AIDS to Increase Among Blacks

Kimberly Carrington
Special to the Register

Black people have been hit hard by Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and by the year 1991 67,000 blacks could have the disease. The only way to stop this from happening is to change sexual behavior and drug use habits, according to Jackie Greenlee, health educator at the Sebastian Health Center.

Statistics show that 25 percent of all persons with AIDS in the United States are black. Fifty percent of all women with AIDS in the United States are black. Sixty percent of all children with AIDS in the United States are black.

“AIDS does not discriminate,” Greenlee said. “The startling fact is blacks are three times more likely to get AIDS than are whites.”

AIDS on college campuses is becoming a growing concern because many college students are sexually active.

“During sexual intercourse students need to protect themselves from three body fluids: blood, semen and fluids from the vagina,” said Greenlee.

“People exchange or give these fluids to each other during sex.”

The use of condoms have proven to be the most successful way of avoiding AIDS. The most effective kind of condom is the latex nonoxynol-9 which is coated with a chemical that helps kill sexually transmitted disease.

“I suggest that young men on this campus carry a condom with them at all times,” says Greenlee.

AIDS is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus or (HIV). This virus is transmitted only by direct and intimate contact with infected body fluids, primarily blood, semen and vaginal secretions.

“Students have got to understand that AIDS cannot be transmitted by casual contact,” Greenlee said.

AIDS cannot be spread by handshakes, hugging, kissing, sneezing, coughing or spitting, according to Greenlee.

“You can’t contract the virus by sitting on toilet seats, bathtubs or sinks used by a person with AIDS,” she said.

AIDS can be transmitted through transfusions of infected blood or blood products.

“This is extremely rare because all blood donations are screened,” said Greenlee.

Blood banks and other blood collection centers use sterile equipment and never re-use needles, Greene stressed.

By sharing needles drug users may beinfected with small amounts of blood left on needles by someone with the virus, according to Greenlee.

The people who have a greater chance of contracting the disease are those who have shared needles, have sex partners who are at high risk and do not use a condom.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans are promising a vigorous and lengthy Senate debate over John Tower's nomination as defense secretary, even as his chances of confirmation fade under the mounting weight of Democratic opposition. Tower's GOP allies made their fighting intentions clear late Wednesday while the man at the center of the storm said he has no intention of giving up. "Never surrender or retreat," the former Texas senator said, quoting the commander of the Texas forces at the Alamo.

VENEZUELA RIOTS

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - More than 20,000 soldiers and police officers patrolled the capital Thursday to maintain order after three days of rioting over price increases. A newspaper said at least 200 people have been killed.

Sporadic gunfire died down at daybreak in the capital, and officials urged workers to return to their jobs. The government blamed the country's worst unrest in 31 years of democratic rule on "miniscule" groups of leftists.

ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli paratroopers patrolling southern Lebanon shot and killed four Palestinian guerrillas Thursday who were en route to attack targets in Israel, the army and Israeli radio said. A fifth guerrilla escaped, and troops were searching the area, said a military source.

PLANE EMERGENCY

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ROTC Plans Spring Events

Cynthia E. Roberts
Business Manager

Rock, a two-day seminar designed to inform black Army students of the unique problems they will face in the military and how to deal with them successfully is just one of many events the Army and Air Force ROTC have planned for the remainder of the spring semester.

A few other events include the Blue and Gold Drill meet, the military ball, Adopt a Highway, field training exercises and an Awards Banquet.

According to Army captain Elbert Hutchinson the annual Rock visit is scheduled for April 14-15 and is named after Brig. Gen. Roscoe C. Cartwright. It will feature black commissioned officers Major Gen. Charles D. Bussey, a graduate from A&T and member of the university's Board of Trustees.

"In order to be successful an officer must set and maintain high standards," says Hutchinson.

The army meets a minimum of twice a month for field training exercises FTXs. During the FTXs, the students conduct war games which give them hands-on experience and help them to encounter circumstances they would face if they were to engage in war.

"It gives them a clear picture of who has weaknesses and where they are," says Hutchinson.

The 7th annual Blue and Gold Drill Meet for Jr. ROTC sponsored by the Air Force is scheduled for March 18.

"It is the largest indoor drill meet in the state of North Carolina," said Air Force Capt. Anthony L. Hardin, commandant of the cadets.

The drill meet may also be the largest in the Southeast, according to Hardin. The drill meet will accommodate 33 high school drill teams.

The Air Force awards banquet will be held April 14. One hundred twenty-seven awards are expected to be given.

The Arnold Air Society (AAS), an organization within the Air Force known for their community services, plans to "Adopt a Highway" in March.

AAS will be responsible for cleaning the area of a local highway. Hardin said he is satisfied with the different events that the Air Force has planned.

"Our cadets work extremely hard for the university and civilian communities," he said.

All of the events are designed to teach leadership motivation, and discipline, according to Hardin.

On April 8 both the Army and Air Force will join together for the annual Military Ball, held at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons Hotel.

Former professor of Aerospace studies at A&T Lt. Col. Johnny W. Williams will be the guest speaker.

