

AMA Investigation Shows Dr. Dre Not Doctor After All

A six month investigation concluded that Dr. Dre had no formal medical training or health care experience.

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The American Medical Association released on Tuesday the results of a lengthy investigation into rapper Andre "Dr. Dre" Young, proving that "Dr. Dre is not a doctor, after all.

"For the past twelve years, Andre Young has been falsely labeling himself

a doctor," said Lionel Coates, an AMA spokesman. "We wish to put an end to the deception once and for all."

The AMA report concludes that Dr. Dre has completed no coursework in medicine, and has earned no doctoral degree, thus invalidating his claim that he is a "doctor."

When reached for comment, Dr. Dre's publicist, Big Mabel called the report a white man's ploy to bring the successful rapper down.

"He got all the education he needs on the streets," Mabel said. "He tells it like it is, and that's why his fans know he's straight up."

Others in the medical community

disagree.

"He is in no position to offer medical advice to anyone," Dr. Patrick Sisqo, a professor at John's Hopkins Medical School asserted. "He simply has no training and I would advise anyone to take his words with a grain of salt."

But the AMA has found that Dr. Dre has continually promoted the use of marijuana, an illegal drug whose medical benefits are a heated debate in the health care field.

"I think it's very irresponsible for him to advocate marijuana use when he has no research to back it up," said Dr. Gwendolyn Moore, a medical researcher with UNC.

"Though he might have 'street smarts,' he does not have any formal medical training and I, for one, did not go to school for ten years to be upstaged by a rapper."

Others are concerned about his references to lewd sexual acts, claiming it promotes promiscuity.

"Kids think, 'Hey, he's a doctor. He knows what he's saying,' when in reality, he is nothing but a medical charlatan," said Art Matheson, president of People Opposed to Offensive Products.

"I'm happy that this report will put the speculation as to Dre's educational history to rest, and I urge all parents to burn any of his works."

But Dr. Dre is not the only self-proclaimed doctor that is being investigated by the AMA.

"We currently have ongoing investigations into the licensing status of Dr. Julius Irving, Dr. Pepper and Dr. Laura Schlessinger," Coates said.

"But I'm afraid I cannot comment on who is a fraud and who is not before the inquiries are completed."

The sudden interest in celebrities' medical accreditation is a direct result of an investigative report first aired on the CBS news magazine '60 Minutes.'

"We were honestly shocked and appalled by the results we uncovered," said '60 Minutes' babe Leslie Stahl. "We

were inundated with phone calls minutes after the showing. It's a real problem in the United States, but the real question is: why do celebrities feel the need to falsely claim a doctoral degree?"

Psychologist James Monroe might have an answer.

"Celebrities feel very vulnerable and are filled with self-hate," he said. "By claiming to be something productive to society, like a doctor, it helps them get up in the morning and face their pitiful existence."

"I think that instead of castigating these people, we should feel for them."

Amber DuFave cannot be reached.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Garret
 - 6 Small boy
 - 10 Ford or Mahre
 - 14 Dash to pieces
 - 15 Pileus
 - 16 Alleviate
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 - 21 Dandrige por-trayer
 - 19 Waste allowance
 - 20 Heart of a hur-ricane
 - 21 South African grassland
 - 22 Man-lion gods
 - 23 Talking test
 - 24 Nimble
 - 25 Devoid of sub-stance
 - 28 Man-powered vehicle
 - 31 Man-lion figure
 - 32 European eagle
 - 33 Wise guy
 - 34 Resembling: suff.
 - 35 Bitter irony
 - 38 Make free (of)
 - 39 Actor Richard
 - 41 Kanga's joey
 - 42 Mogadishu res-ident
 - 44 Artlessness
 - 46 Postponed

- DOWN**
- 1 Pain
 - 2 Ice follower?
 - 3 Narrative
 - 4 Landmass: abbr.
 - 5 Striped badges
 - 6 Foreign anti-gens identifiers
 - 7 Gridiron demar-cations
 - 8 Composer
 - 9 Weill
 - 9 Grand authority
 - 10 Culbertson
 - 10 Loud firecrack-ers
 - 11 Long-time voice of the Cubs
 - 12 Oh yeah, right
 - 13 Permits
 - 18 Flamboyant architectural style

22 Med. asst.

23 Yes, Yves

24 Like letters without bases

25 Churchill's ges-ture

26 Stoppage of breathing

27 "SNL" regular

28 Govt. med. grp.

29 Spry

30 Made over

32 Logical starter?

36 Caviar

37 Nappy fabric

40 Plain to see

43 Mothers

45 "Xanadu" grp.

