

## Dwayne Cherry: Guilford student prepares for future as elementary school teacher

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The statistics are alarming. While the amount of African-American children who are at-

black. Even more troubling is the fact that black male teachers make up only 5%.

Dwayne Cherry knows this and is concerned, but he also knows he has a job to do. His

dream is to assure that every child, regardless of color, receives an education.

Cherry discovered his love of children early in life. "Growing up in my neighborhood, I used to allow a way to watch kids who were younger than me."

Cherry further commented, "Parents used to put a lot of trust in me even though I was a young age myself."

All throughout high school and college, Cherry worked with children of all ages and has made a difference in each and every one of their lives.

Cherry knows the statistics about black male teachers but does not concern himself with them. He is told by many that they hope he works in the inner city or in areas where the students are predominantly black, but Cherry feels differently. "The white community needs me just as well as the black community." Furthermore, "a lot of white people might have stereotypes about black people. Me coming into the classroom as their teacher, I might downplay those stereotypes."

Cherry's goal is to "be a role model to all students."

Guilford has helped Cherry pursue his goal of becoming a teacher. In one class Cherry took, he recalls that they put him in an environment totally different from his own. In this differ-

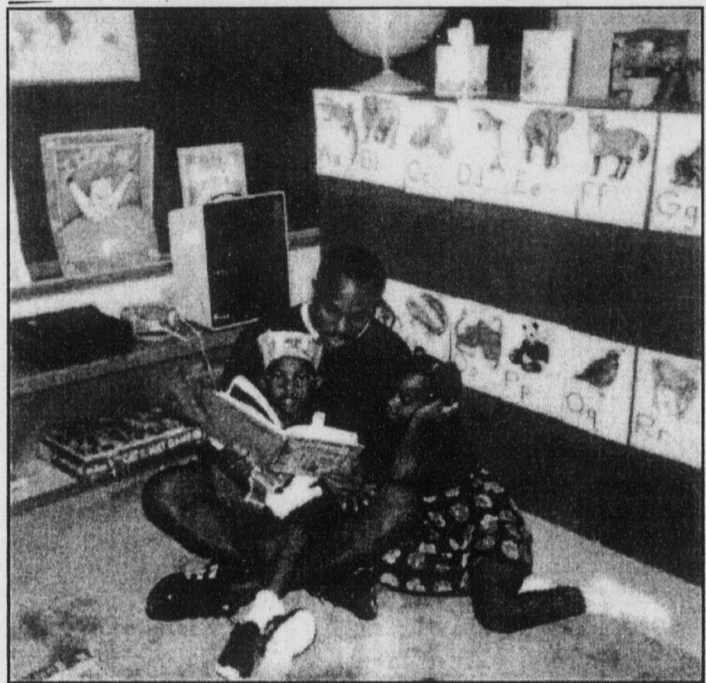
ent environment Cherry learned how to understand and appreciate other people's cultures.

Cherry has many people who are enthusiastic about his ability to teach. Of those people is his professor, Kay Doost, who said, "Dwayne is a calm and quiet person, and they [the children] see that quiet strength."

Deborah Roose, another professor at Guilford, be-

lieves Cherry to be "wonderfully generous" and that "he has a calm presence, which allows the children to feel safe and eager to learn." Cherry loves what he does.

Most important to Cherry is not his color but his dedication to be great at what he does. He already knows that just being black and being a male he is adding something positive to the class. What is important to him, however, is that the kids really learn. Wherever Cherry goes, inner city or nice suburb, he is bound to bring positive insight to those eager to learn.



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Dwayne Cherry plans to use his talents to enrich the minds of children.

tending elementary school in North Carolina has risen to 30%, only 14% of the teaching staff are

## Greensboro coffee shops: catching the buzz

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Where can a frenzy-eyed Java junkie go for their daily fix of caffeine? Luckily, there are alternatives to the \$1.50 Dixie cup of lukewarm brew à la Under-

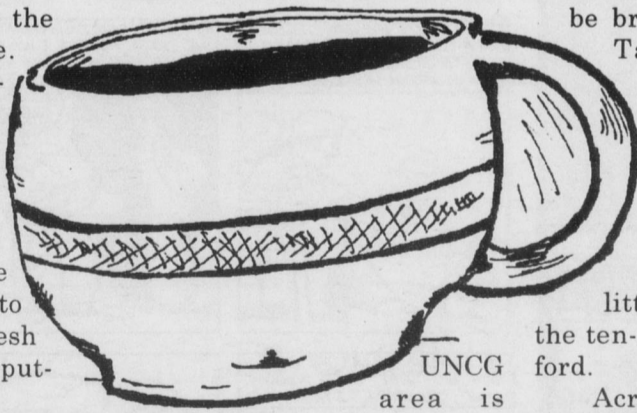
ground. Greensboro boasts an abundance of coffee shops, from the sophisticated Starbucks to the trendy Tate Street Coffee. Each shop differs in ambience and price range and carries its own distinct line of coffee-based beverages.

Let's start with the commercialized Java giant... Starbucks. Upon entering the store, the customer is lured to the counter by the smell of fresh coffee beans mixed with the sputter of cappuccino machines.

To say that the selection here is vast is a gross understatement. My eyes glazed over at the sight of the massive menu behind the perky coffee guru who was pressing me for an order. Panicking, I stuttered out a stream of adjectives, "Grande double half-

caf skim iced mocha latte" followed by a sheepish grin. The guru nodded and in a blur of scoops, shakes, and whirs, I was presented with a \$3.50 brew sure to put some pep in my step. The verdict: Starbucks is a sophisticated (slightly pricey) haven for the weary yuppie but hardly economical for the average college student.

Tate Street Coffee in the



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trons. The more serene surroundings allow students to study and contemplate life as Van Morrison croons softly above their heads.

Tate Street offers a more intelligible menu including unique concoctions like Tupelo Honey and Sugar Magnolia. If you choose to enjoy your drink at the café, you are invited to have a seat and wait for your coffee to be brought to you. Prices at Tate Street Coffee are much more student-friendly (a large Tupelo Honey was only \$2.50) and the portions are significantly larger. Whether you are going to socialize or study, this little treasure is well worth the ten-minute drive from Guilford.

Across the street, another chic café lies nestled in a strip of shops. Cup-A-Joe, like Tate Street Coffee, boasts a variety of seating arrangements. The atmosphere is slightly more ab-

### Coffee Shops in Greensboro

◆ Starbucks Coffee  
Battleground Village  
2969 Battleground  
Avenue  
(336) 282-0445

◆ Tate Street  
Coffee House  
334 Tate Street  
(336) 275-2754

◆ Cup A Joe  
411 Tate Street  
(336) 275-2386

◆ Carolina Coffee  
Roasting Company  
5701 West Friendly  
Avenue  
(336) 547-8929

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