

Goetz

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African-American students into Goetz's world.

"I've always been very close to my students," stated Goetz, who taught school for more than 40 years. "I remember my kids, and I especially remember the kids at Mebane, because - see - that was the first school that I had taught African American children."

Goetz remembers Darryl as a sweet kid with few role models to speak of.

"Darryl and I had such a great relationship, because Darryl didn't have a mother," she said. "He has said that I was the only mother figure he had."

Through the years, the two maintained correspondence.

"He would come by Salem College - I worked at Governor's School in the summertime," she recounted. "I just always kept up with him."

Although their contact had been minimal in the years leading up to Hunt's trial, Goetz she never doubted his innocence.

"I've taught some kids I thought were capable of that crime probably, with the right group of people, but I knew that Darryl was not capable of that," she said. "Darryl was such a gentle kid."

She contacted then Prosecutor Don Tisdale as soon as the story of Hunt's arrest was published, insisting that Hunt was blameless.

"Don and I bowled together in the same league. We were acquaintances," she explained. "I called him and said, 'I know this kid is not capable of this.' He said, 'I know, but I think he knows something about it.'"

The trial proved to be a harrowing experience for Goetz, who received



ample criticism for her support of the black man who was said to have killed Sykes.

"It was a very stressful situation in 1985 when I went to court for him," she related. "When I was coming back from lunch, I was so uptight, that I hit the car next to me."

When asked to appear on the 6 o'clock news on the day of her testimony, Goetz declined, for fear of violent retaliation.

Security guards at the courthouse had treated her kindly, Goetz said, until they found out she was there on behalf of the defense. Then their attitudes, as well as those of other Caucasians present at the trial, soured quickly. She remembers one security guard, who had let her pass by unbothered before, dumping the contents of her purse on the table, badgering her with questions about her possession of a pair of nail scissors found in her makeup bag.

In contrast to the condemnation she received from whites present at the trial, Goetz was welcomed with open arms by the black community.

"When I came in the courtroom, the African American people ... it was like the Red Sea parting, finding me a seat," she said. "I just sat with them until I testified."

Goetz remarried in 1988 and moved to Atlanta. She followed the story as it unfolded through relatives and friends in the Winston-Salem area.

"After Darryl went to prison, I always told him that, 'Darryl, one of these days, this is going to be over and we're going to write a book; I'm going to write a book about this,'" she said.

Goetz says she read Hunt's letters to her students, and used his story as a tool for motivation.

"A Long Time Coming," was released March 27. It has already garnered interest from Hollywood.

"I really didn't write it to make a million dollars, I just wrote it because it was a promise, and I thought that people ought to know how things were then, other than what they read in the newspaper, and that they ought to know Darryl's life, what led up to this," Goetz said, a smile of enduring hope evident in her voice. "If I only change one person's idea ... that Darryl had something to do with this crime - if I only do one, it will be worth the \$17,000 it cost me to write the book."

"A Long Time Coming: My Life and the Darryl Hunt Lesson" is available at Barnes & Noble and Borders locations. Author Leigh Somerville McMillan and Goetz will appear at Patina's in downtown Winston-Salem for the Gallery Hop on Friday, May 4.

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at which their blood sugar level is too low; this is called hypoglycemia. Signs of hypoglycemia include:

- Extreme fatigue without reason,
- Extreme yawning,
- Inability to speak or to think clearly,

- Loss of muscular coordination and/or muscular spasms,
- Extreme sweating,
- and skin pallor, feeling lightheaded or dizzy.

If you have hypoglycemia, you should immediately lie down and take something sweet such as carbonated fruit juice (non-dietetic), refreshments or some candy. This

will help to raise your blood sugar level back to normal. It is important to that your family and friends know the signs and treatments for hypoglycemia, as it is common among Type 1 diabetics, and if not treated can be fatal.

Persons with Type 1 diabetes can live happy, productive lives, if they manage their diabetes properly and see their health care provider regularly.

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Responses were anonymous. About 95 percent said they had contact with drug or device companies.

- Other findings:
- 83 percent received food and drinks.
 - 78 percent accepted free drug samples.
 - 35 percent were reimbursed for costs associated with professional meetings.
 - 28 percent pocketed consulting or lecture fees.
 - 7 percent took free tickets to games and other events.
- The extent of the interactions varied by specialty and sales reps tend to target doc-

tors with the most influence. For example, cardiologists were more than twice as likely

than family doctors to receive fees. Doctors in private practice were six times more likely to get free samples and three times more likely to get gifts than those at hospitals. Family doctors met with sales reps far more often than their counterparts - about 16 meetings a month.

Doctors need to "supervise themselves and set stricter standards on what is

appropriate and acceptable behavior," said one of the authors.

Dr. David Blumenthal, head of the Institute for Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The study was funded by the New York-based Institute on Medicine as a Profession. None of the authors reported conflicts of interest related to the study.

Previous studies have suggested that cozy relationships with industry can affect doctors' prescribing patterns and judgment. But companies have defended the

practice as a legitimate way to educate physicians about the latest drugs and technology.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the leading trade group, in 2002 adopted voluntary rules limiting the value of gifts to \$100 or less and banning free entertainment tickets.

Scott Lassman, a senior assistant general counsel with the trade group, said the study's results were "common knowledge" and dismissed claims that companies were out to influence doctors.

"A modest meal is not going to affect the independence of the health care practitioner," Lassman said.



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Pittsburgh and New York City also were on hand to show their love and gratitude to a woman who used her art to inspire and build bridges.

"She was so selfless," recalled Cynthia McDonald, who since 1982 has helped stage the Southern Pines Black Arts Festival. James, also a renowned artist, and Earnestine Huff were frequent guests at the festival. They would lead youth workshops and do whatever they could to help make the festival a success. McDonald presented a plaque to James Huff prior to the unveiling as a way to say "thank-you" and pay homage to the late Mrs. Huff.

"She was always there," McDonald said of Earnestine Huff's commitment to the festival. "As long as her health allowed, she made it a point to come down."

Mayor Allen Joines and Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke also stopped by the ceremony to share their fondest memories of Earnestine Huff. Joines, Burke and the rest of the City Council gave their approval for the naming a portion of 29th Street for Huff. The council was lobbied by State Rep. Larry Womble, who has made it a mission to make sure that the legacies of great local African Americans will never be forgotten. Most recently, Womble has lead efforts to name a street for the late Clarence "Big House" Gaines and the downtown transportation center for Clark Campbell, a longtime bus driver. James Huff spent much of his remarks Saturday praising Womble - not only for the honor for his late wife, but for not forgetting the contributions of so many local people.

The creative set made sure that the unveiling ceremony was one to remember. Singers performed, including Earnestine Huff's sister, Rosemary, and painters



Earnestine Rainey Huff

perused work in the Huffs' home, rediscovering what a rare talent Earnestine Huff truly was. Sculptor Emory Biko of Pittsburgh showed off a steel piece that he did in honor of Huff.

Quentin Huff said the diverse turnout was a testament of how his mother tried to break down walls that sometimes separate singers from painters and musicians from sculptors.

"She always tried to build a network among all artists and creative people," he said. "She always believed in bringing people together."

It was Quentin Huff who was given the honor of unveiling the sign. He hopped on a mini-stool and tore away the brown paper to reveal crisp white letters that seemed to glow beneath a brilliant sunshine. While the throngs applauded, Quentin Huff took just a second to study the sign, as if he was seeing his mother's name for the first time. He then smiled proudly. Compared to one of his mother's vibrant paintings, the cold, steely sign is not much to look at, but for Quentin Huff, it too is a masterpiece.



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