

Central Students To Set Example Against Drug Use

Central School students will lead a "drug awareness" campaign and "Set An Example" in the fight against drugs, according to John Pettus, advisor for the program.

Students will begin working on posters this week to originate, plan and run a drug awareness campaign to influence their peers in a positive way and compete for a \$500 cash prize. The national "Set A Good Example" contest has the backing of President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan and is co-sponsored by the Concerned Businessmen's Association of America and The Way To Happiness Foundation, a pair of non profit charitable and educational groups headquartered in Los Angeles, Calif.

Pettus, who said the Central School Student Council, is launching the campaign in Kings Mountain, received messages from several television celebrities this week in support of the program to set drugs off school grounds.

Joey Lawrence, child star

of "Gimme A Break", and national spokesperson for the Set A Good Example contest leads an all star cast of more than twenty TV celebrities backing up this schools student council and student body in the national competition to "get drugs off our school grounds."

The cast includes Kim Fields who plays Tootie Ramsey on "Facts of Life", Tony Tanza who plays Tony Miceli on "Who's The Boss", Ted McGinley who place Ace (Ashley the photographer) on "Love Boat", Ilene Graff of "Mr. Belevedere," and others.

About drugs, nine-year old Joey says, "Drugs are a heavy thing. They ruin your being what you are living for and what God gave you a talent for. You can work your whole life toward your goal - put your whole life's effort into achieving it - and then take some pills and just trash it all. That's all there is to it. Drugs destroy."

Kim Fields says this, "I think it's up to our school athletic programs to help Set The Example in the fight against drugs. To me, the biggest tragedy of all is seeing more and more young athletes fall victim to drugs. How many have to die - like Len Byas or Don Rogers - before someone does something? Athletes have the power to be tremendous role models and if they say "No More!" then maybe young people will listen and learn before it is too late. I truly believe that the spirit of love created by being part of a

team, just like the love of a family or church congregation, bonds people together and gives them strength to say "NO" to drugs."

Tony Danza says this to us. "Look pal, here are the facts about cocaine. It's a myth that cocaine is not addictive. Ask the athletes whose careers have ended early because of it. And, it's a shame you can't ask the ones who have died from it. It's fine to be cool, just don't be a fool at the same time."

And Ted McGinley sent a very brief message. "The best way to stop drugs is never to start!"

The contest ends April 1st, 1987. Student councils of more than 450 schools representing 50 states have entered the competition. Every school entering will be recognized for student body participation.

Each school receives a supply of drug abuse prevention and educational materials and copies of a booklet containing 21 common sense guidelines for achieving personal goals, happiness and success in life. These materials are being donated by the national association of Pharmacists Against Drug Abuse and private sector business people.

The booklet entitled, "The Way To Happiness", is fast becoming a very popular item with teens and is one of the most popular books in America among students. Young people have helped distribute the over 11 million copies now in circulation. As one teenager says, "I really like this book because it isn't preachy and makes a lot of sense."

Fire Department To Sponsor Haunted Trail

A haunted trail to the "dead zone" is expected to attract the attention of Halloween-goers next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29-31 at Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Your favorite "ghosts" will come to life if you dare spend the evening taking an old fashioned hayride from the fire department down to a constructed graveyard. Guests will experience the excitement of all those creepy, crawley bump-in-the-night adventures one would find in a shadowed graveyard as the moon rises.

Refreshments will also be available, including hotdogs, at the fire department.

The fun begins at 7 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. on next Wednesday and Thursday. The fun begins at 7 p.m. on Halloween night, Oct. 31 and will continue until midnight or later, depending upon the crowd. Admission is \$1 for children 4-12 and \$2 for adults.

All proceeds from the Halloween event will be used to purchase much needed equipment for the volunteer firefighters.

The ride to the "dead zone" begins at the Fire Department on Chestnut Ridge Road, off Highway 216, on Cherryville Road.

Halloween Party Set October 31

A Halloween party is planned by the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department on October 31 at the Neighborhood Facility Center Gym from 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Parents are asked to come out with their children and take part in the fun. Lots of games such as apple bobbing, putt putt and Haunted House and many others are planned.

Door prizes will be given away. For more information contact the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department at 739-9631.



Our word "aroma" was the ancient Greek word for "spices."



Dance Set Saturday At American Legion

The Legend will perform Legion Post 155. Admission will be \$10 per couple. A cash prize will be given for the best costume.

WANTED

Will the owner of a white pickup truck that witnessed an accident at the corner of King Street and Watterson Street at 4 o'clock Monday, October 20, please call B.F. Maner Agency Inc. at 739-6411.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

The Isothermal Planning and Development Commission PHA will be taking applications for Section 8/Voucher Housing Assistance in its office in Shelby from income-eligible families (if single with no children must be 62 or older, or disabled by SSI standards) between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. to two o'clock p.m. each working day (Monday through Friday) from Monday, October 27, 1986 through Friday, November 7, 1986. We will continue to take applications the last Thursday of the month between the hours of nine o'clock and two o'clock until further notice.

Our office is located at 127 West Graham St., Shelby, North Carolina.

Each applicant will need to bring a valid birth certificate for each person or household member that is 18 years old and older sharing the same household.

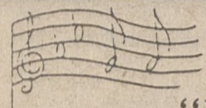
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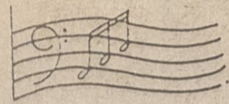
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