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Drug Use, Abuse

"The White Girl" Brings Strong Message

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In Willowdale, the line extended almost to the back of the theater.

In Cary, at the Imperial Cinema, the crowd was small but the anticipation was there.

Television stations and supporters came out to see history in the making. They came to see "The White Girl," Tony Brown's first full-length feature film aimed at curbing drug use.

And the audience enjoyed it. "It's quality," said Ben and

Yvonne Tobin, two Raleigh residents who attended the movie Friday to make sure it was suitable for their children to watch.

"It all comes back to the family," he said. As far as the film being a useful tool in turning people away from drugs, Tobin agreed there has to be more.

"It's a step," he said of the movie. "It's no major turnaround, but it is a step."

The film, which runs just over an hour and a half, is the story of Kim (Troy Beyer), a light-skinned, middle-

class girl with middle-class values who gets caught in the battle of trying to decide whether to identify with blacks and the black struggle or use the advantage of her fair skin to escape the black plight and assimilate the white culture.

In the midst of her dilemma comes confusion and a lack of self-esteem and self-image. Those characteristics make her vulnerable to escape both worlds and turn to drugs.

"The White Girl," the street name for cocaine, introduces Kim to the drug culture and to people who, like

her, are caught in the mental delusion of trying to be something they are not.

Through a friend she meets early in her college career, Kim is able to reject the idea of drugs. Her friend, played by Taimak, introduces her to people who have said no to drugs and have successfully been able to stay away from them.

It is also Taimak's strong sense of cultural identity and knowledge of self that ultimately allows Kim to reject drugs as something foreign to her body.

Moviegoers after the show said children and adults should see the film, if only to listen to the compelling and frightening message from King Heroin, a character in the film who symbolizes the evil and destruction of drugs.

The movie should get people talking, said Yvonne Tobin. She and her husband have five children, ranging in age from 4 to 15.

The Tobins are trying to instill a sense of history into their children so that they, too, can be able to determine the difference between

drugs and coping with what sometimes is a harsh reality of life.

The movie is also Tony Brown's project to see if a major motion picture can be made without the support of Hollywood and the huge studios.

"With our Buy Freedom plan for releasing this movie, some of the money spent at the box office will find its way back into our community's pockets," said Brown, host of "Tony Brown's Journal" on PBS, as he announced the release of the movie in theaters nationwide.

This opening is "unprecedented" because this independent movie is self-financed and is now being self-distributed by Tony Brown Productions, Inc., a black-owned company that hired 600 blacks to make the film. The production crew was 80 percent black as compared to the typical one to three percent the average Hollywood crew employs.

In Raleigh/Durham the local (See THE WHITE GIRL, P. 2)

Forbes Tried Good Things Deacon Says

BY MADELINE KEITH
An Analysis

Recently there has been much unfavorable publicity about the terminated pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church, Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr. This article is intended not to defend but to portray the David Forbes that a large portion of the members and this writer know. In order to do that it is necessary to go back further than the aforementioned articles could be expected to go.

Dr. Forbes had a poor chance at Martin Street Baptist Church from the beginning. There were those who would have one believe that he has brought a division in the membership of the church. That is far from the truth. The church was divided before he came. In fact, he carried the election by a narrow margin.

Some of those who voted for him expected special favors, the privilege of telling him how he should function; what he should say from the pulpit and how; how long the service should be; when he should go and when he should come. It appeared that what they wanted was a puppet instead of a pastor. For others he was the means for further development of their spiritual growth.

Apparently a man sent from God, he chose a godly approach and operated out of love, concern, dignity, respect and courage. He refused to separate the flock into big "I's" and little "you's." He operated on the principle that everyone has a contribution to make. He respected longevity but it was not a priority. He sought out the elderly and let them know that they were needed and loved;

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DNA Fingerprinting

Black Charged With White Rape

Man Held On Weak Evidence

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

Wake Superior Court this week will consider whether DNA fingerprinting should be used to identify suspects in criminal cases.

The testing has been derided as unreliable. It may be used to link a black man with the rape of a white woman. If the test is successful, it could have far-reaching implications, said sources close to the case.

