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What is smack? What do you have if you have a "Jonas"? Are barbiturates physically addicting? What is the single largest group of drug abusers?

Since the majority of the public would be able to answer only one on these four questions, the need for education about drugs is obvious. Drug education encompasses a large spectrum of information. It should include the proper use of drug as well as their abuse. I feel that our current system of drug education in the High Point City School is extremely fragmented. Some teachers feel it is very important and spend a generous amount of time on it; other teachers never mention it during the year; many teachers have much misinformation concerning drugs — and pass this inaccurate information on to their students; many teachers choose to use "scare" tactics as "horror stories" to try to frighten students away from drugs. This method has been ineffective as well as making drug abuse appear exciting to the bored student.

Considering these past mistakes, what can we do to improve our drug education system for our children? One major step would be to implement A Resource Guide to Drug Education designed by the High Point Drug Action Council. The guide starts at kindergarten and continues through twelfth grade. It would guarantee that every child in the same grade would be exposed to information geared to his level. In the lower grades, it is

concerned with making the distinction between using drugs for health purposes and non-health purposes. It also starts the concept of doing what you know is right even when individuals are attempting to influence you". In the higher grades (5th - 7th) the guide is concerned primarily with decision making — what criteria do you use when making a decision? How responsible for your own life are you? In these grades, there is also discussion regarding the physical nature of drugs and how it can effect your body and mind. By the high school year the majority of individuals have already made their decision regarding drugs. However, in these grades, there is an in depth study of drug effects, and the legal implications of drug abuse. The area of drug rehabilitation is also discussed. The methods which are used to convey all this information are varied; they include films, books, plays, skits for students, pamphlets, displays of fake samples of the drugs, and talks from local drug experts — including former drug abusers.

All of this effort on the part of the school should be coupled with informed parents who are not afraid to discuss drugs with their children. Parents should never make the mistake to avoid this controversial issue because your child never brings it up. Many youths are content to believe what their friends tell them about the pleasurable affects of drug use, rather than authority school personnel. By

discussing this issue frankly and honestly with your child, you may prevent a future tragedy.

Answer to questions:

1. Smack - street slang term for heroin
2. "Jonas" - an addict's slang turn for his physical habit to drugs
3. Barbiturates are physically addicting
4. Middleage housewife largest single group

A. True or False: (circle correct answer)

1. True or False: Any drug may be harmful.
2. True or False: One individual will react the same way to the same drug regardless of how many times he takes it.
3. True or False: Everyone's body reacts the same way to the same drug.
4. True or False: It appears that heroin does not damage the body physically.
5. True or False: You can become physically addicted to hallucinogenic drugs such as marijuana and LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide).
6. True or False: Drug dependence and drug abuse are the same thing.
7. True or False: Anyone who uses marijuana is likely to progress to the use of "harder" drugs.
8. True or False: Drug dependent persons can be helped.
9. True or False: Recognizing drug abuse maybe difficult even if the user is observed under the influence of a drug.
10. True or False: There are certain symptoms to warn people that they are becoming dependent on drugs.

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A family reunion of the Wilson & Catherine Blair Gill and James & Maggie Wilson Walker families was held Sunday August 5th at High Point Municipal Park. Greetings were offered by committee chairman, Mrs. Floyd Siler.

The reunion reunited the families with many relatives and friends. Families present came from a number of the states; Namely, New Jersey, Ohio, Maryland, Washington, D. C., Virginia, North and South Carolina, and the farthest distance being Missouri. The affair was very well attended. There were approximately two hundred persons present.

The families were quite honored to have in attendance some of their former grade and high school teachers, among them were Councilman and Mrs. S. E. Burford.

The evening was spent with family members and friends reminiscing, establishing identity, and even



introducing one to another. The high light of the evening of course was a buffet dinner prepared elegantly southern style by family members and friends. The table setting

was simply "food". Among some of the dishes served were macaroni & cheese topped with country ham, field peas & okra. And of course a variety of pies and cakes

made from favorite recipes to be sure. The affair was a delight to all in attendance.

Mr. Ezella A. Blair, co-chairman of the com-

mittee expressed appreciation to all who had come and shared in this glorious event, which is scheduled to be an annual affair.

