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NAACP to picket controversial punk band

By The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - The NAACP will picket a punk rock band known for shouting racial insults if the show is not canceled, the head of the organization's University of Florida chapter said last Wednesday.

The band, called the Jehovah's Sickness, was hired to play at the Vatican bottle club as a warm-up act for another punk rock band, said bar owner Mark Perdue.

Perdue said last Wednesday he still intended to allow the show to continue, but would closely monitor the group.

Last Monday, the UF chapter of the NAACP voted to ask the club to cancel the show, said President Craig Young, a junior public relations major.

"We feel this would be an untimely event," said Young. "Racial tensions are high with recent events occurring like that one last week in Tampa. We will definitely be there if the act goes on."

Tampa - the home city for Jehovah's Sickness -- was the site of two nights of disturbances in black neighborhoods recently after a black man died following a choke hold applied by a white policeman taking him into custody.

The Jehovah's Sickness' 17-year-old manager, Todd Kinsey, said he will warn the band not to say anything overtly racial during the Gainesville performance.

But he_ acknowledged that band members yell provocative slogans and said he personally is a white supremacist.

"I think whites are better than blacks," said Kinsey. He confirmed that the band's lead singer, whom he identified only as "Vince," yells insults at the crowd.

"Occasionally, Vince will say, 'Nigger, get to the back of the bus,' " said Kinsey. "That has been yelled before in Tampa. That's a catchy phrase that got said in Tampa. He was just saying it to shock people ... just to have fun."

Kinsey says band members, who range in age from 17 to 20, don't intentionally inject their politics into their performances. "We're not a racist band,"

said Kinsey. "If we were to sing

about races, you would call us a racist band."

And he says Jehovah's Sickness performs a song called "Diluted Hatred," which Kinsey said is about promoting unity of the races. He acknowledged that the theme does not mesh with the band's personal beliefs.

"That's true, but we're trying to keep good politics," said Kinsey.

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-- ROBERT N. TAYLOR

Expert says Aryans are just one of many groups

By The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho -- The Church of Jesus Christ Christian (Aryan Nations) near Hayden Lake is just one of many elements in a nationwide movement of violent racism, an expert on hate groups warned.

Leonard Zeskind is research director of the Center for Democratic Renewal in Atlanta. He told a meeting of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations recently that the Aryan Nations is not winning many converts in the Northwest, but less flamboyant white supremacists are having success in other parts of the country.

Extremist groups are gaining followers in the South, among struggling farmers in the Midwest and among youth gangs in Chicago and Southern California, Zeskind said.

Racist groups are eschewing violence and toning down their rhetoric to win converts, he said.

"I think most of them have figured out that if you run around in front of an NBC camera with a machine gun, you're going to go to jail," he said.

While the violent fringe of the racist movement attracts attention from law enforcement officials and the news media, "quiet" racists are even more dangerous because they tap a deep strain of racism in American life. Zeskind said.

They also try to convert people to their beliefs by first converting them to another cause, he said.



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• "Nutrition and Weaning" will be the topic of the March meeting of La Leche League of Winston-Salem. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at 3638 Hege St. For more information call 768-1447.

• The AIDS Task Force of Winston-Salem will conduct a series of five workshops to train volunteers in working with persons with AIDS and AIDS-related complex. The programs are free and open to the public, but reservations are required. For more information call 723-5031.

· Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Forsyth County will hold its monthly orientation for volunteers at 7 p.m. at 610 Coliseum Drive. For more information call 724-7993.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

• Old Salem is looking for volunteers for its spring gardening and greenhouse programs. There will be a recruitment meeting at 7 p.m. in the Single Brothers Workshop in Old Salem. For more information call 773-1283.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

 The North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service will present a special program on retirement from 10 a.m. to noon at 1450 Fairchild Drive. Registration is required by Friday, March 6. For more information call Deborah D. Womack at 767-8213.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

· Hospice of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County is sponsoring Hospice basic training for individuals interested in becoming Hospice volunteers. Hospice needs direct service volunteers, including patient/family volunteers, bereavement volunteers, nurses and clergy. An application and interview are required before training begins. The cost of the training is \$15. For more information call 768-3972.

• Exchange/SCAN is sponsoring a self-help group called Parents Anonymous. Parents interested in learning how to discipline in love will meet each Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 748-9028.

• The Winston-Salem Symphony is now accepting applications for its annual Youth Talent Search. All young musicians are invited to call the Symphony office for an audition application. Auditions will be held in two categories: one for children 6 to 10 years old and one for children 11 to 14. One winner will be chosen from each. group to appear with the Symphony at the final concert of the "Lollipops" series. The concert will be held at the Stevens Center in downtown Winston-Salem on May 17 at 3 p.m.

• The Friendship Force of Winston-Salem is actively recruiting people who have a sense of adventure and a concern for world understanding to discover the Netherlands. The goodwill ambassadors will depart June 12 for Arnhem, Holland, where they will stay for seven days. Participants have the option of staying in Holland for a second week. For more information call 727-0472.

A herpes group sponsored by Planned Parenthood of the Triad. has begun in the area. For more information call Kim at 761-1052. All inquiries are confidential.

The Friendly Group will sponsor a summer vacation special July. to 10 with a cruise to Mexico. For reservations or information call 760-0020 or 724-2333.

discussions on topics such as self-esteem, decision-making, sexual responsibility and educational planning. They also act as positive role models. Training will begin March 25. If you are interested, call the Forsyth County Health Department at 727-2491.

 The Atkins High School Class of June 1942 will hold a reunion July 3 to 5. For more information call Georgia Smith at 723-2236 or Gladys Buford at 767-4963.

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