

Students react to 'Malcolm X'

NEW YORK (AP) — They took Spike's advice Wednesday, and the director of *Malcolm X* was right: His new movie was worth taking a day off from school to see, according to students who did just that.

"I wouldn't change a thing about this movie," said 16-year-old Tahira Duncan, who left the theater in tears after watching the film biography with her Afro-American studies class from Montclair, N.J.

"Malcolm X was a hero. He supported black unity. ... There are so many Malcolms dying at the hands of other black men, too many Malcolms. It has to stop," she said.

Duncan was one of about 300 students from Manhattan and Montclair who filled the Victoria 5 movie theater in Harlem to see the latest Spike Lee film, with school permission, instead of heading to class. The movie opened Wednesday at 1,200 theaters nationwide.

The theater, located between the Apollo Theater and Malcolm X Boulevard, had a special morning screening for the group. A night earlier, the cast and crew of *Malcolm X* watched the movie in the theater.

Lee, speaking before the movie's release, had encouraged students to see the film as a school assignment, citing his own forced visit to *Gone With the Wind* while in school.

Several New York City schools, including Lee's alma mater, Junior High School 113 in Brooklyn, sent groups of students to the movie on its opening day. Non-student crowds were heavy in Manhattan, with several theaters reporting first-night sellouts.

The movie follows Malcolm X from his days as a street hustler through his association with the Nation of Islam and his 1965 murder in Harlem's Audubon Ballroom.

Newspaper critics were full of praise, and the reviews from the mostly black crowd were unflinchingly upbeat for the 3 hour, 21 minute epic star-

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ring Denzel Washington. The crowd cheered a zoot-suited Malcolm in his early days, jeered a hanging judge played by civil-rights attorney William Kunstler, and screamed when Malcolm was assassinated on screen.

"I had mixed emotions between tears and anger. I was caught in between the two," said Coltrane Curtis, 16, wearing a black "X" visor. "This showed the human side of Malcolm."

"I think he was seen as an object, not as a person. This showed him as an average family man, the things he went through with his family. Everybody learned something from this."

And that's not all. Try these reviews:

• "Very breathtaking. I felt Spike Lee did a wonderful job. ... The movie is wonderful." Malika Crossdale, 20, City College.

• "It was really powerful. Malcolm was a very important man to history. It was important." Jason Avery, 16, Montclair High School.

Jesse Jackson, speaking Tuesday in Alabama, agreed with Lee that young people should see the film. "For our youth, 'X' must shift from a clothes style to a lifestyle," Jackson said.

Lumumba Bande, 20, who accompanied students from the Manhattan Valley Youth Center to the screening, said the film delivers the same message Malcolm was preaching on Harlem street corners three decades ago.

"The main thing of the movie is it's time for all African-Americans to drop the Negro mentality that they're inferior, second-class, don't have ability," he said. "The movie poses us a challenge."

NAACP charges S.C. segregation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil rights attorneys accused two South Carolina developers Wednesday of trying to force black families off an island where they've lived for generations so that resorts could be built.

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund charged that a system of segregation had been set up on Daufuskie Island through an uneven tax structure, land seizures and inadequate public services. This, the fund said, has made it difficult for the black residents to hold onto their property.

In letters mailed this week, the fund asked the developers and the Beaufort County government to take steps to erase the alleged segregation and improve public services. Copies of the letters were obtained by The Associated Press.

"It is clear that the county has pursued a pattern of conduct that disproportionately displaces or evicts African-Americans from Daufuskie, thereby segregating the island and the county as a whole," the

letter said.

Daufuskie, a five-mile by three-mile island off South Carolina's coast near Hilton Head Island, is inhabited mainly by blacks called Gullah people, direct descendants of freed slaves who settled on the island more than 120 years ago. Anthropologists consider their language and culture the most unique preservation of West African traditions in this country.

Fund attorney Alan Jenkins said a federal class action lawsuit would be filed unless a response is received by Dec. 3.

"They've really demonstrated quite a bit of insensitivity toward the needs of African-American islanders," Jenkins said. "It would behoove them to come to the table."

Beaufort County Administrator Michael G. Bryant said Wednesday he had received the NAACP's letter and would discuss the situation Monday with the county attorney and Tom Maddox, the county's purchasing director.

