

HUMAN SURVIVAL DAY

By Pat Bryant
A distinguished looking middle aged man stood on a makeshift stage leaning slightly to speak through a microphone as several youngsters stopped games and dancing to listen to his wisdom.

"You'll never have the kind of city you want until young people like you register and vote," he said.

The message was a usual for Dr. C. E. Boulware, a member of the Durham City Council who stood in for Mayor Wade Cavin at last Saturday's Human Survival Day at Hillside Park. Cavin, unable to attend officially proclaimed the day "Human Survival Day". The health fair was sponsored by the Coalition To Save Humanity.

While there were responses to Dr. Boulware's declaration, several of the women present had been to the City Council a few days prior to ask that a day be declared voter registration day for 18 year olds. The resolution, requested by the Durham County Black Women's Political Caucus, is expected to be acted on soon.

Not a single lolly pop other candies and junk food could be found in the park. Only apples and oranges, orange juice and bean pies; made famous in Muslim kitchens.

WDUR radio personality, Alvin Stowe entertained the youngsters and adults with disco music, an assortment of contemporary tunes, most on the hit charts.

Dr. Cutris Bowen's mobile dental lab was on site, and probably provided some of the youngsters first contact with a dentist.

Neatly arranged literature on tables manned by several health agencies was picked up and read. There were pamphlets on the why's of good eating, the first signs of venereal disease, danger of alcohol, pressure of stress on coronary disease, and many others.

Mrs. Carolyn Davis, clinical director at Drug Counseling and Evaluation Services, remarked that "most of the people who stopped at her table" seemed to be interested in the preventive aspect of drug counseling for friends and relatives.

Her non-profit agency has thirteen staffers and is funded with federal funds to serve 102 clients. Besides the usual drug counseling services, Drug Counseling offers employment and job training through referrals to affiliated organizations.

Mrs. Davis advises the following if you know a person who admits drug usage and wants help: 1. do not talk in an accusatory tone; 2. once the person admits drug usage try to find out what the person wants to do, that if he or she wants to change his or her behavior; 3. seek the help of ministers, drug treatment centers, family physicians, or mental health centers.

The table sponsored by the Mental Health Association was one of many events that group attends. Mrs. Mary Farrow says workshops in schools conducted by the group are designed to inform youngsters on drug abuse, and how to deal with mental problems.

There were several posters and graphic exhibits. One of the most striking was a poster with the following message: "Ladies it's here, and it is now available in its own unbreakable containers that never need replacing, nothing to throw away. This special formula never needs refrigeration, yet it is always fresh. It can't spoil. Everything is pre-mixed and pre-warmed. You don't even add water and there are no dirty dishes to wash. Guaranteed to satisfy, this offer includes home delivery anytime day or night at no extra charge and no need to re-order because the more you use the more you have. And ladies all of this comes to you at absolutely no cost. What is this miracle product? A

mother's own milk. Venereal disease, teenage pregnancy and alcoholism, according to Berkley McCraw, with Durham County Health Department, are the leading health problems facing adolescents.

Several parents stopped by and after studying a display on venereal disease told their children, says Mrs. McCraw, "this is why we are telling you wait...until you get married."

Disco wasn't the only music, Basist Rachim Sahu, pianist Yusef Salim, and vocalist Eve Cornelius introduced the listeners to this less commercial music with a brief statement from Sahu.

"There is a lot of music

that you won't hear on radio. But the important thing is for you to realize that just because you do not hear it on radio that the music is no less important."

Alcoholism, particularly its effects on the human body was vividly exhibited through a presentation of the Lincoln Community Health Center.

Mrs. Patterson, director of Lincoln's alcoholism program tended a display of liquor bottles filled with colored water and adorned with catchy labels, similar to the real brand names. But the names indicated the maladies caused by the spirits.

"We don't tell you not to drink, we just tell all the

things about alcohol, what it can do," explained Mrs. Patterson. Services offered by Lincoln's alcohol program include group therapy, individual counseling, creativity therapy, and psychiatry services.

During Human Survival Day activities, not much was said about its planners, the movers and shakers in the Coalition to Save Humanity. A non-profit group organized five months ago, the group is the brainchild of Munir Ali. Ali and Nashid Lateef coordinated the event. The group eventually plans to open a sixteen hour child care and educational facility in the town.

May 6 Anti-Nuclear March 100,000 Strong; Gregory Fasts

By Marilyn Roof

Demonstrators came to Washington, D.C. in a crowd estimated between 100,000 and 125,000 strong to participate in a march and rally against nuclear power. The event was organized by the May 6 Coalition, a group endorsed by a broad spectrum of organizations and individuals, including the Kudzu Alliance of Durham and Chapel Hill.

The crowd gathered at the ellipse behind the White House, where Michael Harrington of the Democratic Socialist Party advocated use of solar power, saying "the only thing the Third World is rich in is sunlight." He

called for a federally-funded anti-nuclear commission.

The thousands marched down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol, chanting, "No Nukes", and updating anti-war slogans to "Hell no, we won't glow," and "Two, four, six, eight, we don't want to radiate." One group carried an enormous inflatable whale bearing a sign, "Flukes Against Nukes."

Dick Gregory, comedian and political activist, voted to put himself on a liquid fast similar to the one he did against the Vietnam War. He declared he would fast un-

til all nuclear power plants in the country are shut down. Gregory said that he had heard a lot of questioning on why many black folks were not present at the demonstration. He told the crowd not to question, but "bring them with you — we brought white folks to our civil rights marches." He declared that radiation was a more serious menace than hunger, war, racism, or sexism — because one cannot see radiation.

The speakers at the Capitol rally varied in the extent to which they opposed nuclear power. California Governor Jerry Brown called for a

moratorium on the construction of new plants. Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy sent a message which stated that plants should not be built unless people could be assured accidents could be prevented.

Barry Commoner of Scientists' Institute for Public Information, on the other hand, exhorted the crowd to "remember May 6, 1979 as the day the Solar Age was born, and the Nuclear Age died." The country's fuel problems would be further solved if we nationalized the oil industry, Commoner continued. He felt those protesting govern-

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