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**Should parents push?**

By ALBERT NICKERSON  
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The *Chronicle* asked residents whether they think parents should coach and push children to become gifted and talented students.

*Kim Fisher, secretary at Baptist Hospital:* I don't see why not. If your child has the potential, he or she should be pushed to achieve.

Any child who shows potential should be pushed to greater heights.

*Harvey Lewis, chauffeur:* As long as they are learning, the child should be encouraged to do more. But the child should be asked his opinion about whether he wants to be in a gifted and talented program. The parent's main purpose should be helping the child to learn as much as they can.

While a child is young, he should learn new and interesting things.

*George Davis, Pyramid Masonry:* It is according to what age the child is. I would push my child, if I felt he could do well in the gifted and talented program. Children should be pushed as far as they can go.

And, the parents should be behind the children all the way and support the child whether he succeeds or fails.

*Juanita Carter, salesperson:* No. I don't think children should

be forced to be gifted and talented. All children have different levels of understanding, and they shouldn't be pushed into the program if they aren't mature enough to handle the class.

Sometime the program could hurt them more than help. Many children go into the program, and often the only thing they are concerned about is what grade they are going to get. That is not a healthy attitude.

Before the child goes into the program, the parent should talk to the child and the teacher before making the decision.

*Nancy Blackwell, housewife:* The child shouldn't be held back. If they are able to do well, they should be pushed to learn all they can.

The gifted program is something good for the student, so they should be pushed to do well.

*Aaron Dubose, security guard:* I think they should be pushed, because if they are not challenged, then children become bored.

However, they can't be pushed too hard, because a parent could damage a child. Gifted and talented children still should be told they are no better than any other child.

*Rose Clemon, housewife:* I wouldn't mind if my child went into the gifted and talented program because they could learn more. The parent should push their child to succeed.

**Better Living**

**Cut laundry costs**

By JOANNE FALLS  
Home Economics Extension Agent

Homemakers who are interested in finding out how they can save time and money in washing and drying clothes with electricity might be interested in these facts from researchers:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University researchers found that using the cold water rinse, normal spin time, normal dryer setting combination can save a household 22 cents per load, \$1.56 per week, \$6.22 per month and \$80.80 per year.

Based on the major findings and calculated energy costs, the following recommendations are made to consumers who desire to



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conserve energy as clothes are dried in an electric clothes dryer:

- Use cold water for the final rinse.
- Use the spin cycle that gives the most mechanical action (by spin speed and-or time), so that the most water possible is removed before clothes are placed in the dryer.
- Dry clothes using the dryer setting designated as "normal" dryness. When possible, remove clothes from the dryer when they are still damp. Never overdry clothes.

The above research was done by Instructor Irene Leach and Associate Professor Rebecca P. Lovingood of the Department of Housing, Interior Design and Resource Management at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Efficient washing and drying of clothes in our present society involves keeping up with research findings and understanding what laundry methods are needed to

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