

Urban League President Says Black Youth Must Unite to Survive

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The negative labels "at-risk" and "endangered species" will never leave black youths until they show the world their true value, said Delores "D" Smith, executive director of the Winston-Salem Urban League.

Smith told nearly 100 black youths on Thursday that they need to understand the seriousness of how labels will effect their lives. "They are building a new jail downtown and they don't believe you won't be in it," Smith said. "Nothing I say will change the labels placed on you until you decide you want to do something about the problems facing us. We can't afford not to have your involvement."

The youth forum held at the Urban League last week, was part of a summer program called Project Self, which helps children under 16 find summer employment. Cleopatra Solomon, co-director of the program, which will run from June 27 to July 21, said it was formed to help children build self-esteem and develop good work habits to find employment.

"This grew out of a need for 13- to 15-year-olds who are too young to work, but want to work find jobs," she said. "They go through training and pre-training for things that need to be dealt with before they get a job."

Solomon said the forum with Smith and other speakers, such as disc jockey Busta Brown and Nisey from Greensboro radio station 102 Jamz, was to offer alternatives to

drugs and violence.

Brown said he talks to youths regularly and uses his radio show to promote peace on the streets.

"A lot of the music is disrespectful, but it's (influence) is only as strong as the environment," he said. "I'm here trying to tell you there is another side of life."

Smith told youths that they have been conditioned to hate each other and in order to survive, they must ban together.

"They say you are the most violent people on earth today. . . . Because of so much self-hate it's easy to go about killing each other," Smith said. "You must unite to fight the issues of poverty, violence and racism."



Disc Jockey Busta Brown speaks with youths at the Winston-Salem Urban League Thursday.

Speakers at Youth Forum Say Music Is Used To Control Black Youths

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Popular radio disc jockeys said music that once uplifted the black race is now being used to degrade blacks.

Busta Brown and Nisey, disc jockeys at Greensboro radio station 102 Jamz, said that many of today's songs are popular with teen-agers but must not be the dominant influence in their lives.

"The beats are (hip) and we like the way they rap, but the lyrics are scaring the people above your ages," Brown said. "It's just entertainment, but the problem is when you go out and get a (gun)."

Brown said songs like James Brown's "Say It Loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud," were taken off the air and radio programmers replaced

them with passive or negative messages.

"We once had songs that gave us a sense of pride," he said. "The music was saying something you can relate to . . . now you don't have that."

Delores "D" Smith, executive director of the Urban League, agrees.

Smith said black youths are trying to have fun, but the music is being used to control them.

"Music is having a devastating effect on us," she said. "They get you by dealing with the drum. They get you moving to the beat and the message goes directly into your brain."

Marcus Barr and Kenny Johnson, two 15-year-olds attending the youth forum, said they learned more

about the effects of music from the session.

"I listen to it, but not the lyrics," Barr said. "I learned not to (imitate) nobody else. I hope I can get out and talk to other youths because they need a balance."

Smith said black men in Africa had respect for women and didn't call them "bitches and whores." She scolded youths for accepting the messages in music, but also chided the recording industry for programming negative music.

"Before your culture was interrupted, you could go bare chested and nobody would look at you except for in a manner to reproduce and sustain life," Smith said. "You have adopted the way somebody else wants you to think. We've been programmed so long that we're

doing it on our own now."

Brown said music should be used to send positive messages. He also admitted that the music being

played on many black radio stations is being programmed by whites.

"The music is only as strong as they allow it to be," he said. "Most

kids just enjoy the beats and ignore the lyrics, but I try to get out and talk to them and educate them about what they are listening to."

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THURSDAY, JULY 7
2 p.m. — The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2301 North Patterson Ave., will host a seminar on "Being A Teen Mother." The seminar will be discussed by Bobbetta Evans of Hand to Hand. The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, call 727-2975.

SATURDAY, JULY 9
10 a.m. — Happy Hill Gardens (Columbia Terrace, The Trot, and Salem) will host a reunion at Alder Street, Happy Hill Park. The reunion mission is violence prevention and self worth, to prevent violence in the community and show positive, successful people who are products of Happy Hill Gardens. For more information, contact "Rock" Bitting at 650-0858 or Ben Piggott at 727-2837.

SUNDAY, JULY 10
3 p.m. — The Delta Fine Arts Center, 1511 East Third Street, will host an opening exhibit and reception painting and drawing by Marvette Aldrich. The show is free and open to the public.

MONDAY, JULY 11
• Neil and Camilla Wilcox will lead summer sessions for young people in creative writing and enrichment through art at Reynolda House Museum of American Art. American Arts Discovery for kindergarten through grade five will begin on July 11 and July 18. Each session last one week and explores the Reynolda House art collection, gardens, and grounds. The cost is \$95 and early registration

is recommended. Call 725-5325.
TUESDAY, JULY 12
• The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Service office, 3201 N. Patterson Ave., invites the public to the following programs:
2 p.m. — "Small Business Loans" will be discussed by Janet DeCreny of the City of Winston-Salem/Development Office.
6 p.m. — "How to Take Advantage of The City's MWBE Program" will be presented by Terry Worrell of the City of Winston-Salem/Minority Women's Business Enterprise Program.
7 p.m. — "Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Buying A Home But Afraid to Ask" will be offered by J.R. Gorham and Valerie Vogler of First Citizens Bank.
These program are free and open to the public. For more information, call 727-2975.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
2 p.m. — The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Services Office will host a seminar on "Your Government Is As Good As You Make It." The seminar will be discussed by Toni Tupponce of City-County Planning Department. The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, call 727-2975.

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UPCOMING
• The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Service office, 3201 N. Patterson Ave., invites the public to the following programs on Thursday, July 14:
2 p.m. — "Being A Teen Mother" will be discussed by Bobbetta Evans of Hand to Hand.
6 p.m. — "The Winston-Salem Visitor Center" will be presented by Sharon Hughes of Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.
7 p.m. — "Word Perfect and Your Home Computer" will be offered by Nancy Brown of the City of Winston-Salem/Management Information Systems and Systems and Services.
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• Image Within presents "Characteristics of a Beautiful Woman" workshop at the Piedmont Club on July 16, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The keynote speaker will Cheryl Morgan, teaching how we as women blossom as a flower. A Image Workshop presented by BeautyControl Consultants specializing in skin condition testing, image makeovers, image profiles, color analysis, glamour products, and also therapy treatment. Registration is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For more information or to register call, 659-8375.

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