

Marvin

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controlling this disease is to change the behavior which spreads it. That can be done by convincing people who are at risk to be tested, counseling them to change their behavior, and contacting people who may have been exposed.

I am not suggesting that people with this infection be granted some special status in society. The point I am trying to make is that until we prohibit the discrimination that scares people away from testing and counseling, we have little chance to stop AIDS from continuing to spread and endangering more and more people. That conclusion comes from every public health agency, the medical community and many objective bodies that have studied AIDS carefully, such as the Legislative Research Commission, our state's

AIDS Task Force, the President's Commission on AIDS, and the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine.

The state estimates that there are up to 22,000 infected people in the state right now, and it could be as high as 60,000 by 1992. As of January 1989, only 1,486 people had tested positive in county health departments. An unknown number have also been tested by private physicians, but that figure is thought to be even lower. So most of the people infected with the AIDS virus have not been tested, do not know they are infected, and may be infecting people who are infecting still others. The number of people who are infected but do not know it will continue to grow unless we make it possible for them to be tested. Until these people are tested, and get counseling, we will not stop the spread of AIDS.

Unless we protect them from discrimination, they will be afraid to be tested, counseling will not occur, and the partner notification system will not work. The infection will spread even more rapidly, more people will die and the public and private cost will be staggering.

Teachers

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have the ability to contact "every legislator in Raleigh" through the NCAE.

"The most important thing that has happened was the (teacher) march on February 14," he said. "It sent a clear message to the legislators and taxpayers of North Carolina that the most important priority of this legislative session is to unfreeze the freeze on teachers' salaries that has been going on for six years now."

Husted praised teachers for being "patient" over the past six years while the General Assembly initiated the Basic Education Plan and other state needs, "but we're tired of waiting. This year the salary matter must come first."

Husted said Governor Martin, State School Superintendent Bob Etheridge, the State School Board, and other groups plan to present proposals to the General Assembly dealing with "thawing" the freeze and raising salaries. But, he said, the NCAE proposal best meets the needs of educators and Senator Marvin has agreed to sponsor it in the Senate.

"I've been a teacher and have always been in the forefront of education," Mrs. Marvin told the crowd. "We want a salary schedule which is equitable and that will entice good people to come into the profession and pay them enough to keep them there."

Husted said a recent poll conducted by N.C. State University revealed that 69 percent of the North Carolina taxpayers are in favor of higher taxes to support education, and 84 percent are willing for those higher taxes to go to raise teacher salaries by at least 10 percent.

"Our most important job is to remember there is a lot of work to be done," Husted said. "There is a lot of continuing contact and friendly education of our legislators that must be done. It's important for us to keep our hot breath on the neck of our legislators."

Dean Westmoreland, a retired Kings Mountain teacher and former State NCAE President, was the keynote speaker and he kept the crowd in applause as he criticized Governor Martin and called for taxes on alcoholic beverages and tobacco, and beginning a state lottery with proceeds going to education.

"The Surgeon General has declared these products dangerous and we ought to tax dangerous products," he said. "If you're going to smoke and drink, you might as well smoke and drink for education. And we ought to accelerate our efforts for a state lottery earmarked for education. While you're drinking and smoking, you may as well bet on it."

Westmoreland said he retired after "30 years of low pay, but my heart, body, soul and spirit remain in teaching. There was a lot of good teaching left in me but not enough to take the hassle. I'm too old to get on anybody's ladder, career or otherwise."

He said the crisis facing teachers today has been a "situation that has been long-building, from increased demands, pressures and responsibilities made worse by too little action too late, uncaring leaders and broken promises. We are repeatedly criticized in some report, study, proposal, or unworkable program and, on top of it all, career ladder.

"I've been studying this problem for 30 years and not a dime was appropriated for this study," he went on. "I never charged a single consultant's fee but I'm announcing the results tonight, and it's one sentence and it's bottom line: If education is to be improved in North Carolina, we must have a fair and equitable, well-thought out salary schedule that pays enough money to make good people want to enter this profession and stay in it."

Westmoreland charged that the state's leaders want "Tiffany teachers at K-Mart prices."

"I can't understand why, when industry goes on a personnel hunt, they say 'go get the best at whatever the cost.' But when the state goes on a teacher hunt, they say 'go get the very best, but get 'em cheap.'"

Westmoreland urged teachers to study political candidates that are endorsed by teacher organizations, and work for them, and to form coalitions aimed at electing candidates who support education.

"Together, we can elect anyone we want to," he said.

Kings Mountain Superintendent, Dr. Bob McRae, welcomed the guests and also called for higher teacher salaries. He said North Carolina teachers are "as good as you could possibly find anywhere" and that he is convinced that area legislators will support education. "They have a lot to do, but they have supported education in the past and I'm sure they'll continue to do so by giving our teachers the salaries they deserve."

