominant issues statewide, but that of a list of 21 other issues drug use was found a surprisingly potent concern in the triangle area.

The survey, conducted in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, found that 44% of the residents consider drug use to be one of the three most important issues of those included in the survey. Eighteen per cent of those surveyed felt drug use was the most pressing problem.

Lind pointed out current figures show about 300,000 heroin addicts and 6,000,000 alcoholics in the U. S.

Coupled with the concern about the drug problem was a finding the 60% of the residents of the Triangle wonder at times if life is worthwhile anymore — 11% of those said they always wonder if life is worthwhile anymore.

Lind said the findings on drugs and the "worth of life" raised the immediate question of whether people "are hopeless and reaching the point of despair or are willing to take part in efforts to improve the quality of life."

However, one of the other questions asked in the survey tends to show that people believe the problems can be solved and are willing to take part in the solution.

"For example, we found that 70% of the people in this area said they are willing to work with others on the race issue," Lind said. "And 15% more said they would help if the conditions

were right. Consequently, we feel there is a need and opportunity for more community education and citizen involvement programs."

In relation to this need, the Urban Policy Study has announced plans for community discussions of the drug problem in an effort to find out what type of action people prefer and are willing to take.

"We feel it is important for people in the triangle area to hold meetings to discuss this issue and hopefully come to some understanding of what has to be done to improve the situation," Lind said. He added that the Urban Policy Study proposes a number of discussion groups

to attempt to provide responses to the drug question during April and May.

The groups will be formed from the individuals who answered the study's questions during the past months and to complement existing Drug Action programs in the three cities.

"These groups have many important programs, but we think it's important for more people to begin taking part in working on a regional approach to these problems," Lind said.

For example, Wake County Drug Action recently held its second forum to educate the public on the need for community programs on drug use. The organization stressed

the need for community education and will be co-sponsoring workshops in March.

"The main emphasis is toward developing a comprehensive community program with a more effective heroin program," according to Mrs. Becky Brownlee, assistant director of the Wake County Drug Action Program.

Drug Action of Wake County also operates "The House," a crisis intervention center that deals with drug-related problems through counseling and referral. Staffed by volunteers, "The House" is open 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. A free clinic for drug-related medical problems is open Monday,

Wednesday and Friday from 5-7 p.m. at "The House."

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merica, Tuskegee Institute, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, is offering scholarships to black students interested in forestry careers. The scholarships are available under

a grant from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation. Interested persons may write to Tuskegee Institute, Department of Agricultural Science, Milbank Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. 36088.

Forestry Scholarships Offered Black Students

WASHINGTON — Black students interested in forestry careers may be able to get scholarships under a program established jointly by Tuskegee Institute, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, and the Weyerhaeuser Company, a multi-national forest product firm.

The scholarships are available in pre-forestry training at Tuskegee, and professional forestry education at a major university. In addition, summer job opportunities in the National Forests are also available.

Tuskegee's pre-forestry program has been given new impetus by a \$200,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation. The funds, to be used over a five-year period, are earmarked for pre-forestry scholarships, for the employment of a full-time forestry professor, and to strengthen the program generally.

Pre-forestry training at Tuskegee began in 1968, when the USDA Forest Service assisted the Institute in developing the first such program at a predominantly black college.

Need for the program was obvious. Only a few blacks were trained in forestry, a profession growing rapidly and offering a wide variety of jobs, especially in the south. The curriculum is designed to prepare the student for a bachelor of science degree in forestry, wildlife management, fisheries, outdoor recreation, or landscape architecture.

After two years of pre-forestry training at Tuskegee, a student may transfer to one of several universities on a scholarship for two years of training and a bachelor's degree. The University of California at Berkeley and the University of Michigan were the first to accept the transfer students. Today the list of cooperating universities includes Iowa State and Colorado State. Others expressing interest include North Carolina State, Stephen F. Aus-

graduated under the program—one from the University of Michigan and one from Iowa State. One is working for the National Park Service, the other for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Four students are enrolled in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan, and one began his junior year at Colorado State University in January.

Persons interested in obtaining additional information may write to Tuskegee Institute, Department of Agricultural Science, Milbank Hall, Tuske-

gee Institute, Ala. 36088, or to the Southern Forest Experiment Station, USDA Forest Service, Loyola Ave., New Orleans, La. 70113.

BIBLE VERSE

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

1. Who is the author of this statement?
2. To whom was he speaking?
3. Of what famous discourse is this verse a part?
4. Where may it be found?

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