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## School-Based Clinics: Hot Educational Issue

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No one denies that America is experiencing a teenage pregnancy crisis. On that point everyone agrees.

Where the disagreement comes is in finding methods to effectively deal with the problem.

Existing programs, such as sex education courses and family planning agencies, in view of the ever rising number of teen pregnancies suggest, that even with these alternatives, something is still amiss.

One solution, being offered, is school-based clinics. That solution has stirred as much controversy, if not more, than the idea of teaching sex education in public schools did in the late '60s and early '70s.

Faye Wattleton, president of Planned Parenthood in a recent Jet Magazine article (Nov. '85) stated "...the solution to this devastating problem (teenage pregnancies) lies in increasing access to sex education in the schools, providing greater communication at home about birth control and sex and making contraceptives available, even if it means providing them (contraceptives) free and establishing school-linked clinics."

22 cities across the country, having established 75 school-based clinics to date find Mrs. Wattleton's remarks right on target. In cities like Houston, San Francisco and Chicago, school-based clinics are in full operation. Even in North Carolina, school-based clinics can be found in Greene County, Anson County and Robeson County (no contraceptive are dispensed, no prescriptions for contraceptives are written, nor are any abortion services provided at the school-based clinic in Robeson County).

According to Dr. Michael Kagay, vice president of the Harris organization, "public support, both nationally and locally seems to be in favor of school-based clinics and of linking schools with family planning services. Even in a recent Harris poll, 40% of American teens said clinics where contracep-

You would if  
you loved me!

Many young girls fall prey to the line above, contributing to the rising statistics of teenage pregnancies.

tives can be obtained should be in or near schools. Harris further commented that most of those who said that such a clinic should be located elsewhere did so because they felt confidentiality would not be maintained."

Proponents of school-based clinics say that pregnancies among teens actually decrease as a result of this revolutionary idea. They argue, with their opponents who protest that openly discussing sexual behavior and providing teens

with contraceptives will increase or hasten sexual activity.

Substantiating their arguments with the findings of a John Hopkins' experimental school-based pregnancy prevention program that involved inner city high

## Local Effort Helps Needy

Addi McClain has a new house today, thanks to the City's community development efforts. Bascom Bradley has a renovated bathroom. And Rachel Hall was able to open a children's day care center that hired 11 unemployed people.

These are just three examples representatives of hundreds of local people who have benefitted from federally-funded Community Development Block Grants given to the City and distributed locally. This week (April 11-18) recognizes the importance of these grants and the community development program on the quality of life experienced by elderly low- and moderate-income people.

Mayor Harvey Gantt proclaimed this week "National Community Development Week" in Charlotte at a City Council meeting April 6. The week was proclaimed nationally by Congress earlier.

"The Community Development program is one that deserves recognition and continued funding, not only because of its importance to the area we live in, but because of its impact on society as a whole," Mayor Gantt says. "Through this program, literally hundreds of people have been able to obtain better jobs, live in more comfortable homes and enjoy improved living environments."

The program, started in 1975, has received steadily declining federal funds. Funds are used to provide educational training for pre-school children, fire prevention programs for low-income and elderly people, new streets, sidewalks and trees, loans to businesses for creating new jobs and better housing for families.

school girls, school-based clinics proponents maintain that among these high school girls a dramatic decrease in pregnancies was shown; they postponed first inter-

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Bettye Harris  
**Harris Elected  
To NUL Board  
Of Trustees**

Bettye J. Harris, Board Chairman, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League, was elected as Southern Regional Trustee to the National Urban League Board of Trustees, April 4 in Dallas, Tx. Harris previously served as secretary of the Southern Regional Assembly.

In her new position at the national level of the Urban League, Harris will be responsible for looking at issues which affect the 30 affiliates of the Southern Region.

The National Urban League has 111 affiliates in the United States. It is a national organization which emphasizes equal opportunity as its mission.

