

Jackson Urges Excellence

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could slam dunk a thought like you could slam dunk a basketball."

"You can not make it by studying for an hour each night and make it. You can not blow your mind on coke and crack and make it. ...You live by the consequences of your choices," Jackson said.

Jackson also asked the crowd to stand if they knew anyone in their age group who had died from drugs, used drugs, jailed because of drugs or sold drugs. There weren't many who stayed seated.

He also asked those who had tried drugs to come forward. There were even fewer people who stayed seated. He then led them in a prayer-like pledge in

which the students pledge to excel in education, obey their parents and stay away from drugs.

Jackson asked all the students to sign a pledge with Push-Excel that they would study for at least 2 hours per night with no tv or radio, abstain from drugs and alcohol and would not become or make anyone a teenage parent.

At a press conference following the rally, Jackson said he was not surprised with the number of students who came forward.

"I see it everywhere I go," he said. "This drug crisis, this use of drugs to cover up a vacuum in our souls, is beginning to grasp our youth."

"I want youth here in Mecklenburg County to take the lead and

establish a no first use drug policy. ..."

"He said he agrees with the Bush administrations recent policies in the war against drugs but said they "do not include enough money for education in the formative years or rehabilitation for the sick."

Jackson was asked also if he would run for president in 1992.

"It's a bit premature to make that judgement," he said. "But the signs are encouraging."

But he again said he is not looking to run for mayor of Washington, D.C.

"I have no plans to run for the mayor in Washington, and contrary to what you've heard, there is no mayors race in Washington until November 1990."

Game Should Be Trouble-Free

By A.C. TURNER
Post Staff Writer

People affiliated with Garinger and West Charlotte high schools are hoping Friday's football game will go off more smoothly than last season's.

The last time the two teams met, four people were wounded in a shooting that brought into focus the dilemma of firearms in local schools.

The game is scheduled for 8 p.m. at West Charlotte.

School administrators say there is no reason to expect a repeat of last year's trouble. Barbara Ledford, West Charlotte's principal, puts aside rumors of the game being played at Memorial Stadium.

She said concerns about potential security risks caused speculation that the game would be moved, but it can be played on campus.

"If we were to have the game at Memorial Stadium we would be sending the message that our home games were not safe," she said. "That's just not true, I feel safe and no one else has indicated to me that this is not a safe place to be."

Ledford had to decide whether or not to solicit extra security. She says there will be 10 policemen in addition to the administrative staff.

"That's standard procedure for any game. There is nothing out of the ordinary about the securi-

ty. I didn't see where extra security was necessary," she said.

Ledford says the only West Charlotte game that will be moved to Memorial Stadium is the one against Harding. The reason that game is being is to accommodate the large crowd.

Garinger principal Richard Canselor said there is absolutely no cause for alarm because the incident happened last year.

"No teachers or students have expressed any reservations about the game. The whole situation would die down if the press would not rehash it. It's been played and replayed a dozen times," he said.

Rally For Education In Sept.

The Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club and the Charlotte Community Relations Committee will sponsor a rally for education Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Northwest Middle School on Beattles Ford Road.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Supt. Peter Relic, school board members and community leaders are scheduled to appear and discuss the status of public schools.

For more information, call 336-2424, 372-1345 or 372-5400.

Miss JCSU Is Crowned

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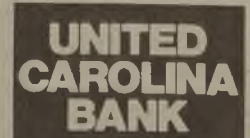


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