46 Mended with yarn

48 Western lake

49 80-year-old

prefix

50 Caspian feeder

51 Survey

52 Actor Pitt

53 Egg on

54 Tints

56 Setup punch

57 Flightless bird

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AIDS

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While some visitors had expected the city to reflect its high AIDS rate, many were surprised at what they found, Garba said.

"Some people were disappointed because when you went to Durban, the city looked just like any other western city like Washington, D.C. or New York," he said. "That was the first shock we had, because we didn't expect that city to be so beautiful."

Garba said holding a worldwide conference in which scientists could exchange AIDS and HIV findings influences a continuing international dialogue concerning research.

Former South African president Nelson Mandela spoke during the closing ceremony, reaffirming why scientists

were there to fight not only for a vaccination for HIV and AIDS, but also for the continued search for a cure.

However, Garba said it was a South African Supreme Court judge who was infected with HIV who impressed him most.

"He gave a nice talk about the function of HIV and a real insight into what is really going on from the point of view of those who are really feeling it - the patients, themselves," Garba said.

One of the presentations given by Garba concerned those whose partners are infected with HIV, but who have themselves remained uninfected despite living normal, mostly unprotected lives with their partner.

"The focus is really to find out what is responsible for the resistance of these individuals to HIV," Garba said. "We found that in 20 percent of (those uninfected) that they contained a Cytotoxic

T-cell that accounts for the cellular immunity to HIV."

Garba said he was impressed with the conference and everything he encountered.

"We met a lot of people, he said. "The conference assembled the top scientists in the world working in the HIV field."

This year's conference was held under the theme "Break the Silence." Officials chose this theme to focus on the pressing need to break down prejudices and barriers throughout the world concerning AIDS.

The first conference, entitled the World AIDS Conference, was held in 1985 in Atlanta, Ga. It was at this conference where the first blood screening for HIV was introduced to the North American and European countries.

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COMPOST

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from Lenoir three times a week.

This will not be the University's first experience with composting. When UNC hosted a portion of last summer's Special Olympics, a pilot program was devised to carry out and compost waste generated by the event.

Closer to campus, Granville Towers has been composting its cafeteria's waste through Brooks Contractors since last fall, said Granville's Director of Dining Services, Cynthia Hart.

B.J. Tipton, recycling coordinator for the University, said the cost of the composting effort will be comparative to the cost of trash pick-up.

"(Trash) costs about \$73 a ton to remove while the compost will cost roughly \$75 per ton," Tipton said.

Applying money from streamlining

contracts and reductions in the trash contract will result in the University paying only a few extra dollars to compost its waste, Tipton said.

"What we are saving in trash pick-up we are transferring to compost," she said.

For their part, Craig said Brooks Contractors will be keeping price in mind in providing their service.

"We try to keep our cost lower than what landfills charge," Craig said.

Although Lenoir is currently the only dining hall at the University that will be receiving the composting service, officials said efforts to expand the composting operation campus wide will be made.

"It's safe to say we want to expand (this effort) to other food service areas," Tipton said.

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ROBERTSON

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said the budget for the system will be gleaned from the donation, but a rough estimate of the cost of its implementation was not yet available.

Still, the June donation and its announcement drew critics who called the scholarship selective and elitist, benefiting few.

"Well, we teach critical thinking at the University," Gless said in response.

Gless said he hoped the scholarship and its recipients will demonstrate a commitment to community service, diversity and cooperation.

"What we're aiming for is a scholarship that awards merit," he said. "That is not confined to elitist groups."

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MCCOY

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When he accepted his role, some viewed McCoy's job as a university caretaker, something he vowed not to be. He directed the University through the moment's major decisions, revised the budget and answered protests.

"He consults very widely, he thinks and sleeps on things before he makes

up his mind," said Pete Andrews, faculty chair through most of McCoy's term. "He listened to everybody, then took time to think everything through."

Though UNC experienced numerous changes during his term, including the retirement of Provost Dick Richardson, the proposed tuition increase and budget revisions, McCoy thinks the University is in good shape.

"Change is inevitable," he said. "We had some very good people leave us, but their positions were filled with good people."

McCoy wished Moeser well, and said his own role was busier than he had imagined.

"Chancellor-elect Moeser knows universities well, wishes to get different

viewpoints on an issue and is decisive when he has to be," McCoy said.

Prior to becoming interim chancellor, McCoy served as UNC-system vice president of finance for three years. He also worked for BellSouth Corp. for 35 years and served as a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and aboard several aircraft carriers.

Following his retirement, McCoy plans to vacation at his mountain home in Highlands. He will return to Chapel Hill and resume his involvement in Franklin Street Partners and other business interests sometime in the fall.

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