

Speaking Of Drugs

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Too often a new drug comes on the scene that's accepted by users without them having any knowledge of the substance they are using. At times substances are blindly used as if the pusher on the corner is a professional chemist. Everytime any illicit drug is taken into the body, the user is playing a deadly game with his life.

A substance that's being labeled THC, is widely used today, especially by teen-agers and young adults. The true psychoactive substance, THC, is a resin found in marijuana. When it is chemically extracted, dried, and compressed, it is then termed hashish. Marijuana contains about 2 percent THC, hashish is usually composed of about 5 to 12 percent THC.

THC is extremely difficult and expensive to synthesize and is almost never obtained on the streets. It has been found that what is being sold as THC is usually an animal tranquilizer.

Experimental data has shown that even hashish, which is generally the most abundant and purest illicit substance containing THC, used daily for one year will have the same deteriorating effect as 30 years of heavy cigarette smoking.

Many people using THC who get caught find that they are busted for horse tranquilizers or dosages of LSD. If THC was being sold on the streets it would cost more than heroin which at present cost \$8 to \$10 a bag.

Many chemists with a desire for money can easily play on the widely accepted safeness of this drug by introducing old drugs hidden under new names. With the quality of life declining the destructive escape used by people will increase.

The situation may deteriorate to the point where this society will put more emphasis on escaping reality rather than dealing with it. Hashish is and has been considered the big brother drug to marijuana by members of the drug cult. This analogy is pretty consistent to many of the facts surrounding these two widely used drugs. The facts are that marijuana is not as intoxicating as hashish; due to the fact that hashish as a higher level of THC. Secondly, the intoxicating effect of hashish last much longer than that of marijuana. Hashish also ranks higher in terms of negative effects. Marijuana does not contain nicotine which is found in tobacco. It does have a high tar content which collects on the lungs causing all types of respiratory complications. Hashish has six times the tar content of marijuana.

Excessive use of hashish and the questionable substance being distributed as THC shows a lack of interest in life by many Americans, especially our youth. Just what causes so many of us to play life or death games with ourselves? Is it that we no longer value life? Have our interests been directed towards superficial orientations that will give us immediate gratification with no regard to possible future destructive effects? What is it that allows an individual to subject himself to chemicals that he knows nothing about? The line between instant gratification and instant death is often a very thin one.

With the many problems that are plaguing the world today, it is necessary that we have a rejuvenation of interest of life. It must be a humanistic interest that will direct our action to words solving such problems as poverty, inflation, inadequate care for senior citizens, and man's deprivation of love; the very essence of his being.

Housing Project Named After Shaw Trustee

A new 100 unit public housing project in Lumberton, N.C. has been named Turner Terrace in honor of Dr. Eugene B. Turner, Chairman of the Shaw University (Raleigh, N.C.) Divinity School Trustee Board. Dr. Turner, a graduate of Shaw University, presently serves as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lumberton.

Turner Terrace is located on a 23 acre site. The units were built under the auspices of the Lumberton Housing Authority.

Dr. Turner has an impressive record of achievement and participation. He is currently Third Vice President of the

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and a member of the Board of Governors for the University of North Carolina.



Sitting: Kimberly Reid, Bobby Clarke III, LaTanya Smoot, Keith Smith, Raphael Poston, Wyvetra Crawford, Bennie Lassiter, Robin Thompson, William Smith, La Teesha Scott, Nicole Dubose. Standing: Jamilla Lucas, George Brown, Lester Speas III, Johnny Clayborn Jr., Haywood Wilson III, Merrick Smith, Orlando Johnson and Chevelle Wilson.

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veer of fense.

After Saturday night's performance, Coach Howell quickly put the damper on that hearsay.

"The veer is here to stay," he firmly stated. "We got our time down and for the first time this season we were able to conduct sustained drives and put points on the board."

Putting points on the board is exactly what the Aggies will have to do this week as they travel to Charlotte, North Carolina to take on always tough Johnson C. Smith University.

The Golden Bulls are 0-3 in the season but all defeats came as results of quarter scores with Smith apparently in command of the contest.

It should be an interesting contest and a true test for the A&T defense as the Bulls are known as an explosive offensive who likes to throw.

Pumpkin Grows Big For "Tiny Tots"

These two and three-year-old kids pose proudly around their gigantic pumpkin. These youngsters, members of the Tiny Tots Kindergarten on Patterson Ave., prove that you don't have to have a green thumb to grow great things.

The pumpkin grew in the backyard of the nursery from

seeds tossed over the fence by a kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Kathryn Harris. It is to be entered in the Big Pumpkin Contest at the Dixie Classic Fairground.

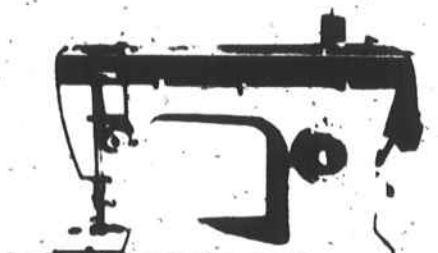
The Kindergarten staff includes Mrs. Ernestine G. Cathcart, Miss Helen Gwyn, Mrs. Veronica Boger and Mrs. Kathryn Harris.



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