

Dr. Isaac Miller Bennett College president

BSC Faculty Hears Dr. Isaac Miller

Dr. Isaac H. Miller, pre-Dr. Isaac H. Miller, president of Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C. addressed the Barber College faculty and set at the spring semester preschool conference.

Dr. Miller stressed that black colleges need to survive

vive and carry out their total missi

"There is a need for educators in black colleges to increase communication of the unique particularities of our colleges," he said. "We are called upon to exticute a great percentage of the unprepared."



David Hood

Hood Receives Scholarship

David Hood, 17, son of Harold and June Hood, 11700 Albemarle Rd., has been selected to receive a cholarship to Danforth Camp in Michigan this

Hood, a senior at Independence High School, receives one of two Dan-forth Camp Scholarships available to Tar Heel 4-H members. The other vinner is Neal Ann Reeves. daughter of Robert Burder and Betty Ann Reeves,

Rt. 2, Leicester.
The scholarship covers two weeks of training at Camp Miniwanca in Western Michigan in the heart of the fruit belt and sand-

dune country. Hood was chosen January 4 in a day-long series of interviews at North Carolina State University

What You Should Know About Competency Tests

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Does your child have to
take a test to be promoted
to the next grade or to
graduate from high school?
With all the concern about
education these days,
many schools have begun
to use minimum competency tests to determine a student's mastery of dif-ferent skills.

These tests can measure anything from basic math and English skills to how to read a map and balance a checkbook. Thirty-nine states now use the tests, which are often tied to grade promotion and graduation.

The tests are one way to make schools accountable to parents and to guaran-tee that your child grad-uates with a minimal level of knowledge. But the tests can also present problems. For example, a higher pro-portion of Black than white children are failing the exams. One explanation suggested by some critics is that children from less wealthy school districts with fewer resources may not be able to perform well on a statewide test.

If your school system uses a minimum compe-tency test, find out about it and watch for these things: Your school should not deny a child a diploma or promotion to the next

grade solely on the basis of the test, if all other re-quirments have been met. Students show their competence in many ways. The test should not weigh more than the rest of your child's performance in school. It could hurt your child if he or she isn't very

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good at taking tests.

Further, your child shouldn't be tested for the very first time in high school or at the end of the school year. Giving the test to students so late in their education makes it unlikely that the school will be able to help the child very much. If you school system uses minimum competency much. If you school system uses minimum competency tests, then your child should be receiving these tests early enough to get additional instruction and attention that will make a difference. If your child falls the test, the school should provide assistance so that he or she can gain new skills and eventually pass: The tests should not be designed as punishment, but rather as a spur to achieve more.

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should be involved in de-veloping these tests so that

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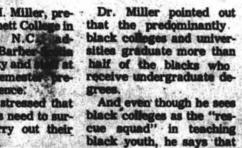
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cue squad" in teaching black youth, he says that these schools must do "In addition to enlight-

ening young minds," he adds, "we must be about the business of scholarly research and service to the

"The college is a business and as a business we are in constant competition. Those who remain viable must match or surpass the competitors. We must be doing all that the best do, and some things-better."

The pre-school confer-ence also included introduction of new faculty and mini-workshops.

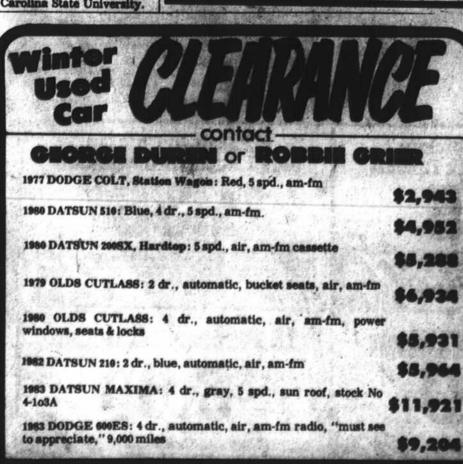


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