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Bon Jovi Brings Message to Broughton



Rock star Jon Bon Jovi speaks to Wake County students gathered at Broughton High School in Raleigh.

Jon Bon Jovi made a brief appearance at Broughton High School in Raleigh on Friday, February 17. All those who attend Broughton and selected students from the other high schools in Wake County welcomed the rock star with cheers and mementos.

Bon Jovi appeared at Broughton as a favor to his manager, Doc McGhee. McGhee, who was convicted of helping to smuggle 18.5 tons of

marijuana into Carteret County (NC) in 1982, started the Make a Difference Foundation to fulfill a probation agreement which requires community education. The Broughton program was the Foundation's first effort.

Bon Jovi shared the spotlight Friday with Duke basketball All-American Danny Ferry, the N.C. State cheerleaders, and master of ceremonies Steve Reynolds of WRDU.

Students listened as Bon Jovi talked about friends in and outside the rock-and-roll business who have had serious drug problems. Bon Jovi placed particular emphasis on his friend Stevie Taylor of Aerosmith, who says that because of his addiction, he can't remember the year 1976. Taylor is now recovering.

Bon Jovi also stressed the need for parents to be sympathetic, remembering that they were once young themselves and that adolescence has its pressures. He also called on parents to set positive examples where alcohol and drugs are concerned.

He said that he does not consider rock music a contributing factor to teens' drug and alcohol problems. He encouraged students to recognize that life can be extremely difficult and that drugs only add to the complexity.

The winners of a Wake County video contest among area high schools were also announced at the assembly on Friday. Over 300 students have produced forty 30-second public-service announcements, all with the theme "Band Together. Be Drug Free."

Cary High School placed third with the video "Drug Free Rap." Athens High finished second with the video called "Final Buzz." There was a first-place tie between Enloe High and host Broughton. See p 8

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Poet Betty Adcock, Spring 1989 Writer-in-Residence

Betty Adcock comes to Louisburg College

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"Impeccable selectivity of details, a masterly use of metaphor, and an ear for inner music make Adcock a true poet." Those are the words of Daisy Aldan, a writer from New York City. Most people who read Betty Adcock's poems have nothing but admiration for her works.

Betty Adcock has had three books published: *Walking Out* (LSU Press, 1975), *Nettles* (LSU Press, 1983), and

Beholdings (LSU Press, 1988). She has also received many awards for her poetry. Some include a reading scheduled for March 1989 at the Library of Congress in Washington, with Donald Justice, and The Great Lakes Colleges Association's New Writing Award for best first book published in 1975: for *Walking Out*.

Adcock has conducted nearly one hundred readings on college campuses. One of these schools is Duke University, Durham. See p. 3

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