Both Army and Air Force ROTC work together in community efforts for food drives and blood drives during the

Media Conference
Scheduled for April

Regina Rowells
Special to the Register

The Annual Media Conference will be held April 14-15 on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University.

The conference is sponsored by the Speech Communication and Theatre Arts Department.

The theme for the event is "Communication: Mobilizing Creative Talent for the 1990's."

Speakers for this year's conference are Xermonona Claydon of Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., and Juan Williams of the Washington Post. Williams is the author of the Public Broadcasting System series "Eyes on the Prize."

Workshops will be held pertaining to print journalism, broadcast news, broadcast production and public relations.

A student career fair, scheduled for the first day of the event from 2-5 p.m., will give communications students an opportunity to meet prospective employers.

The conference is open to all area college students as well as high school students and media professionals. The cost is $3 for A&T students, $7 for all other college students, $5 for high school students and $15 for media professionals.

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The Supreme Court’s recent decision to strike down affirmative action in Richmond, Va. will undoubtedly leak into most of the rest of the country. But who are the winners, if any, and the losers.

It is nice to think of our country as a place where anyone can do anything, live anywhere or hold any office judged only on his or her merits. But have we come that far or should we retain a system that will equate everyone first before this can occur?

Looking back at the Court’s ruling, where it decided not to allow 30 percent of the city’s building contracts to be given to Black contractors.

More closer to home, I have rarely witnessed Blacks working on any construction projects on campus, let alone any Blacks contractors. Who is the culprit? Is it the Board of Governors who don’t regulate the number of Black contractors who work on state institutions, our university officials who don’t put enough pressure on them to do so, or is it the Black community who doesn’t apply pressure on the university system?

Or should we give the jobs to those with the lowest bids? But Black contractors are usually smaller, thus they can not cut some of their costs by buying materials at volume.

In any case, this subject has not seen its last days in front of the courts or in our communities.

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**Focus**

**History**

Paula Hamilton  
Managing Editor

With the ending of the month of February, students may reflect upon the many observances held on campus. It seemed that everyday there was some activity scheduled to celebrate Black History Month.

There was a different attitude about the campus. Students seemed to convey a deep concern or quest for more knowledge of their race.

Isn’t it a pity, however, that Blacks should spend a total of nearly four weeks out of the year to pay homage to their race? As a local minister said in one of his recent sermons, ”I’m Black everyday of the year.”

Does having one month designated to Black history mean that the other 11 months are white history months?

Blacks have long struggled for equality in this world. The struggles are for our right to be treated in the same manner as anyone else.

But how can we separate ourselves, giving Blacks one month for the celebration of our color and heritage and still wish to be equal to others?

For Blacks, everyday should be a celebration of Black history, not an allotted time frame in which over 200 years of achievement is to be absorbed.

The concept of Black History Month is a novel approach to making our heritage known worldwide. But it is time that we take it a step further and let everyone know that our culture has had an impact as any other. It will take much much more than one month to prove such a point to an entire nation.
Multi-Racial

Neighborhoods Enacted

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (UPI)-The minority white government Wednesday enacted a law that allows blacks and whites to live specially designated multi-racial neighborhoods for the first time in nearly 40 years.

Approved over the objections of minority members of Parliament and human rights activists who say it does not go far enough, the law has been hailed by the government as a key social and economic reform measure introduced in recent years that "changes the status quo in all spheres of life."

Its enactment coincided with an appeal by ruling National Party leader Fredrick de Klerk for "real negotiations" with leaders of the black majority to ensure a "peaceful and prosperous future" for the racially divided country.

"We must start talking earnestly with one another now to find out how we can reconcile the expectations of your followers and mine," de Klerk said at a party meeting in the town of Nigel southeast of Johannesburg.

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English Professor Enhances Learning Potential

Kimberly Carrington
Special to the Register

While sitting in a smoke filled office with students passing through the halls, Dr. Jane Gibson Brown enthusiastically talked about her teaching experiences here at North Carolina A&T.

Brown is an assistant professor of English and has been teaching at A&T for four years.

“I’ve enjoyed seeing students learn and discover new things,” she said. “I also like to challenge the students to learn more.”

Brown says that teaching is a learning experience in itself. She says that by teaching, your actual potential comes out in the classroom.

“I’ve learned that students value education,” she said. “The students are more prepared than in my day of schooling.”

“The students also seem to be more receptive of new ideas,” she said. “I love the well-dressed professionalism of the overall student body.”

While frequently looking at the file cabinet and fidgeting with her eyeglasses, Brown tells why she chose to teach at A&T.

“Being that I grew up in a white bread world, caring for nothing and being sheltered, I just wanted to know what it was like to live on the other side of the world. Since I’ve been here it seems as though I’ve brought out the black in me,” she said jokingly.

"By being around young people, us old folks have a different perspective on life." --Brown

She says that the reason things have gone so well for her is because she makes everyone around her feel comfortable.

“I think the students feel I’m unusual or unique,” she said. “They trust me to make an evaluation of their abilities and to challenge their minds.”

“The faculty on the other hand is like working in a zoo,” she said jokingly. “Seriously, I feel like I’m part of a big family.”