McRae said one of his biggest concerns at present is that first-year teachers are paid the same salaries as teachers with four years experience. "I don't mean to put young teachers down," he said, "but for a long time the ones being discriminated against are the ones that have been in the business 10 years or more."

McRae urged the educators to "stay together" and stand behind the area legislators who are working for better teacher pay.

State Senator Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain got a thunderous applause when he said, "you can forget the career ladder altogether," and he added that area legislators will work hard for teacher pay. "I think you can look forward to a change in the pay schedule and a lifting of the freeze. To me, that's number one."

Harris also said it was not fair for first-year teachers to be paid as much as those with four years experience. "That doesn't suit me," he said. "We've got to leave Raleigh with a balanced budget, and we will. I don't know what the Education Appropriations Committee will bring up, but we'll certainly do the very best we can."

John Weatherly of Cleveland County, a freshman Republican in the House, said the teachers' recent march on Raleigh was badly needed. "We heard you loud and clear and we're all interested in education," he said. "My wife was a teacher for many years and I've always been sensitive to teachers' needs."

Weatherly encouraged the educators to continue to communicate with Raleigh. "Let us hear the message, and I'm sure we'll react to it," he said.

Senator Marvin criticized members of the General Assembly who are pushing for taxes to fund over \$8 billion worth of highway improvements over the next decade, and said "there's no way I'm going to let taxes be raised for roads without raising taxes for education. Without a growing education system there's not going to be enough people qualified to work at those high paying jobs that roads are going to bring into the state."



BRITT TALBERT

Britt Notes 5th Birthday

Britt Talbert celebrated her fifth birthday Saturday with a party at Pizza Hut. Family and friends enjoyed pizza and birthday cake.

Britt is the daughter of Billy and Denise Talbert of Kings Mountain. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Talbert of Kings Mountain, Earl Stroupe Jr. of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Sue Parton of Bessemer City. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ruby Stroupe and Mrs. Lizzie Talbert of Kings Mountain.

Softball League To Have Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for Kings Mountain Industrial League softball Tues., March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center. Anyone interested is invited.

For more information, contact Preston Leonard at the Community Center, 734-0449.

YARD SALE

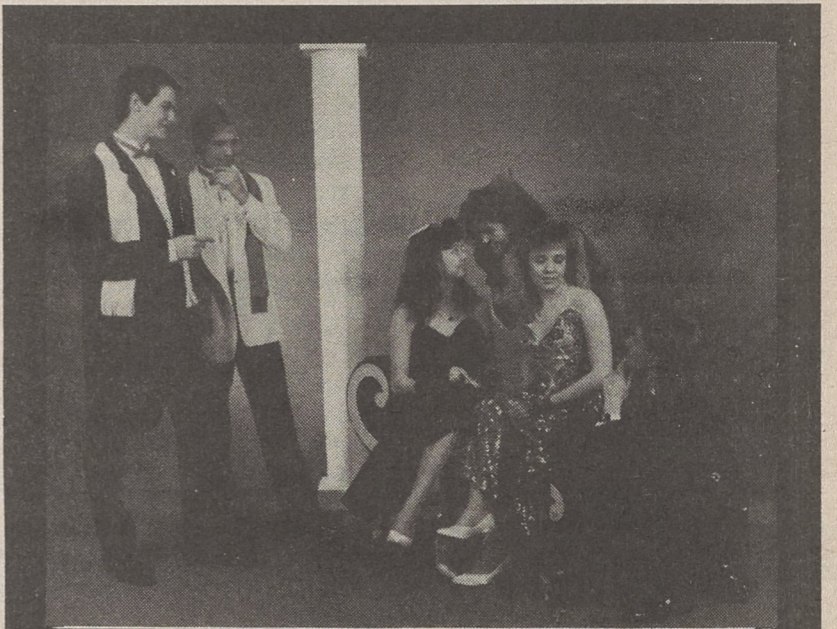
The Kings Mountain Optimist Club will have a yard and bake sale Saturday at the American Legion to raise funds for its youth athletic programs. Items will be sold from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. and a lot of new items, donated by area merchants, will be sold at low prices. The club is still accepting donations of merchandise. Anyone with items may call Mark Blanton at 739-8317.

WEATHERLY INTRODUCES HEADLIGHT BILL

Rep. John Weatherly of Cleveland County has introduced a bill in the General Assembly to educate and persuade motorists to have their car headlights on when visibility is reduced to the degree that generally requires windshield wipers to be in operation.

A similar bill was introduced in

the General Assembly the past three sessions but failed in passage. Weatherly said his effort was to come up with a bill that will overcome objections of vagueness and lack of enforceability. Weatherly said the N.C. Highway Patrol is very much in favor of such a measure as they declare it will improve highway safety.



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