But the fate of Howard Lee Boone hangs in the balance.

On Oct. 15, 1987, a woman told Raleigh Police she had been raped while walking along the nature trail at Lake Johnson in Raleigh, court documents said.

Boone, a middle-aged black man, has been in the Wake County Jail for about two years, said sources who are working to get him out. Two years he sat in jail for a crime his attorney says he didn't commit.

The woman told police she was jogging at about dusk that night when she was attacked.

Boone, at the time, was roaming the streets. He had a prior criminal record, police said, and they were watching him.

After a brief period following the rape, an officer in training called the Raleigh Police Department to say that he had seen a woman jogging in the park that night and had seen a strange car in the area, a car the officer said looked suspicious, although he didn't say how. He also said he did not see the rape.

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RAPE DEFENDANT—Howard Lee Boone, left sits next to his lawyer, Karl E. Knudsen in Super Court as his rape trial began last week. The North Carolina Superior Court has agreed to have a case involving DNA fingerprinting. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

UAI Plans Largest Business And Cultural Program In U. S. History

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—United Africans International, a cultural membership organization exclusively for the African race, has just revealed a five-year plan to dramatically impact African-American culture and substantially boost African-American owned businesses nationwide. UAI, which does not accept donations, only private financing, is slated to

premier in the summer of 1990 and estimates that 150,000 men and women enrolled in the special entrepreneurial membership plan will start new local, national and international business ventures each year.

This ambitious plan has as one of its main features the publication of a full-color monthly magazine. Outlined in it will be the exciting day-

to-day life and business world of each of the 48 bustling black African countries. Revealed will be these African nations' many cities with modern skyscrapers filled with Africans doing billions of dollars in business with each other as well as supplying every country in the world with what they need to survive. This magazine will offer opportunities to find out about African manufactured products, food, entertainment and fashions. Many African-Americans will choose to become involved in thriving African businesses around the world.

Included in this five-year plan will be the development of commercial and financial centers in the heart of African-American communities, special national retail store chains, a special technology-based education system, and the introduction of a multi-channel national satellite network which will supply members with satellite dishes, all-new specially produced shows, and unheard-of, low-cost advertising rates for business members' products and services.

United Africans International will

(See EXPANSION, P. 2)

World pressure and its imposition of economic sanctions work and must not be abandoned until apartheid dies its natural death under global and internal pressures.

establishment of a free, non-racial democratic society in South Africa. No members of ANC are crossing the Limpopo River into South Africa; no members of any anti-apartheid group are leaving Lagos, London, Lusaka or Washington, D.C. for Jan Smuts International Airport, Johannesburg, and exiles aren't "packing" for going home from any part of the world where they are in political asylum. And, most important, Mandela will not budge and move from custody to even de Klerk's promised "unconditional release." The ANC will refuse to be "unbanned" into a land still deeply steeped in the clutches of apartheid and Bantustan concentration camps. Mandela and ANC want to be freed into a free, non-racial and democratic nation where

(See INSIDE AFRICA, P. 2)

A Need For Awareness

Nuclear Waste: A Critical Problem

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

A Wake County site has been chosen as one of the finalists in a search for a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility for the state.

And City Councilman Frank L. Turner said the possibility of putting the site in the county should stir the interest of the public.

"We need to get reaction from the public in terms of how they feel about

this," he said. Although the location and purpose of the facility may be difficult for some to understand, Turner said the bottom line is important for everyone.

"This is a health issue," he said.

Based on its "precharacterization assessment" of areas suited to host the facility, Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc., a private firm contracted by the state to build, operate, and finally

close the site, recommended two sites for detailed "characterization study" during a meeting of the N.C. Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority. The two site areas are located in Richmond and Wake/Chatham counties.

"We expect the site areas in these counties to meet the requirements of the state of North Carolina for siting and licensing a low-level radioactive

waste facility," said David G. Ebenhack, Chem-Nuclear vice president and general manager for North Carolina.

Final reports are available at public libraries in counties with favorable site areas.

