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Runaway may know child killer

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ATLANTA (UPI)

A 15-year-old runaway, once considered a possible victim of Atlanta's black child killer, was brought home Tuesday to tell police about his story "a man in my neighborhood snatched some kids in December."

Authorities picked up Lee Gooch late Monday night in Tallahassee, Fla., where he had spent nearly a month in jail, and immediately headed back to Atlanta.

Gooch, who left his Atlanta home Jan. 5, had been jailed in Florida on various traffic charges under the name of Lee Kendell his mother's maiden name between Jan. 14 and last Saturday when he was released.

Atlanta officials, not aware he was in Florida, had considered adding him to the city's list of 17 missing and dead black children.

Monday, Gooch called the Leon County sheriff's office in Tallahassee to see if he could retrieve the car he was driving when arrested.

When asked if he knew anything about the Atlanta children cases, Gooch said "a man in my neighborhood snatched some kids in December. It's a kidnapping deal."

He said he only knew the man was black, but he added, "There's a lady in the neighborhood who knows who he is, but she's scared to tell."

None of the 17 youths included in Atlanta's string of missing and slain children disappeared in December, but a spokesman for the Atlanta Police Bureau said Gooch's story would be investigated.

Gooch said the first-known victim, Edward Hope Smith, 14, was "a close friend," but said he knew none of the other children. Smith, who disappeared on July 20, 1979, was found shot to death eight days later.

Gooch told reporters he left Atlanta because of differences with his father and that was why he had used his mother's maiden name.

Meanwhile, several Atlanta City Council members joined relatives and friends of Lubie "Chuck" Geter Monday at the



Darryl Lindsey

funeral of the 14-year-old youth, whose body was found in a strip of woods in South Atlanta last Thursday.

Geter, who was strangled, was the 15th victim to be found in the string of missing and slain black children. Two are still missing.

NCCU mourns Lindsey's death

By Winfred B. Cross

From the Washington Post and UPI

Over 900 NCCU students, faculty, and staff members attended a memorial service held at B.N. Duke auditorium Feb. 5 for Darryl Dywane Lindsey, a 19-year-old sophomore from Washington D.C. who died from meningitis on Jan. 31.

The Rev. Getho Santho Hill, director of Central's United Campus Christian Ministry, gave the eulogy in which he told the crowd: "God did not take Darryl. A vicious killer disease took our friend's life."

Head football coach Henry Lattimore, on the verge of a tearful breakdown, said, "Darryl Lindsey will be our twelfth man—and our winning edge for next season."

Brenda Baldwin, Miss Sophomore, and Ellis Allen, director of Chidley Hall dormitory, read poems in Lindsey's honor. Baldwin read an original poem titled "Darryl Lindsey," while Allen gave a dramatic reading of John Donne's "Death Be Not Proud."

Lindsey's funeral was held Feb. 6 in Washington, D.C. at the Holy Temple Church of Christ. Approximately 60 of Lindsey's teammates from Central attended the funeral. Several of the players served as pallbearers.

Lindsey's sudden death came as a shock to his fellow teammates and coach. They remember him as a kind person.

"He was a real down-to-earth person," said Kenneth Pugh, senior quarterback from Fayetteville. "He was like a little brother to me."

Mitchell Buie, a junior wide receiver from Chicago, Ill., said Lindsey was "the type of person who cared about everyone."

"After the Elizabeth City State game Darryl and I told Kenny (Pugh) that we were going to the Gold Bowl next year like they did this year."

"He was a very determined person. He was determined to be the number one quarterback."

Bryan Craig, a sophomore linebacker from Washington, D.C. said Lindsey was a very quiet person who "never started any trouble."

Craig played against Lindsey in a high school all-star game in which Lindsey was named offensive player of the game.

Angelo Aldridge, a senior linebacker from Goldsboro, said called Lindsey "the kind of person you couldn't dislike."

Terry Brown, a senior defensive tackle from Jonesville, described Lindsey as "just Dar-

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The death of N.C. Central University quarterback Darryl Dwayne Lindsey has been attributed to meningitis—the second such death in North Carolina this winter.

Lindsey, 19, from Washington, D.C., died Saturday, Jan. 31, at Duke Medical Center after being admitted around midnight Friday. Earlier, Lindsey had gone to the NCCU, where he was given tylenol and sent back to his dormitory. Dr. Marcono Hines, student health services director, said Lindsey had a fever and chills—symptoms "not atypical for this time of year."

"There was no standout symptom to make us suspect meningitis," Hines said.

Symptoms of meningitis include a sore throat, headache, fever, aches, chills, stiff neck and vomiting.

Teammate Nathan Johnson said Lindsey's friends called an ambulance for him after they walked into his room Friday evening and "he was laying there burning up."

Elizabeth Marlowe, an 18-year-old student at St. Mary's College in Raleigh, died Jan. 20 from meningitis. She was from Wilson.

Despite the deaths, Dr. John N. MacCormack, head of the communicable disease branch of the North Carolina Division of Health Services, said meningitis is a normal winter disease and the number of cases reported has not been unusual. He said 12 cases were reported this January, which is the same number of cases as in January 1980.

Lindsey did not play football for NCCU last season because of a fractured ankle. He was expected to be in the running for the starting quarterback position next season.

His high school coach, Willie Stewart, said he was "shocked when he learned of the death."

"He had never been sick when he played for me. That's why it's so hard to believe he had spinal meningitis. He was home last weekend and had a cold and sore throat he couldn't get rid of. His parents were going to take him to the doctor but he said he would be fine and, if he didn't get better, see a doctor when he got back to school."