While propping her feet up on the desk, she says that she has a real good self-image, and is extremely self-confident.

“I say this because I’ve dealt with the pressures of being a teacher and single parent which helped my confidence level,” she said. “I see myself as a good role model for the students as well as others.”

Brown, a native of Greensboro, lives with her 12 year-old son Fitch Lawrence Brown.

Sitting behind her desk wearing a beige sweater, and a grey and white skirt complimented by red hair, Brown talked about the benefits of teaching.

“I thought I knew a lot, but I came to realize I knew absolutely nothing,” she said laughingly.

“I’ve learned a lot from my students.”

“By being around young people, us old folks have a different perspective on life,” she said.

“The most important thing that I’ve learned from my students is working hard to get what you want out of life,” she said.

Brown received a B.A. from Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C. an M.A. from Vanderbilt, and a M.A. Ph.D from the University of Dallas. She feels that versatility will enhance the student’s chances of making it in the job arena.

Outside of teaching, Brown is also a technical writer of catalogs for different companies on a project basis. She previously wrote headlines for advertising agencies and is currently working with an agency in High Point writing press releases, press kits, brochures, and ads.

“I’ve always had an interest in advertising,” she said. “I started out in advertising.”

Brown is serving as communications director of a literary piece called, “Christ in Literature” that centers around poetry to be taught to Sunday school classes.

two professors who really challenged her to be secure in herself.

“I’ve never been afraid of people because I’ve never been afraid of myself,” she said. “I’m always practiced self-assurance.”

“I want my students and my son to learn that self-assurance will take you far in life,” she said. “You’ve got to be confident in yourself.”

When asked if she would change anything about herself, she jokingly said, “Yes, I would have plastic surgery.”

SATANIC VERSES

LONDON (AP) - The government Thursday rejected and Iranian proposal to discuss the controversy over “The Satanic Verses,” saying there is nothing to talk about until Iran renounces violence. New reports said a television newsmen was being guarded after threats from an anonymous caller who accused him of insulting Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

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Recruiting Efforts Attract Top H.S. Athletes for Aggies

Cedric Bryant
Sports Editor
North Carolina A&T's first complete recruiting effort under Bill Hayes was successful in attracting several outstanding players, including an All-State selection from both South and North Carolina.

Hayes and his staff signed 26 student-athletes. Four of the players were listed among the top-100 seniors in North Carolina.

"I'm very pleased with our recruiting effort," Hayes said. "We were successful in getting student-athletes who will help our program and graduate."

Athletic Director Orby Moss was also pleased with the efforts of the coaching staff.

"We are all very pleased with the work and results of the football staff in recruiting," Moss said. "For the first time in many years A&T was among the top universities that were visited by some of the best student-athletes in our state and area."

Moss added that the recruiting process encompasses more than just visiting players at their homes. A major factor is the student and parent's official visit to the university.

"The athletic department is appreciative of the assistance of other faculty and staff in the entertaining of both students and parents during their weekend visits. This joint effort will be of benefit to the entire university," said Moss.

Hayes concentrated on strengthening both the defensive and offensive lines by recruiting large mobile athletes. Fifteen of the prospective Aggie players are linemen.

A.J. McDonald of Rockingham and Benny Walker of Aiken, S.C., were outstanding high school players and both earned All-State honors.

McDonald, (5'11"/175), finished his senior year at Richmond County High School with five interceptions, six blocked punts and 73 tackles. He also established three meet records at the recent state indoor track competition. He led both the track and football teams to state championships.

Walker, (6'4"/285), attended Aiken High School and was listed among the top linemen in South Carolina. Aiken is projected as a defensive lineman and will battle for a position in the fall.

"Coach Hayes was successful in signing some of the top student-athletes who could be listed in anyone's top-100 for 1988," said Moss.

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Fort and department representative presented Mavretic with a list of demands during his tour of the facilities.

According to Fort, the demands included "catch-up" funding, scholarship incentives designed to recruit more black students to the department and an endowment program that would allow for a $1 million endowed share in agriculture at A&T.

Fort said Mavretic has called for a committee to be headed by assembly member Herman Gist. The group will investigate the funding problem and will write a proposed bill for state funding of the department.

"Mavretic's office will fully support the bill," Fort said.

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**NARCOTICS**

**WASHINGTON**

(AP)-Secretary of State James A. Baker III told Congress on Wednesday that the international war on illegal drugs "is clearly not being won" and might even be "slipping backwards." The assessment was in the annual presidential report on global drug trafficking, which Baker sent to Capitol Hill.

**AIDS**

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those who have multiple sex partners.

"The more partners you have, the more likely you are to come in contact with a person infected with the virus," she said.

The most effective or safest way to avoid AIDS is abstinence. However, Greenlee said, if you are sexually active, reduce the number of partners you have and do not engage in vaginal, anal intercourse or genital sex without the use of a condom, according to Greenlee.

Other methods of avoiding AIDS are knowing your sexual partners well before having sex, avoiding the exchange of body fluids during sex, avoiding any injury to body tissue during sex, not sharing needles, not mixing alcohol or other drugs with sexual encounters and not sharing razors or toothbrushes.

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