

# Program coordinator

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in the last session of the ... He says as many as 154 ... controlled in the past. ... says he is puzzled by the ... of the move. ... we've been struggling with ... program for three or four ... Williams, who started in ... program in 1982 as an intern, ... Thursday. "We've been ... the kids and we seem to ... the point where things could ... other way. The timing of this ... is really strange."

look at the impact this pro- ... having on the kids and I ... ter," he said. "You have ... thing going ... that's strong ... say you want it to con- ... and then you destroy an ... element in it. What do ... think? I really, really hope it ... but you have to have ... to run it."

Williams, an accomplished ar- ... who has taught art in the ... school system, says he has ... considered himself the key ... program. ... would not be here without ... parents," he said. "The ... have worked very hard ... this program. Parental sup- ... is the one thing that has ... this program successful." ... parents, however, have ... it clear that they see ... as the cornerstone of

the program. In their letter to Walls, they say his termination is a message that the Arts Council no longer cares or is concerned about its community arts programs. They ask that his position be included as an integral part of the Art-Is House budget.

"I have never thought I was bigger than the program," Williams said. "I know what it takes to survive out here as an artist and I've tried to impart that to the kids. It is a very strong program. I think it will survive, but I worry about how long."

Williams said he is not bitter though he is disappointed.

"I can move on to another job," he said, "but I'd like to see the program continue. Because of my work with the kids, I know how important a community arts program is. The turnouts and participation prove that there is an obvious need for it. I feel really bad. I'm letting the kids down though it's not my fault what's happening."

"I'm disappointed with the board (the Arts Council Board of Directors) for letting this happen, especially Urban Arts. This is not a sham program. It's a first-class program."

When asked about the impact of his salary on the decision, Williams said, "I like what I'm doing. But it makes you wonder

if the whole Urban Arts program may be phased out." The position paid \$13,000.

Williams added, "They say you've done a good job," noting that the program's enrollment has grown. "Now we're at the point where we can be more selective in developing kids and ..."

Oglesby declined to talk about Williams' termination, but did say Urban Arts is firmly behind the Art-Is House program.

"Support for the program will continue," he said, explaining that the program's operating costs but not its personnel costs come from a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

Local money that usually pays salaries "did not materialize," Oglesby said.

"As long as funds are available, we will continue the program," Oglesby said. He said the idea that the Urban Arts program is on the way out is "not true at all. Support for Urban Arts has grown," he said.

He said that Urban Arts would like to have a full-time coordinator over the 'Art-Is House' program and that there is a need for it. Oglesby said, however, that whether the position is restored will depend on the availability of funding.

"It's a matter of dollars and cents," he said.



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# Report

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bed. There were 19 bullet ... in the wood-frame house. ... four men pleaded guilty to a ... 50-year sentence but ... given only six months active ...

the same month as the ... threatening letters to ... employees at Mitchell ... Community College in Statesville ...

ed. "Children are quite ... involved in unexplained ac- ... or they just seem to disap- ... read one of the letters.

andalism And Beatings

Jacksonville, May 11 -- The ... of a black Marine, ... Norment, was vandaliz- ... His residence was sprayed ... "KKK" and racist graffiti, ... car was vandalized, and a six- ... of drink bottles was thrown

through the front glass door. The vandals entered the apartment but fled when they realized that Corp. Vincent was at home. In another incident involving Marines, Glenn Miller kicked a black Marine in the groin during a White Patriot Party rally in Richland on Aug. 25.

Fayetteville, July -- Robert Norman Jones, a Spring Lake man, was arrested for conspiring to receive stolen explosives, which he said he needed for Klan paramilitary training. A search of his apartment revealed an automatic machine gun, night vision scopes, gas masks and copies of the White Patriot Party newspaper, *The Confederate Leader*.

Raleigh, September -- The editor of a regional gay ... Please see page A11

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