

No to drugs

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There are some good people over here."

Among the demonstrators were Lee Faye Mack, a community activist and Winston-Salem Urban League employee, East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell, North Ward Alderman Patrick T. Hairston, his predecessor as alderman, Larry D. Little, and Stuart Epperson, a Republican congressional candidate in the 5th District.

Other participants included City Manager Bill A. Stuart, Assistant City Manager Alexander R. Beaty and Assistant Police Chief M.A. Robertson.

"These people know we are giving them the chance to say no to drugs," Mrs. Mack said. "There has to be a better way because drugs are destroying their lives. Some people over here are zombies. We are concerned about them and we love them."

Mrs. Newell said the human chain was the beginning of a community effort to rid Happy Hill Gardens of drugs.

"People in this community are terrorized by drugs," she said, adding that drug abuse is a problem throughout Winston-Salem. "We are saying to the drug pushers that we will not tolerate you in this community any longer."

Police surveillance teams have videotaped drug deals on the corner of Free and Liberia streets.

"We hope we are sending a message to the young people in this community," said a black woman who participated in the human chain. "If one person decides not to use drugs, then this demonstration would have been a success."

Two residents said the demonstration would only curtail drug deals for a short time.

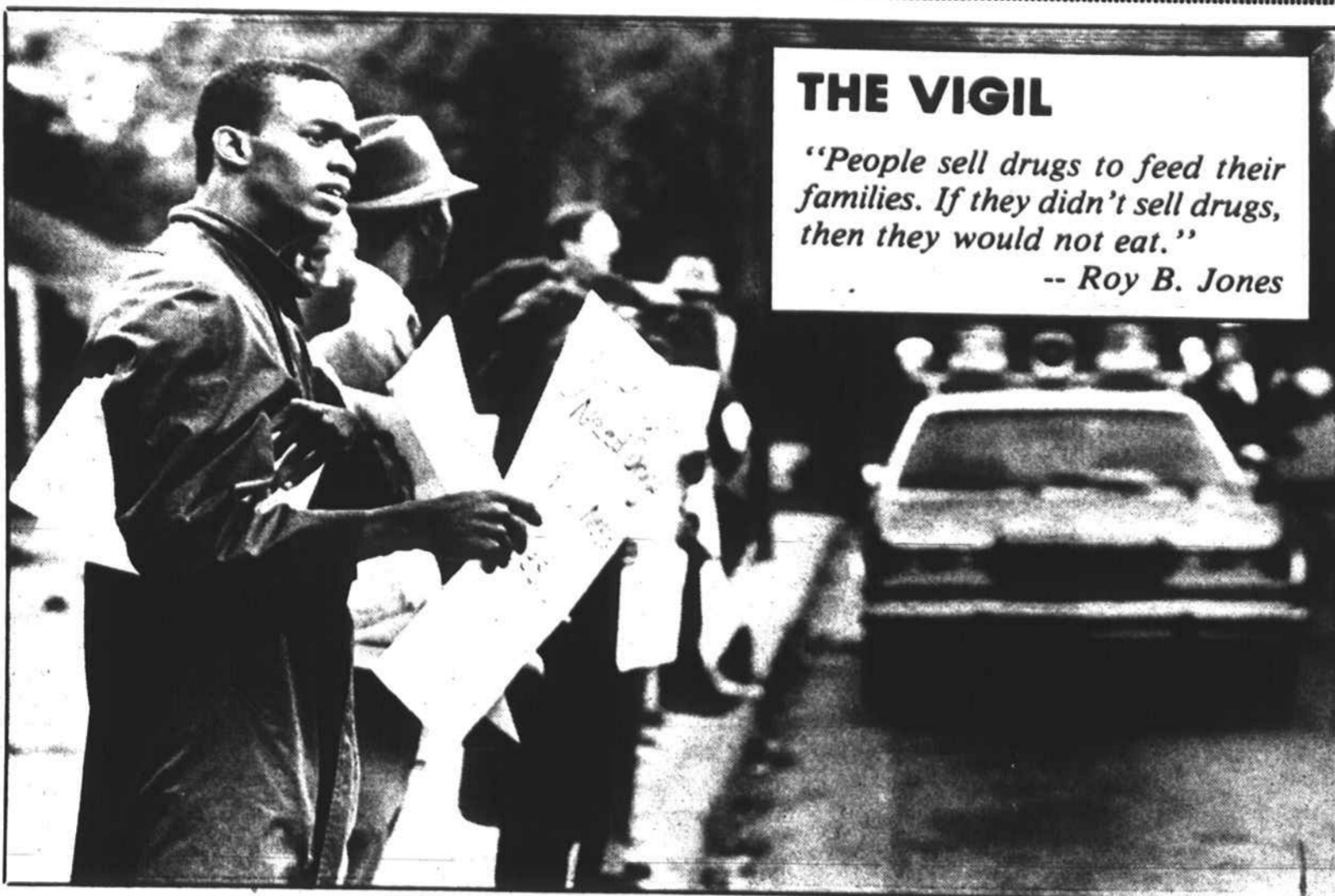
"The demonstration will help a little bit, but we need police protection over here 24 hours a day," said Ricky D. Coston, who lives on Powell Street. "If the police walk a beat, the dealers will still sell their drugs."

Roy B. Jones, who lives on Free Street, said many people sell drugs to make a living.

"People sell drugs to feed their families," Jones said. "If they didn't sell drugs, then they would not eat. It is fast money for them, and they are willing to take the risk."

Hairston disputed Jones' statements. "People here can get AFDC payments or work to feed their families," he said. "Why feed them with food and kill them with drugs? How did they feed their families before they got involved with drugs?"