Harris states, "I believe it is increasingly important that corporate and community combine forces to promote equal opportunities for all citizens."

"I believe in the National Urban League Movement. I am convinced that some of the social, educational and economic needs of our people can be alleviated by this great movement," Harris adds.

Harris is serving her second term as chairwoman of the local Urban league affiliate. She is also Director of Community Relations for the Charlotte Housing Authority and is vice-president of United Way of the Greater Carolinas, serving on the Executive Committee, Allocations & Review Board, United Way.

The National Urban League Annual Conference will be held in Houston, Tx., July 19-22.

## IBM Grants \$3,500 To Anita Stroud

Charlotte, NC - The Anita Stroud Foundation has received a \$3,500 grant from the IBM Corporation to purchase a personal computer and the IBM Writing to Read program to be used in the foundation's existing reading program.

The grant was made through IBM's Fund for Community Service, an IBM program, through which employees, retirees, and their spouses can obtain grants for nonprofit organizations in which they are involved. Shelby Walters, contracts purchasing buyer for IBM Charlotte and member of the foundation's board of directors, requested the grant for the foundation.

The Anita Stroud Foundation

operates an after school enrichment program, in the Anita Stroud Youth Development Center located in the Fairview Homes community. It provides education in math, reading, writing, and art to approximately 75 children in the area. "The program is special because it teaches the kids the value

of life and gives them self-esteem," says Mr. Walters. "It gives them the opportunity to be somebody."

Mr. Walters says the foundation will use the computer to develop programs to improve the children's skills in reading and writing.

## Conference On Drug-Free Public Housing Scheduled

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Samuel R. Pierce Jr. recently announced that HUD and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), in association with the White House Conference for a Drug-Free America, are sponsoring a National conference on Drug-Free Public Housing.

The National Conference, to be held in Atlanta May 1-2 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, is designed for participation by public housing agency directors, managers and resident leaders, who wish to learn practical, "hands-on" tested techniques and strategies for removing illegal drugs from their communities.

Secretary Pierce, who will be the conference's keynote speaker, said, "The National Conference on Drug-Free Public Housing will become a cornerstone of the President's commitment to the national

crusade against drugs, and is a major step toward establishing the strong public/private sector partnership that is needed for a drug-free America."

Other scheduled speakers at the conference are: J. Michael Dorsey, HUD general counsel; Dr. Donald Ian Macdonald, special assistant to the President for Drug Abuse Policy; Dr. Charles Schuster, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and Bertha Gilkey, chairman, board of directors, Cochran Gardens Tenant Management Corporation, in St. Louis, Mo.

Six workshops providing an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and broad discussion will make up the core of the conference program. A workshop on law enforcement will highlight ways in which local police, public housing authority staff and residents can work together to eliminate drug



Civil rights figures from around the country gathered at New York's Vista International Hotel to join the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in a testimonial to the Honorable Constance Baker Motley, United States Judge for the Southern District of New York. Judge Motley is a 20-year alumna of the Legal Defense Fund. During her years there, from 1945 to 1965, she won nine of the 10 cases she argued before the Supreme Court; the tenth was overruled in a decision delivered last year. The oc-

casion also marked Judge Motley's assumption of senior status with the court, where she has served since 1966. Mrs. Motley appears here with Robert H. Preiskill, LDF president; Bernard G. Segal, Philadelphia attorney and founding LDF board member; Donald L. Hollowell, regional attorney for Atlanta, EEOC, retired; Julius Chambers, LDF director-counsel, C.B. King, a civil rights attorney practicing in Albany, GA, and William T. Coleman Jr., LDF chairman of the board.

centers will also be discussed. The vital role of residents in achieving drug-free public housing is the topic of another workshop, which will examine ways of implementing successful programs undertaken by residents.

"Providing an Alternative" is the

title of a workshop designed to inform participants how to work with local, private industry councils; the workshop will also illustrate the successes of resident-run businesses and training programs in public housing.

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