Day Care Director

Mrs. Irma T. Mason has been named director of First Emmanuel Baptist Church Day Care and Kindergarten School.

Prior to First Emmanuel, Mrs. Mason served as teacher and later principal of Christ The King Catholic School, and as art coordinator for Model City's Cultral Art Program.

Mrs. Mason is an alumni of North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C. where she

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Liberty Street Cooperation Asked

By Lea Fay Mack

In writing this article I wish to make an earnest appeal to the parents of the youth, as well as those youth, who frequent the North Liberty Street area in Winston-Salem.

For the past several weeks there have been many altercations between police and youth who frequent the night spots which are located on North Liberty Street. The situation itself has been blown out of

proportion, and out of it arises one certainty — the Black youth in Winston-Salem appear to be used in a master plot to put several Black business establishments out of operation.

The first clash arose when police were summoned to the area to investigate a vandalism complaint. However, when the police arrived on the scene, they were greeted by the throwing of rocks and bottles. Subsequently times during which police have come back into the area for various reasons, similar clashes have arisen. When, in the end, all of the accusations had been made, the eminent statement was that several complaints had been made to the effect that there were too many young people hanging out on the Liberty Street Block. In all accounts of the matter, no one seems to care to acknowledge that any complaints have been made by them.

Whatever the case, the matter has become a very serious one and two groups stand to lose — the Black businessman and the Black youth.

For over two years now, the Black youth in Winston-Salem have frequented the North Liberty Street strip. There have been no problems. Sure, traffic has increased and there's more congestion. There are several clubs located in the block, but standing outside of the club, especially during the warmer months, has become a life-style. It is here that local and even well known drug pushers

thrive, and at the same time it's the place where everyone hangs out to see friends whom they have not seen during past weeks or months.

In this, three things should stand out. First, no arrest have been made in the area of drug pushers who are well known by the law enforcement officers. Second, well supervised and organized recreational activities must some how meet the needs of changing youth. Third, entertainment for Blacks as sponsored by Black Business is so scant and like everything else is political.

Seeing the need for the surrounding community to do something to improve the Liberty Street situation, youth and businessmen formed a task force to which they delegated the responsibility of maintaining Liberty Street without the aid of the Police Department. Many meetings were held to develop solutions and only one member of the Board of Alderman made an attempt to give input.

Following a whole affair began to unfurl as if Watergate itself had found its way into Winston-Salem. There was a leak of F.B.I. investigations, security of employment was found not to be so secure, tempers flared, and tension rose.

This space of paper will not allow for many more details, but many facts have been pointed up to let the community know that someone is out to close down Black businesses, and that Black

youth will be used as the scapegoat. Politics is as competitive and its principle is very much like athletics. You are either in or you're out. You either win or you lose. There may be a tie, but there is always a rematch.

Young Black people, it is a very hard realization, but we must realize as Black people that the laws were made for us. They're not made for our advancement, but rather to keep us toying in line. In the case of Liberty Street, do not allow yourselves to be duped. There are City ordinances against loitering and littering. The N. C. Omnibus Riot Act allows a local municipality to define riot and to take whatever measures it feels are necessary.

The members of the Task Force have taken many pains — from meetings to cleaning up the litter on Liberty Street — in order that only a minimal amount of Police Surveillance is available in the North Liberty Street Area. Please cooperate as you try to enjoy yourselves in what limited leisure establishments that we have in the Black community. For your protection and to

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Guys and Dolls Annual Initiation

Theta Chapter of Guys and Dolls, Inc. of High Point, North Carolina held its annual initiation ceremony in the elegant setting of the Top of The Mart.

Following an impressive induction ceremony, new inductees were toasted and a gourmet dinner was served.

New members are: Lula Berry, Gladys Burley, Lillian Byrth, and Jacqueline Torrence.

Guys and Dolls is a family organization with its primary objective to plan and implement meaningful family activities on the local and national level in areas of scholastic achievement, cultural and social awareness as well as travel.



Left to right: Dolls Lula Berry, Gladys Burley, Jacqueline Torrence, Irma Mason, President of Theta Chapter, and Lillian Byrth.

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