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JACKSON: Calls for punishment and tolerance

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expulsions.
During the speech, Jackson called for the Decatur school board to issue punishment to the students, but to accept them back in school, saying that tolerance would be more important than "an extreme punishment."

"My wife and I have five children and in our household we have zero tolerance for violence," he told the crowd. "But when they fight, that does not mean let's put them outdoors; some children need more than others."

"The one whose eyes may be weak needs more time with the optometrist."

Jackson is scheduled to meet this morning with school board President Jackie Goetter, Vice President Terry Robinson and Superintendent Kenneth Arndt. Jackson said he hoped to appeal to the board on "moral and ethical" grounds.

"God has zero tolerance for sin," he said. "What if when we sinned he suspended breath for two years?"

"If God enforced zero tolerance, we would not be here tonight," Jackson said. "If God himself can use grace and mercy, a school board can use grace and mercy."

But Goetter said during a Tuesday news conference prior to Jackson's arrival in Decatur that reinstatement would not happen and that it will not be the main topic of discussion during the meeting.

"The meeting will not be used as a time when I'm going to take outside pressure from outside groups," she said.

The only school board member to vote against the expulsions attended Tuesday's town hall meeting. Jeffrey Perkins, whose term on the board will end next week, was called to the front of the church by Jackson and sat at the front of the stage.

As he climbed the stairs, the capacity crowd rose to its feet in appreciation.

"I never thought they would mobilize the community like this. And no matter what the outcome of this is, I think the

result of this will be positive," Perkins said after the event.

"Since the beginning, I've said two years is excessive and these children need to be in school."

Before Jackson arrived, one of the expelled students, Roosevelt Fuller, smiled nervously. Sitting near three other expelled students, Fuller said he hopes Jackson's involvement will help him get back to Stephen Decatur High School.

"We just got lucky that he wants to do this. He's a very busy person," Fuller said. "It makes you feel kind of special and that he cares about you because of what he's doing."

Jackson said he hoped to have the students reinstated in school by the end of the week. He spent part of Monday talking with Attorney General Jim Ryan's office on the subject and hoped to meet soon with Gov. George H. Ryan.

If the students are not reinstated in school, he said a march will be held.

The large crowd at the town hall meeting began arriving more than an hour early and packed into the overflowing church. People stood in the aisles, crowded the doors and craned their necks around corners to see Jackson.

Organizers twice went to the microphone asking for the audience to squeeze a few more into the pews. Some who were there heavy winter coats to fight the chill outside were fanning themselves inside.

Before Jackson spoke, people in the crowd talked quietly and kept their attention to the side of the stage where featured guest was expected to arrive.

"I think this event is going to be an opportunity for the community as a whole to come together," said Millikin student Mustafa Yassin. "It's just a chance for everyone to come in the door and hear what the reverend has to say."

When Brigitte Smith heard about the two-year expulsions, she asked her 16-year-old son if he would go back to school after such a lengthy absence if he was expelled. It didn't take long for



STANDING BEHIND DECISION: Jackie Goetter, president of the Decatur school board, talks to reporters during the press conference Tuesday. At left is Superintendent Kenneth Arndt.

GOETTER: Meeting today

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international figure is coming to Decatur "supporting these men who now have been arrested for mob action and trying to tell this local school board how to run our schools."

School board Vice President Terry Robinson, Goetter and Arndt are scheduled to meet with Jackson this morning.

"I'm obviously disappointed at those statements," said Rick Tomlinson, president of the Decatur chapter of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

"We're hoping that people can be calm and open-minded instead of defensive and reactionary."

Julius Bailey, spokesman for the coalition's school chapter, said he does not want dialogue with the board to end.

Goetter reiterated that the expulsions could be reviewed at the end of the school year. But that will be based on a

"review of the students' attendance and participation in a community program until the end of the 1999-2000 school year."

She further said that community groups publicly offered to assist the boys and school officials provided textbooks, but the school board has yet to hear that anyone has actually made "any efforts to school, tutor or assist the young men."

"I am puzzled," she said. "Is your offer not sincere?"

Keith Anderson, director of Homework Hangout, said later he knows three of the boys are regularly attending GED classes there, and a fourth boy is attending at a local church. "I didn't know the board wanted reports," he said. "We could have given weekly reports if they wanted them."

Staff writer Brad Must contributed to the story.

STUDY: More than 500,000 angioplasties yearly in U.S.

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artery.
More than 500,000 angioplasties are performed in the United States each year. About 10 to 20 percent of angioplasty patients suffer artery re-narrowing because of scar tissue buildup.

