

Drug program

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tant organizational director, oversees the drug education program.

Lee Faye Mack, head of the church's Outreach Program and a member of the task force, said that the program is a result of a survey conducted by church members to find out what the people in the community were concerned about.

"Drugs headed the list," she said.

The drug education program is targeted toward children.

"Children are the heart of the community," Mrs. Mack said. "We maintain that education is what they need. If we can educate them about the dangers of drugs, then the drug dealers themselves will eventually leave because they won't stay where the money cannot be made."

Bingham said he hopes to work the program into four-week sessions that will continue into the fall. Sessions are now held every Thursday at 1 p.m.

Publicity for the program has

been by word-of-mouth and through fliers that Bingham hands out around the community.

He said that the program needs sponsors and volunteers.

Right now the class sessions are being conducted by Vivian Dillard, educational assistant for the Council on Drug Abuse. Children completing the first four-week session will be given T-shirts, a certificate and a button, Bingham said.

Ms. Dillard said children rang-

ing in age from 4 to 16 have attended. The classes consist of a talk by Ms. Dillard and usually an animated film.

The class sessions have included an introduction to her organization and the services it offers, discussions on what a drug is and the use and misuse of drugs.

Ms. Dillard said there was one session on how to deal with peer pressure.

"I had a lot of feedback from the class," she said. "We discussed our feelings as individuals and what feelings mean to us."

Besides presenting new information at each class meeting, Ms. Dillard reviews the previous week's discussions.

Last week's class dealt with

what to do if a friend is using drugs. The children were shown a film titled "How Do You Tell?"

Ms. Dillard told the children that they have a right to be different and say no to drugs.

Whether the program will deter young people from taking drugs in the future remains to be seen. But the children are coming and listening.

Twelve-year-old Jade Bellamy of 615 Powell St. said that she plans to attend the program again and will bring some friends with her.

Last Thursday's class was the first for Marisha McCorkle of 707 Mock St.

"It was a great class," McCorkle, 14, said. "People need to get off drugs because drugs do hurt people."

Miss McCorkle said that she has learned from the class not to take drugs.

"I learned you're not supposed to do anything by taking drugs," she said.

Twelve-year-old Sean Gordon of 1310 Mint St. said that he came to the class to learn about drugs.

"I learned not to take drugs and be bad and hang with guys who smoke cigarettes get in trouble," Gordon, said.

Ruffin

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Hunt and Helms spent about \$20 million between them on the campaign, which attracted national attention.

"I don't have any bitterness about that campaign," Ruffin said. "Governor Hunt was hurt that he had lost, but he wasn't bitter about it."

Ruffin said he now supports former Democratic Gov. Terry Sanford in his quest to unseat Republican Sen. James T. Broyhill. "I have known Terry for a long time," Ruffin said. "People seem to know Terry better than they know Broyhill."

"While Sanford was governor, we never had a blatant disrespect for the law in North Carolina like in other Southern states during the civil rights movement," Ruffin said. "Sanford didn't stand in front of any school buildings like some Southern governors did at the time."

Ruffin said he is surprised that the Rev. Jesse Jackson has criticized Sanford's civil rights record. During a visit to Winston-Salem State University in May, Jackson said Sanford was silent on the issue of apartheid while he was president of Duke University, which held investments in South Africa.

Sanford also was silent on the enforcement of the voting rights law in North Carolina, Jackson charged.

Despite those allegations, Jackson, who endorsed lone black candidate Theodore "Ted" Kinney in the Democratic primary, recently spoke favorably of Sanford's candidacy in Charlotte, Ruffin said.

But Ruffin cautioned that Jackson's support is nice, but not earth-shaking.

"While I respect what Jackson stands for, Jesse's mystique won't elect Terry," said Ruffin, who said he will not actively campaign for Sanford because of his new job's demands.

As for his own political aspirations, Ruffin said he once considered running for Congress in the 2nd Congressional District, then thought better of it. "I think I could have run a good race," he said.

I.T. "Tim" Valentine, a conservative white Democrat, is serving his third term as congressman from that district.

"The second congressional district is a tough district," Ruffin said. "Forty-two percent of that district is black,

but it is hard for a black candidate to get enough white support to win."

Valentine defeated black candidates H.M. "Mickey" Michaux in 1982 and Kenneth Spaulding in 1984 on the strength of white votes. Both Michaux and Spaulding sought to be the first black congressmen from the state since Reconstruction.

Ruffin said he decided not to run in 1986 because it would cost at least \$500,000 to mount an effective campaign. "Only the elite can run for political office today," he said.

Despite that problem and others in the state, Ruffin said North Carolina has made significant strides over the years. "We are working on our problems," he said. "The publicity that the Ku Klux Klan has received in North Carolina doesn't help our national image. People are not looking at the good things we are doing here."

Ruffin noted the 22 black judges in North Carolina and three black judges in Winston-Salem. "We have five predominantly black, state-supported schools in North Carolina, but people don't know about the positive things we are doing here," he said.

Drayton

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that Drayton's affidavit "throws a cloud over the allegations in Wilson's murder."

"People will continue to be cynical and suspicious about the district attorney and the police department's behavior," Eversley said.

Drayton testified at a May 6 probable cause hearing that he, Hunt and Mitchell stole \$105 from Wilson and beat him to death. He said his conscience forced him to testify.

Hunt is serving a life sentence after being convicted last June for the rape and murder of Mrs. Sykes, a copy editor for the now-defunct *Sentinel* daily newspaper. His attorneys have filed a motion requesting a new trial.

Mrs. Sykes was found stabbed to death in a field near Crystal Towers on Aug. 10, 1984.

Drayton, Hunt and Mitchell have pleaded innocent to first-degree murder charges in Wilson's death.

Drayton was charged on March 27 with manslaughter in the death of Mary Annette Smith and with first-degree murder in the strangling death of Blanche Bryson in December.

The affidavit contends that Detective Riley A. Spoon first asked Drayton about the Sykes murder when he was interviewing him about Ms. Smith's death. Spoon reportedly told Drayton that he doubted that any charges would be brought against him in Mrs. Smith's death.

"He told me that Mary Smith was working with police on that murder," the affidavit says. "Officer Spoon told me that he believed that Sammy Mitchell was involved, and he wanted to know if Mary ever told me anything about that murder."

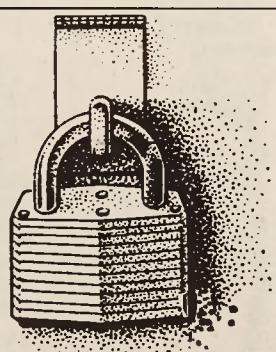
Drayton's affidavit states that Spoon kept badgering him about the Sykes murder and eventually told him that he might be charged with murder in the Smith case.

The affidavit says further that Spoon interviewed Drayton again and said that the manslaughter charge against him might be changed to murder and Drayton might receive 20 years in prison.

Hunt's attorneys filed a motion Monday requesting that his

trial for Wilson's murder be continued until the N.C. Supreme Court rules on his motion for a new trial in the Sykes case. Tisdale has said the motion was an effort to delay the trial until he leaves office in December.

Attorneys for Hunt and Drayton also filed motions requesting that the cases be dismissed because of the time which has elapsed between Wilson's death and the charges against their clients.



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