

National PTA Campaign Says Prevention Beats Drug Abuse

In January, 1985, Emmy Award winner Bruce Weitz, who portrays Det. Mick Belker on NBC's "Hill Street Blues," went to Chicago to launch a National PTA campaign called "Write Bruce." The actor has donated much of his time since 1984 as Honorary Chairman of the PTA's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Project. He asked young people in the Chicago-area under the age of 18 to write to him about drugs. He did the same thing in Los Angeles

in September. While you wouldn't think teenagers would be eager to talk to an adult about drugs, Mr. Weitz's request was answered by more than 13,000 young people.

What he and the PTA learned from those letters was that children are crying out for guidance when it comes to the question of whether or not to use drugs, including alcohol. Most of the Chicago letters were from 11- to 13-year-olds who had not yet tried drugs, but who felt they

would someday be asked to and didn't know how to handle the situation.

At the same time, PTAs report that parents generally deny that their children could possibly be exposed to drugs. That means that while children wish they could discuss drugs with their parents, the adults are reluctant to discuss the issue or take a "just don't do it" approach, which doesn't give young people much guidance.

The National PTA designated March 2-8, 1986, as Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week. Its theme was "Prevention: A Positive Approach."

Drug and alcohol abuse among the young continues to be of epidemic proportions. It's time for parents to stop burying their heads in the sand and listen to what their children are saying. The time to stop drug abuse is before it starts. That means parents must start listening to and

talking to their children about alcohol and other drugs...now.



Paula Giddings
.....Davidson speaker

Writer To Discuss

Role Of Black Women

Black writer Paula Giddings will speak on the role of black women in American Monday, March 17, in the Davidson College Union.

The talk, to be presented at 8 p.m. in the 900 Room, is free and open to the public. Her visit is sponsored by Davidson's Black Student Coalition. For more information, call 892-2000, ext. 140.

Giddings, author of "When and Where I Enter: The Impact of Black Women on Race and Sex in America," will focus on the history of black women in the United States. She received a Ford Foundation grant for the completion of the book, which was selected as a Book-of-the-Month Club alternate. Her book discusses black women in the face of the double discrimination of racism and sexism.

A graduate of Howard University, Giddings later became an editor at Howard University Press. She then served as Paris bureau chief for Encore Americans and Worldwide News. Her articles have appeared in The New York Times Book Review, The Washington Post, Jeune Afrique and other publications. She is currently book review editor for Essence magazine.



Argie S. Blackmore
.....Assumed new duties

Blackmore Is

HNGSC New

Executive Director

Argie S. Blackmore, a North Carolina native and graduate of North Carolina A&T College in Greensboro, has been hired as new Executive Director of the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council.

Ms. Blackmore assumed her duties on March 3. Former Executive Director, Diane Del Pizzo, resigned in October to move to Connecticut. She had served with the Hornets' Nest Council for seven years.

Ms. Blackmore comes to Charlotte from Memphis, TN, where she is Executive Director of the Tenn-Ark-Miss Girl Scout Council. She has also been Field Executive, Director of Field Services, and Assistant Executive Director. She brings to Hornets' Nest management expertise coupled with human relations skills and a commitment to the philosophy and potential of Girl Scouts.

Ms. Blackmore began her career as a mathematics teacher in Fayetteville. She expanded her interaction with students to include coaching girls' basketball, serving as girls' counselor, and acting as junior class advisor.

Other youth-oriented activities include her development of a youth club with emphasis on character, culture, and education for teenage girls; service on the Memphis City Schools' Principals' Advisory Committee; development and implementation of a model for "Rape Prevention Educators;" work with the CETA Youth Program; and raising three children.

Ms. Blackmore stated, "I live the Girl Scouting philosophy daily. Through Girl Scouting we can teach appreciation for all mankind and thus build a better future for the world. I am motivated by worthwhile challenges and believe I can help to guide Hornets' Nest Council toward greatness."

A reception for the public to meet Ms. Blackmore will be held on Monday, April 14, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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