

Hundreds Crowded Diggs Gallery

Front of the Other" to deliver the message to adults that "what you do speaks louder than what you say."

Gus Hummings performed an original rap selection for the occasion.

Hariyah dan-Foli delivered a tribute to Kwanzaa.

The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley led the sharing of the unity cup.

A Karamu an African-American attire fashion show followed the festivities.

Dr. William Turner, a sociology professor at the university, said his family attended the celebration for a sense of togetherness.

"We try our best to emphasize the spiritual aspects of the season," Turner said, "and to reflect on our lives and our blessings — the greatest of which is our family love and our relationships with people. Kwanzaa brings us together with the

community of which we are a part." Turner said he was happy to see so many teenagers in attendance.

"It is encouraging, as a teacher, to see young African-American people here and people from other communities who are not African-Americans, who are here out of a sense of diversity," Turner said.

Marcus Hummings, who is a young African-American himself, said he came to learn about his own culture.

"All we get is one month out of the year," Hummings said, "and this is just another time to learn about ourselves and what we mean. It's not a religious type of holiday — it's cultural, where we get to learn about ourselves."

Martin Hummings added what Kwanzaa means to him.

"Kwanzaa is a great time to for-

get about all the separations that African-Americans have created among ourselves," he said. "So we can come together as a group and, hopefully, work things out, so we can become a better race."

Joe McIver, a Winston-Salem State University student, said he had heard of Kwanzaa, but he didn't know much about it. He said he came to learn more and get a better understanding of what Kwanzaa is.

"I appreciate it (the opportunity to learn about Kwanzaa), more than anything else, because it seems to be something for us — for black people," McIver said. "We don't have a lot that was created for us that celebrates us and who we are as people. I think this is a beautiful thing."

Emily Stuart and Jessica Stine are not African-Americans, but they are also came to learn more about

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Kwanzaa. Stuart and Stine said they first learned about Kwanzaa through their church, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem. They said they also are members of the church's race relations task force and wanted to understand more about Kwanzaa.

"We talked about Kwanzaa in services the past week, and a bunch of us came tonight to see what it's all about," Stuart said.

Stine said she first learned about Kwanzaa through one of her classes at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"I came to get a feel for the environment," Stine said.

"When you're sitting in your school and there's only one or two black people there, it's different. Here, we're able to participate in a culture, instead of just hearing about it second-hand."

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Racist Violence Increased Last Year

By SHERIDAN HILL
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As racist violence in the state increases, the state's only monitoring agency may be forced to close its doors.

Christina Davis-McCoy, director of North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence, said cross burnings doubled last year, and more Ku Klux Klan telephone lines were established. The brutalization of black men increased, including a possible lynching and a castration.

NCARRV's staff was cut from four to two, and they may be forced to shut down altogether.

"We're struggling to keep our doors open," McCoy said. "In an economic climate where people are

hurting, they're looking for people to blame, and the level of insensitivity increases, as does the propensity to act it out. It's hard to imagine what North Carolina would look like if NCARRV weren't around," McCoy said.

The agency, which operates an 800 telephone line and provides anti-racism training to community groups, has an annual budget of about \$200,000. McCoy would not say just how much of a shortfall exists for 1993, but she and Williams agreed that times are tight.

"We came very close to closing down in December," Williams said. "It's been very hairy."

In 1991, NCARRV documented six cross burnings. McCoy says that number doubled in 1992.

The number of documented

Klan message telephone lines increased from two to five, operating in Concord, Fayetteville, Wendell, Lillington, and Kelford.

Williams said those who dial a Klan phone number hear messages promoting racism, anti-semitism and violence. "Their messages are more of a call to arms than ever before," she said.

According to Williams, recent Klan phone messages and flyers have spoken out against sending NC troops to Somalia, and the formation of a black cultural center at UNC-CH. One flyer explained that the Holocaust never happened.

"We've seen more religious intolerance, churches and synagogues vandalized, and anti-semitic literature on the increase," McCoy said. "We need a concentrated

renouncement of this kind of thinking. But without the financial support behind these initiatives, it won't turn it around."

NCARRV was founded in 1983 in Durham as a volunteer organization. McCoy, was one of the founders, and was hired as director in 1985, when the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation granted funds. The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation was an early contributor but hasn't funded the organization for three years, according to Williams.

NCARRV is the only agency in the state that monitors Klan activity and religious and racist violence.

"It will be a sad day in North Carolina if we have to close our doors," Williams lamented.

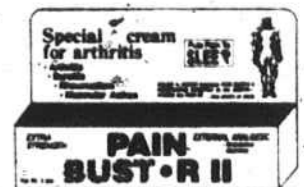
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hint of foul play, since they didn't bring it over here to us for prosecution," Huggins said.

By law, police records of closed cases are public information.

Indiana Firm Discovers: Special New cream for arthritis

CARMEL, IN. - There is now available a new medicated cream discovery that not only relieves Arthritis pain, but also soothes and conditions the skin. The company that discovered the cream, Continental Quest Corporation, has named the product "PAIN BUST-R II." According to company president, Bryan Auer, "PAIN BUST-R II" was researched and formulated to be absorbed directly into the joints and muscles, where the pain originates. It works to relieve Rheumatism and Bursitis pain as well. "But that is not all it does. "When the special formula is applied directly onto the skin, it goes to work im-



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Black Men Get Brunt Of Racism

his body.

According to Assistant District Attorney Vincent Rabil, Doby entered a plea of second degree murder and has agreed to testify against the other three. His case will be tried after theirs.

A spokesperson for District Attorney Tom Keith said the suspects are being kept "in safekeeping with the Department of Corrections."

In July, a Sanford, N.C. man was found hanging outside his

home.

Police would not confirm if thirty-three year-old William Laveme Brooks Jr. was found hanging from a lifter used to take motors out of cars, or from a tree, as one woman reported to NCARRV.

Brooks' death was investigated and ruled as a suicide. But the woman who called NCARRV suspected murder because Brooks, a black man, was involved in an interracial relationship and lived in an area populated with Klansmen.

"The Sanford sheriff's department gave us the run-around when we tried to get more information," said Williams.

"The woman who called us to report it has been harassed by people performing paramilitary exercises in her yard. Even the NAACP there has been reluctant to come forth."

Sanford District Attorney Bill Huggins said he had not seen a police report on the case, since no criminal charges were filed.

"I doubt if they had the slight



Blues Singer Dies At 34

Chicago blues singer Valerie Wellington, who portrayed her idols Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey on stage, died Saturday of an aneurysm. She was 34.

Angelou
Honored
By WFU

Inaugural poet Maya Angelou will be guest of honor at a reception hosted by Pres. Thomas K. Hearn Jr Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 4 p.m. in Reynolda Hall Main Lounge. Faculty and staff have been invited to offer their best wishes to Miss Angelou, who was selected as the official poet of President-elect Clinton's Inauguration. She is Z. Smith Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest.

The news media are invited to cover the events. However, Miss Angelou will not be available for interviews.

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