

Study supports black colleges

PRINCETON, N.J. — A year-long study of historically black colleges whose findings "clearly support the role of black colleges and universities in enhancing opportunities for black Americans" has been completed by two researchers at Educational Testing Service.

The observations of Joan Baratz and Myra Ficklen contradict critics of historically black colleges who contend that desegregation has made them outdated. Among the most notable findings contained in the 23-page study, "Participation of Recent Black College Graduates in the Labor Market and in Graduate Education," are:

• That while only 17 percent of all black undergraduates attended black colleges, 40 percent of all black graduates earned their degrees from historically black colleges.

• That graduates of historically black colleges have a higher level of participation in federal grant programs and in the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) program and a lower level of indebtedness at graduation than do black graduates of predominantly white institutions.

• That black college graduates earned similar grades, both during high school and in college, regardless of their alma mater, and chose similar majors.

• That black graduates of historically black colleges were admitted to graduate school at the same rate as their peers from predominantly white institutions.

• That overall employment rates and opportunities for black students did not differ significantly, whether they graduated from a predominantly white or historically black college.



Not all works of art are framed and hung on a wall. Decorative artist Joyce Klucar creates colorful pictures and designs on a variety of household items using techniques of decorative art and toile painting. The R.J. Reynolds Archer employee finds the hobby a satisfying, creative outlet, whether she is painting or teaching others to paint.



Decorative painting adds a special look to many common household items, from a tiny thimble to wood furniture.



Delicate detail work makes this angel ornament a treasured Christmas keepsake.

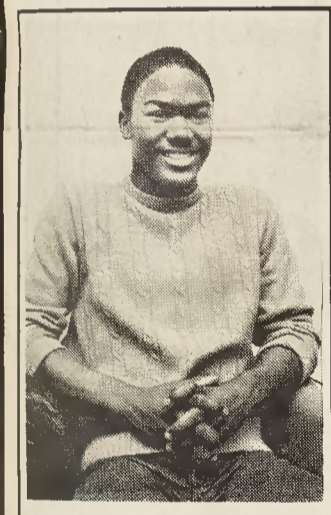
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Young And Gifted

An 'ambassador of good will'

By **AUDREY L. WILLIAMS**
Staff Writer

Working a job that pays only \$5 a day may seem like sweatshop earnings to a lot of people in this day and time.

That's just how much 16-year-old William (Billy) Hyman Jr. will take home each day for 10 weeks when he starts his new job working on diesel engines in West Germany next March.

"I don't need any more than that," says Hyman. "I'll have food and shelter, so I wouldn't have anything to spend it on but gifts for my family."

Hyman, a resident of Pffaftown, along with Timothy Mitchell, both juniors at the Career Center and North Forsyth Senior High School, were selected out of six finalists to travel to Europe in the spring as goodwill ambassadors of the Cultural Relations Fellowship Program of Ameurop Cultural Relations Foundation. They are among 10 vocational high school students from seven counties in northwest North Carolina selected for the program, which is sponsored chiefly by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

"I'm sort of scared because I don't know how to speak German that well and I'll be living with a family, "but I'm really excited. I just can't wait until March gets here."

Starting in January on Saturday mornings, Hyman will begin a rigorous 11-week class that will include the German language and the country's culture.

Contrary to popular belief that the only students selected to travel abroad as ambassadors are the "elite," Hyman is not an honor-roll student, nor are his parents considered members of the "upper crust" society.

He does maintain an average academic standing and his father, an Army veteran, is as an auto mechanic. His mother is a housewife.

In Hyman's letter to the selection board, he told the committee that one of the reasons he wants to go to Germany is that the Germans invented the diesel engine and that he can learn much from them.

"I can go over there and learn about diesel mechanics," says Hyman. "My Pops was stationed over there (Germany) and he used to tell me how

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A blessing: frat's adopt-a-family program provides holiday cheer

By **ROBIN ADAMS**
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"I prayed for something like this to happen," said Betty Terry as she walked into the grocery store last week accompanied by 13 young men in purple and gold.

The Mu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. at Winston-Salem State University has adopted Mrs. Terry and her four children as its Christmas project. Although Mrs. Terry and her family did not get adoption papers from the undergraduate chapter, they will get a supply of groceries and gifts for the children.

Also included in the package is winterization of the Terry home in Cleveland Avenue Homes. But since the management has planned to winterize all the apartments, the group has decided to winterize another home.

"It seems just like this boy came from out of nowhere," Mrs. Terry said, "and told me this good news. I can't tell you how happy I am. I just can't tell you."

"I thank God that He has answered my prayers," she said. "You know, this boy called me and told me that they was gonna do some things for my family and I just cried. I went to church that night and I thanked God. I just thanked Him for hearing my prayers. He knew I needed this."

As Mrs. Terry walked down the aisles of the grocery store, with no limit on what she could buy, picking up apples, oranges, green peppers and Christmas nuts, the members of the fraternity kept running up to Mrs. Terry, like children let loose in a candy store, wondering if she liked this or that product.

And most of the time, she replied, "Yes." Mrs. Terry also got a turkey for the family's Christmas dinner and wondered out loud if she could

also get a ham. This time, the members of the fraternity told her, "Yes."

After Mrs. Terry finished her careful shopping trip, the fraternity also had plans to take her and her family -- three boys and one girl, ages 18, 15, 13 and 12 -- shopping for Christmas gifts.

"We do this because we just like helping people," said Bevan Baker, chapter reporter. "We are all about bringing a smile."

This is the third year the fraternity has sponsored the Adopt-A-Family program. It started as a one-time thing and was so popular with the fraternity's members and the families that it has become an annual event.

The fraternity picks which family to adopt from a list of families recommended by Experiment In Self-

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Reliance Inc. (ESR).

"We try to pick a family that we can bring the most warmth to," Baker said. "We try to go and visit the four or five families on the list and pick the one who needs us the most. We want the most deserving family."

"Mrs. Terry is a very Christian lady and reminds me of a grandmother -- you know, the kind that always has a smile, even though things aren't the way they should be," Baker said. "When we went to see her, she said, 'I just knew someone was coming.'"

Also, as a part of the fraternity's social action program, the fraternity provided Thanksgiving baskets to a number of families recommended by ESR.



The men in purple and gold make Christmas a special time for Betty Terry, center, and her family (photo by James Parker).

Said one member of the fraternity: "This is the way we show what we are all about. It's just being

nice. I feel like what we are doing is worthy because it helps the people, the community, and it helps us."