

AIDS activist lives to educate black women

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 although she has the full-blown disease. To keep others from making the same mistakes, Roseborough started the Rasberryrose Foundation, which targets girls between the ages of 10 and 16 in Mecklenburg County.

Though her foundation, Roseborough speaks at schools and churches about

HIV and AIDS and telling her story. Though she's appreciative of the opportunity to reach people, she says that it can't just be during National AIDS Testing Day or Black Church Week of Prayer.

"This is something that we need to talk about every day," she said. "God has something for me to do and my life here

isn't over." Roseborough said she hopes to be the female Earvin "Magi" Johnson and international attention to AIDS in black women. After she was hospitalized in 2004 with pneumonia, she said that she was born again.

"God left me here to speak publicly about (AIDS)." So she started working on her

autobiography, "Put It On Paper."

The last line of her book says, "This is not the end, this is the beginning of whatever He (The Creator) has in store."

Roseborough's life hasn't stopped. She continues to date and discloses her illness right away "I'm not dead," she said. "You keep it real,

that's what I do. I can't sugar coat this. You let them know and it's their choice."

Roseborough doesn't blame the person who infected her, saying that she can't point a finger without pointing back at herself.

"Like my mom says, it's all about choices and I think it would've helped if I had someone doing a program like what I'm doing now," she said.

Growing up, Roseborough said she lacked a relationship with her father and though she doesn't say that's what caused her to make bad choices, that void contributed to it.

As she writes in her book, "I made my share of mistakes and I learned from mine and others, I hope do the same."

For more information on the Rasberryrose Foundation, log on to www.rasberryrose.org.

Steps to curb college drinking added

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 them all. ... Yet the reality is that when a student becomes excessively intoxicated, all the instruction they may have had rapidly disappears."

While the lacrosse case made headlines, alcohol has been linked to a broad range of campus issues, from academic trouble and hazing to alcoholism and date rape.

In May, researchers at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine released a study that found that members or pledges of fraternities and sororities were twice as likely to get drunk at least once per week compared to non-Greek students. As a result, they were at higher risk of injuring themselves or others, according to the three-semester survey that involved more than 10,000 students at 10 in-state universities.

The study also reported that female pledges and sorority members who got drunk weekly were more than twice as likely to be sexually assaulted as non-Greek students who didn't get drunk weekly.

Universities have tried policies that include stepped-up enforcement of campus drinking rules, working with off-campus authorities to notify the university when students are cited and planning more alcohol-free social events on campus. But problems persist.

In a 2002 survey published two years later by the

Harvard School of Public Health, 81 percent of 747 school administrators at four-year colleges described students' alcohol use as a problem or a major problem on their campus. That was up from 68 percent in a similar 1999 study.

Steinbach noted that courts have moved away from the notion that colleges are de facto parents for students, with most recent decisions finding that schools are limited in their ability to regulate student behavior outside of school hours and off campus.

Still, Amy George, national communications manager with Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Irving, Texas, believes colleges must "have the strongest policies possible."

"They absolutely have the obligation to students and the community to provide the safest environment possible," George said. "That's the delicate balance. ... It's not trying to lessen a personal responsibility by students, but a lot of times they respond to an environment where it's encouraged or condoned on a campus."

This year, the University of Georgia—prompted by a party-school reputation and the alcohol and drug-related death of a student in January—is trying something new. Underage students who are caught drinking will have their parents notified and will be placed on probation for an initial violation. A second offense during

that time leads to a two-semester suspension from school.

In addition, Georgia is requiring freshmen to complete an online alcohol education course before they can register for spring classes.

"We realize it's not just the University of Georgia or any one campus," said Dr. Pat Daugherty, assistant vice president for student affairs in Athens, Ga. "We've got to have multi-pronged approaches because there's no magic bullet. ..."

We're not trying to kill people's fun. We want the students to be healthy, safe and legal."

At Duke, the lacrosse case also brought to light alcohol-related criminal charges

against several team players.

A university committee that investigated the incident noted that while the team performed well academically and athletically, "a large number of the members of the team have been socially irresponsible when under the influence of alcohol."

How to foster responsibility while allowing young adults their freedom remains a vexing problem—at Duke and elsewhere.

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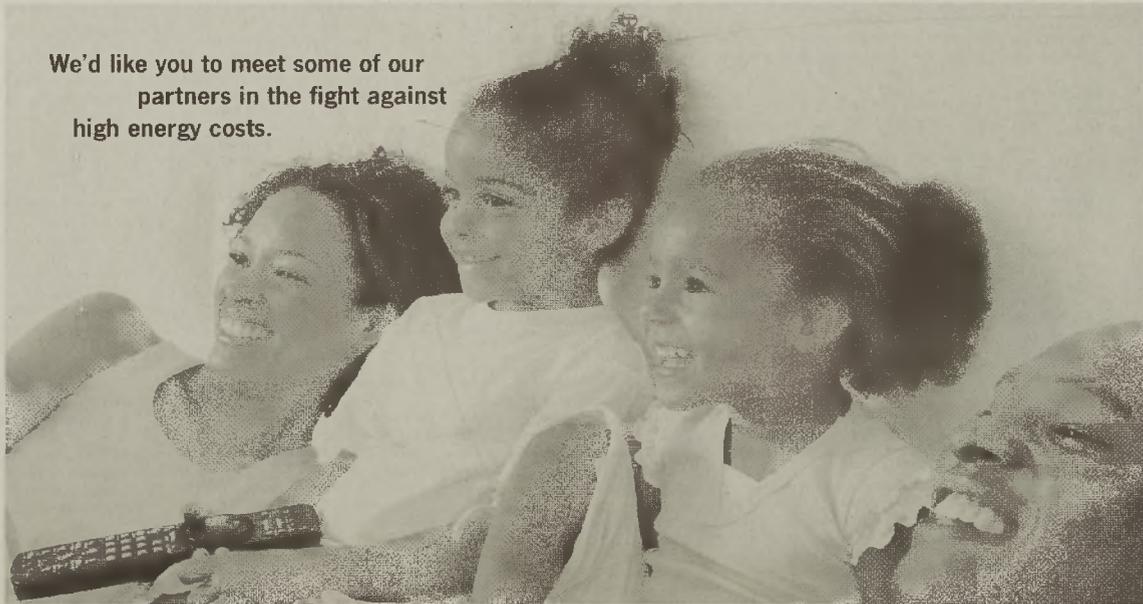
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