A spokesman for the International Paper Realty Corp., own-

ers of Haig Point resort, said the company had not received the letter.

Stephen B. Kiser, senior partner in the Melrose Co. Inc., which owns the Melrose Plantation resort, said the NAACP's allegation "comes as absolute news to us."

"It is obviously something I take quite seriously," Kiser said. "We've been invited to discussions on the subject. We'll be in touch with them."

Since the mid-1980s, developers have purchased large tracts of land on Daufuskie and Hilton Head to create luxury resorts in the style of plantations. In 1985, the Beaufort County government adopted a development plan to accommodate the expected growth.

The plan was designed to make sure the island's blacks are not forced off their land or locked out of the economic boom. It included such steps as assessing the impact of development on transportation, community services and land use.

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MEETINGS

EMU Board will have a house committee meeting tonight at 8 in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3720.

KWVA Radio will have a general interest meeting today at 5 p.m. in Room 112 Willamette. For more information, call 346-4091.

International Education and Exchange will have an informational meeting about the intensive Spanish program in Cuernavaca, Mexico, today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call 346-3207.

Greens Against Rape will have a general meeting tonight at 7 in EMU Cedar Room F. Student Board will have a meeting tonight at 8 in an EMU Cedar Room.

Asian- and Pacific-American Student Union will have its weekly meeting tonight at 8 in the counseling center. For more information, call 346-4342.

Students for United Nations will have a budget meeting today at 12:30 p.m. in EMU

Century Room A. For more information, call 346-9794.

Entrepreneurship Club will have a meeting today at 4 p.m. in Room 127 Chiles. For more information, call 346-3498.

Vietnamese Student Association will have a meeting tonight at 8 in the Smith lounge. Executives will meet at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 686-8224.

Women in Transition will have a young women's group meeting today from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center. For more information, call 346-4099.

MISCELLANEOUS

Academic Advising and Student Services will present a workshop entitled "Applying to the University Architecture School" today at 3:30 in Room 184 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 346-3211.

LGSA/Dean of Students Office will sponsor a coffee hour today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center. For more

information, call 346-3360.

Student Employment will have a workshop about summer internships today from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 12 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3214.

Outdoor Program will have its telemark ski night with Keith Nelson tonight at 7 in the EMU Outdoor Program room. For more information, call 346-4365.

Center for the Study of Women in Society will present "Who Defines the Race? Race, Gender and Fractured Identities" today at 3:30 p.m. in the Gerlinger Lounge. For more information, call 346-5015.

Deadline for submitting Et Als to the Emerald front desk, EMU Suite 300, is noon the day before publication. The news editor does not have a time machine. Et Als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon. Et Als run on a space-available basis.

Notices of events with a donation or admission charge will not be accepted.

Police beating victim had drugs in system

DETROIT (AP) — A man beaten to death, allegedly by police swinging flashlights, had alcohol and traces of cocaine in his system when he was killed, it was reported.

Malice Green had traces of cocaine in his blood when he was killed, said an official who reviewed autopsy reports, the *Detroit Free Press* and *The Detroit News* said. The newspapers did not name the official.

The *Free Press* also said Green had a 0.03 percent alcohol level in a urine sample.

"It's still no excuse," said Green's sister, Sherry. "I wouldn't give a damn if he had a gallon of liquor in his system, there's no excuse."

Dr. Phil Predmore, a toxicologist for the Oakland County medical examiner's office, said today that a urine alcohol test — unlike a blood alcohol test — does not indicate whether a person drank enough to be impaired. A person with alcohol in his urine may have no alcohol in his blood, Predmore said.

Green, 35, died of head injuries after being bludgeoned Nov. 5 on a street near a suspected crack house.


Officers Larry Nevers and Walter Budzyn were charged Monday with murder. Sgt. Freddie Douglas was charged with involuntary manslaughter and willful neglect of duty. Officer Robert Lessnau was charged with assault.

"The results of the toxicology report will not make a difference in the prosecution," said Richard Padzieki, chief of operations for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.


Defense attorneys for the officers disagreed.

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— Sherry Green, victim's sister



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