The study, which involves more than 1,000 patients nationwide, is designed to see how patients who receive the radiation therapy fare as opposed to those who receive angioplasty without radiation.

"He's 53, and I'm 78, so in a way I hope they gave it to him because he has more of his life ahead of him," Ross said.

The radiation treatment can be administered immediately following the angioplasty procedure. The treatment is similar to catheterization, except that a guided wire flows through a catheter and sends beta radiation into the affected area.

Dr. Gregory Miskel, a Springfield cardiologist who performed the procedure on Ross and Evans, said that while stents do a good job of preventing re-narrowing due to atherosclerosis — the progressive buildup of fat, cholesterol, cellular waste and calcium — they are relatively ineffective against scar tissue buildup.

Miskel said intracoronary radiation therapy was inspired by the success doctors have had in reducing malignant tumors with radiation. The one difference is that cancer radiation uses gamma rays, which require protective screens for the patient and staff, while beta radiation dissipates quickly and easily through the body.

He said the procedure involves clamping out the artery with angioplasty, inserting a mesh-like stent to support the artery, then applying radiation to prevent the scar tissue from forming. It can also be done on patients whose blockage is primarily caused by scar tissue.

The entire procedure takes an hour or less and can be done under either general or local anesthetic.

Miskel said there appears to be little risk associated with the procedure, which should help reduce the number of patients who have to have repeat angioplasty or surgery. Arteries can narrow in 30 to 50 percent of patients within six months of a balloon angioplasty.

"There's the obvious concern about radiation," Miskel said. "But patients receive a very small dose of radiation. It's so small that a Geiger counter over the body wouldn't detect any. There's also a concern that the radiation could weaken the artery, but that has not been seen."

Ross and Evans will have to wait eight months to find out whether they received the radiation or were part of the control group, which didn't receive the treatment.

Ross, who has a pacemaker and has undergone three open-heart surgeries and several angioplasty procedures, said she isn't really concerned about whether or not she received the radiation therapy.

"If I got it, that's great, but if I didn't, I've done something that might help somebody else," Ross said.

Evans began having chest pain a couple of months ago and discovered he had a 90 percent blockage in one of his arteries.

"If this reduces the number of times you have to have a procedure, then I'm all for it," said Evans, who had not undergone any type of heart procedure before September.

Miskel said patients with occlusions in the coronary arteries that have a high incidence of re-narrowing are eligible for the intracoronary radiation therapy.



Ross Hopes her participation can help someone else.

Secret Word Game

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Josh

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"Yeah," Josh slammed the door and started down the porch steps, which were six to eight inches of snow. Before dawn someone had plowed the dirt road that ran in front of the house, but there was already four or five inches of snow on it. He remembered how Manch had bounded across the snow like a deer as he picked up one heavily booted foot and then the other.

He passed the Rocketts' house as quickly as he could. No sign of Wes. That bully. At the school bus stop on Josh's first day, Wes had grabbed him and stuffed snow down his jacket. So Josh started a new school cold and wet and furious. Wes was still laughing about his "snow job."

Well, one good thing about snow. He could follow Manch's happy tracks with very little difficulty. Tracking Josh's imagination shifted into gear. In his head he pictured the chief ranger speaking to him, Josh Wilkinson. "There's a rabid wolf out there somewhere, Wilkinson. We're counting on you to track it down."

I should have brought the gun, thought Josh. I know how to handle it. A guy shouldn't just walk out alone into the wilds of Vermont unprotected. But the gun was locked in the gun cabinet, the shells somewhere else entirely.

"It's not a matter of trusting or not trusting," his stepfather had said. "Just sensible safety precautions."

Josh grabbed a dead branch. Carefully he raised it to his shoulder and sighted along the slightly curved length. When I see him, Josh thought, I get him right between the eyes, no second

chances in a situation like this. He was out of sight of the Rocketts' house now. The road dead-ended at the woods. The tracks of the "rabid wolf" had now become only part of a pattern of tracks. A pack of wolves? Josh said to himself. How many had been bitten?

His blood froze. Would he have to shoot more than one? Would he have time? Courageously he pushed forward, following the tangled pattern of prints off the road through a small woods. He entered the line of trees cautiously; he might be a courageous forest ranger, but he was no man's fool.

Suddenly a sound broke into his daydream. What was it? Dogs, he thought. But how could dogs make that sound? It was like laughter — wild, not quite human laughter.

Next: The Field of the Dogs

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