These reports are being made available to inform the public of the basis for Chem-Nuclear's recommendations. The authority encourages citizens to review these materials before attending the public meeting in their area.

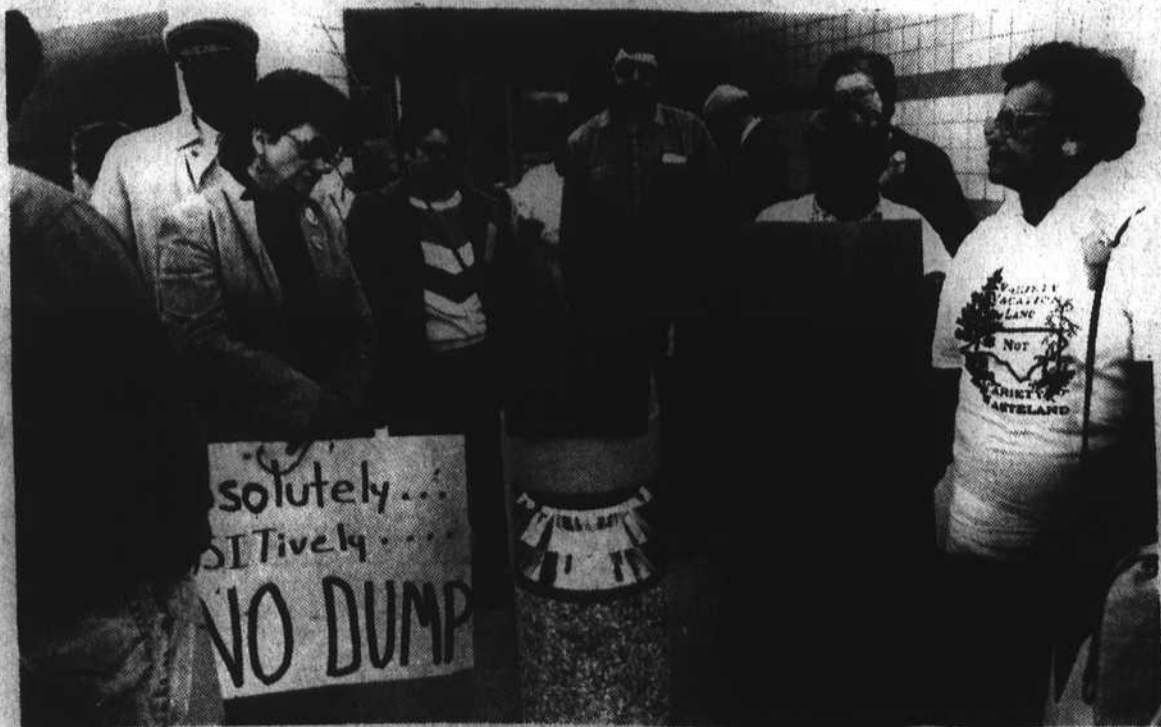
For further information, contact your local library or call the North Carolina Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority at 1-800-248-6421 or 733-0682.

Chem-Nuclear did not recommend site areas in Rowan and Union counties for further consideration.

"In Rowan County, precharacterization studies indicated that shallow ground water over much of the favorable site area would prevent it from being licensable," Ebenhack said. "In Union County, shallow ground water over much of the site area and the potential for a WS-1 watershed designation in the northern portion of the site area eliminated it from further consideration."

The authority will make the final decision on site areas to be characterized after it has reviewed Chem-Nuclear's reports, received advice from the authority's technical consultant and obtained public input. The decision will be announced at an authority meeting to be held in early March.

Following the authority's selection (See NUCLEAR WASTE, P. 2)



OPPOSING NUCLEAR WASTE—Opponents of the low level nuclear waste dump gathered around a television outside the studios of UNC's public television while hearings were going on inside to discuss which sites would

be selected in North Carolina. A site near the Wake-Chatham line was one of two selected for the radioactive waste burial ground, the other site being in Richmond County. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)



AND HE'S OFF—Abe Jones, right talking with a supporter in a spirited reception, recently given in his honor announced his candidacy for the Wake County Commissioners' District 6 seat. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)