Little said too many blacks are



Community residents form a human chain in Happy Hill Gardens to protest the sale of illegal drugs. Lee Faye Mack, below left, one of the event's organizers, waves a protest sign, while a passer-by, right, stops to read the signs (photos by James Parker).



dependent on drugs. "Drugs are a new form of slavery," he said. The most controversial protester was Epperson, who is challenging incumbent Democrat Stephen L. Neal for his seat in Congress.

Epperson, who is white, received praise and criticism from protesters and bystanders for his participation in the demonstration.

"The people here have to rise up and let drug pushers know that they are not going to accept what they are doing," said Epperson, who in July announced the creation of a drug abuse task force on the same corner. "The people will have to get rid of drugs in this community."

"I am glad to see him over here," Coston said. "He is a brave man, and we need more



politicians like him over here. I am sure he will get a lot of votes from this community."

Another man, who refused to give his name to reporters, said Epperson was participating in the protest to get black votes and was not concerned about the drug problem.

"He is doing it for the wrong reason because he only wants the votes," the black man said. "The drug problem has been over here for a long time. Why did he just come over here now with all this stuff? Where is he going to be after the elections?"

If elected, Epperson should go after the people who bring drugs into the country and not the drug dealers on the streets, the man said.

"He will have the power to go

after the 'big boys,'" the man said. "He will never get the nickel-and-dime pushers."

Epperson defended his role in the demonstration, saying he is genuinely concerned about the drug problem in the black community.

"I am more concerned with getting drugs out of this community than getting votes out of this neighborhood," Epperson said.

Mrs. Newell, a Democrat, said Epperson's task force didn't start the community effort to rid Happy Hill Gardens of drugs. "I started working in this community six years ago to fight the drug problem here," she said. "Stu Epperson has not done anything."

Tutu opens area to picnickers

By The Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa -- Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu has invited parishioners in black townships to use the extensive grounds around his home in a white area for picnics.

Tutu, installed last month as the first black head of the Anglican church in southern Africa, lives in a white area because that is where the archbishop's residence is located. He does not need a permit, as most blacks do, to live in a white area.

Tutu said in opening a synod of the diocese that township residents who couldn't easily get into the countryside should use the grounds at Bishop's Court for picnics and outings.

He also said township children would be given swimming lessons at the swimming pool at his residence.

Tutu criticized the government's actions this week, which included banning foreign funding

of the United Democratic Front, the largest anti-apartheid coalition, and barring further hiring of Mozambicans. Mozambique's government was said to have allowed African National Congress guerrillas to operate across the border into South Africa.

Tutu said that neither action would eliminate South Africa's problems, which he blamed on the "iniquity that is apartheid," not "agitators and communists."

Apartheid by law and custom establishes a racially segregated society in which the 24-million-member black majority has no vote in national affairs. The 5-million-member white minority controls the economy and maintains separate districts, schools and health services.

The Colored Girls are back!
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By the way...

By Joe Black

In my youthful days it was impressed upon me that, "If at first you don't succeed, then try, try again." A recent statement by Education Secretary William J. Bennett made me think of that old cliché. For those of you who missed the newspaper article, bear with me as I quote:

"I'm not from the huffy-puffy school," Bennett said in an interview with *The Times*' Washington Bureau. "I think you should use anything that's not illegal or immoral to get students to learn."

As an example, he said, "If one can use Black English to give students an appreciation of literature and proper English usage, — fine. I don't care. It's just like anything else."

An example of Black English is, "He be tired," instead of, "He is tired." Some linguists say that Black English is a legitimate language, while many educators contend it is slang whose use in classrooms handicaps students.

I agree with the educators. My friends, this is the same old game that they tried to "lay on us" in 1979. If we, Black adults, fall into the "trap" of allowing schools to encourage our youths to accept Black English, then we, too, are guilty of telling them that they are less than, not equal to, other Americans. The quality of their preparation will restrict them to all of the low-echelon jobs. Who will hire you as a manager when you apply for a job saying, "I need some 'bread' and the dude said I could get a 'gig' here"?

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The Constitution

Its effects on blacks and women to be discussed

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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The Constitution is a document that most Americans hold dear. But it is also a document whose language indicates that it was not meant for all Americans.

"Those Left Out: Blacks, Women and the Struggle for Constitutional Equality" will address this issue at a program to be held at the Forsyth County Public Library at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

The program is one in a series sponsored by the library to commemorate the bicentennial of the Constitution.

James A. Beaty Jr., special superior court judge, and Dr. Katy J. Harriger, assistant professor of politics at Wake Forest University, will be the featured speakers. They will address how blacks and women have been left out of the Constitution and ways the two have tried to make amends for the wrong done.

"Blacks and women make up well over 60 percent of the American population," said Barbara Anderson, a reference librarian and one of the organizers of the series. "I don't see how anyone can ignore the

importance of the subject.

"Something that distinguishes these two groups is that they shaped the Constitution," she said. "They didn't just let the Constitution act on them, they made changes."

Mrs. Anderson said that the program will feature a panel discussion with audience participation.

"In a sense the audience participation will be the heart of the program," she said. "Everyone who comes in will come in with some ideas and notions. And if they leave with more than they came in with, then we would have made a special evening."

Ms. Harriger said that her speech will focus on women, while Beaty's will focus on blacks.

Her speech will deal with the fact that, in order to make the argument that women and blacks should be included in the constitution, it was not enough to change political thought but social thought as well, she said.

Ms. Harriger said that in her speech she will draw similarities between the women's suffrage movement and the civil rights movement.

Four people representing various segments of the community. Please see page A14

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