"It was rough because he was the first of seven brothers and sisters to attend college," said Stewart.

An All-Interhigh East selection his senior year at Eastern, Lindsey completed more than 55 percent of his passes en route to the east Division title and the league crown.

He was buried Feb. 7 at Holy Temple Church 439 12th St. SE at 8:30 p.m.

Opening February 18

New drama production offers music, surprises

By Kevin L. Dennis

Black actors in "white face"
Children in the starring roles!

A cast that includes a six-year-old and a retired school teacher!

There are plenty of surprises in NCCU's upcoming drama production "Steal Away Home," according to director Doris Schneider.

The play, based on the novel by Aurand Harris, deals with the experiences of two young boys as they escape slavery via the Underground Railroad and journey to Pennsylvania where their father, who has been freed, awaits them.

Schneider calls the play a "mixed bag" containing "comedy, tragedy, music, and a few frightening scenes." It is a history lesson as well as family entertainment.

The main characters in the play are David Barnhill, a sixth grader at Holloway Elementary School; Daron Massey, a fifth grader at W.G. Pearson Elementary School; and Ricardo Cobb, a ninth grader at Hillside High School.

Also included in important roles will be Earl Christopher Norfleet, a first grader at C.C. Spaulding Elementary School, and Irving Truitt, a ninth grader at Hillside High School.

Ms. Schneider didn't find it difficult working with the children. "I never dreamed how rewarding it would be to

work with younger people in drama. They are natural, spontaneous, and just as dependable and enthusiastic as the adults," she said.

In contrast to the children, the role of Preacher Prentice will be performed by Joseph Drake, a retired school teacher with over 40 years of teaching experience.

The supporting cast consists of Durham City and County high school students along with NCCU students and faculty. They are Jessica Mahaffy, Donna Buie, Gregory Horton, Anthony Moody, Herbert C. Eley, DeWarren Moses, Denise Coleman, Deborah Anthony, Bob Kennedy, Michael Helton, and Kevin L. Dennis.

Moving renditions of traditional spirituals allow the story to take on some of the characteristics of a musical. The choir—directed by NCCU graduate student Grover Wilson, Jr.—is composed of Vera Taylor, Lisa Thomas, Denise Barnes, Hazel Blount, Anne Knight, William Overton, Ra'mon Simmons II, Sharon Louise Tillman, Tina Torian, and Brenda Young.

The play will open to public school students February 16-17, and to the general public from 18-22. Tickets may be obtained from McLaughlin Medical Arts Pharmacy, 2520 Fayetteville St., The Merry-Go-Round at South Square Mall, and the NCCU Drama Dept. For further information call 683-6242 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

New evening law program fields 'exceptional class'

NCCU News Bureau

Seventeen have more than one academic degree and five have the Ph. D. degree. The group includes one medical doctor, two Certified Public Accountants, two computer scientists, two senior engineers, five college and university faculty members, and two librarians.

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They are the first year class in NCCU's new Evening Law School Program.

Dean Harry Groves described the 25 students in the class as "an exceptional group of students." Applications for the first class, which began study January 5, totalled 106.

The new students reside in Raleigh, Durham, Norlina, Pittsboro, and Chapel Hill. Almost all are employed full-time in professional capacities. Their occupations include, in addition to those listed above, pharmacy, the drug industry, corrections, public education, the postal service, and business.

NCCU's Evening Program, which increases the university's utilization of its new \$4.5 million law school facility on the corner of Alston Ave. and Cecil St., will permit students to complete requirements for the Juris Doctor degree in four calendar years.

Classes will be offered in the summer, and new students will be accepted for classes beginning in June as well as for the classes beginning next fall.

The program is the first in North Carolina to offer a complete legal education at night.

Qualified black overlooked for principal job

Warren residents stage school boycott

Solidarity took on a new meaning in Warren County on February 2, when over 2,100 of the school system's 2,400 black students stayed home. The Warren County Political Action Council (PAC) called for the action to protest the hiring of a white principal at the new consolidated high school. Warren County High is scheduled to open in September, 1981 with a student body expected to be approximately 80 percent non-white.

In order to demonstrate the broad based community support it has received, the PAC proclaimed February 2, "Solidarity Day" and asked parents to keep their children home. Of the eight schools in the Warren County system, the highest percentage of absentees occurred at South Warren Elementary School where 92.1 percent of the students stayed home. The PAC reported that absentees across the system averaged over 65 percent.

Janice R. Crump, official spokesman for the group stated, "we feel that this one day effort was the most significant action that we have taken to date. It sends a strong message to the Board of Education; one that says the parents of at least 2,100 of the 2,400 black students in the system, have serious concerns about the quality of education that their children are receiving."

The October, 1980 decision of the Warren

County Board of Education to hire Benjamin Terrell as principal of the new school, rather than James Wilkerson, a black man, sparked a wave of controversy throughout the small community. "They used a policy of hiring from within to place a white man in the superintendent's position," a spokesman for the PAC said. "It was the only way they could justify not hiring the black man with superior credentials who applied for the job." The PAC contends that Wilkerson, already a junior high principal in Warren County, was equally qualified and should have been given preference in the selection process.

Despite repeated expressions of dissatisfaction from the black community, the Board has made no moves towards resolving the issue. Approximately 100 irate citizens attended the Board's November, December and January meetings to reinforce their position that Terrell was "totally unacceptable" to the black community.

When the Board refused to change its position, the PAC called an economic boycott of Warren County merchants. "We felt that the Board would respond to pressure from its constituents," said one member when questioned about the feasibility of the boycott. The PAC plans to continue its efforts to

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