

"She Never Opened Her Eyes," Mrs. Tindal Remembers

By Lori Grier
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"This was so touching to me, because I looked forward to a new baby. I have never lost anyone close to me before. She looked like something which never should have been born—so beautiful with curly hair. She never opened her eyes," remembered Mary Tindal.



Mary Tindal
.....Writes poem about niece

You slept away that very same day,
I wanted to "hold," "boast" and "scold" you, little one,
I knew we were going to have fun.
But God knows best,
So now you rest.
The pitter, patter of your feet,
"Oh," I know you were going to be sweet.
Sleep now, my child,
So meek and mild,
Don't fret or worry,
For God will tell the story.
Your sweet face,
No one could take your place.

In my heart,
We'll never part.
I know until that great day if I live right,
I will see you in my sight.
Your mother, father, sisters, brother and all others, I know—
Their hearts burn, ache and yearn,
But someday it will be their turn.
As your mother sits rocking her lap,
"No" one can fill your gap.
When God came and sprayed his fragrance in the air,
You were there!
To smell the sweet flow-

ers
In the same hour.
For where you are wrapped in his arms,
Or at his feet,
"Oh," how sweet.
No tears, no fears,
No worn out years.
Your sweet little face was filled with grace.
Time would not allow,
Nor devour this precious lamb.
Take her now, dear God.
Rock her in your arms,
Fill her with your charm.

At Barber-Scotia

"Goodnight."
The mother of Kamisha, 11; Tameeka, eight and wife of James Lawrence Tindal, writes poetry most of the time and adds, "When I was little, my mother didn't believe that I really wrote some of the poems I showed her." All of her family members have a copy of this poem, and some request that it be engraved on a plaque. Tindal is in the process of writing another poem

about Shadavia and will add lyrics to it.
Mrs. Peggy Frazier, also the mother of Teneakia, 10; Latonya, eight, and Adrian, four, gave no comments about the poem or her baby's death, but Mrs. Mary Tindal assures all that "God loved Shadavia best. She's without troubles and is at peace in heaven. I'm hoping that God has her wrapped in His arms."

Enrollment Up 13 Percent

Enrollment at Barber-Scotia College is up 13 percent, said Mrs. Laura Potts, director of college admissions.

"This is especially significant at a time when colleges and universities across the nation are experiencing enrollment declines," Mrs. Potts said as the Presbyterian-college began its 117th year of operation.

Last year 375 students attended the college. This year, 424 students are enrolled.

At its peak, Barber-Scotia College's enrollment was over 600, but dwindled over the last several years.

Mrs. Potts, upon becoming director of admissions two years ago, said that one of her priority goals was to rebuild the institution's enrollment.

Mrs. Potts attributed the enrollment increase to "creative planning and

strategic marketing."
"If we listen to statistics about declining enrollments in predominantly black institutions, we can get bogged down in apathy," said Mrs. Potts. "But if you keep your goals in front of you, you can conquer those obstacles."

"Sure, there is a decline nationwide in black college enrollment. But there is also a population of black students out there who we have not tapped upon. And we have to try non-traditional methods to reach those students. We have to go down into the country roads, we have to go back into the churches, we have to educate the parents, and we must make them aware of all financial assistance that exists."

Not only is Barber-Scotia College working to attract more students, Mrs. Potts said, but also the school is trying to

retain more of the students who do enroll at the institution.

"We want students who can grow, learn and feel good about themselves during and after their collegiate experiences," said Mrs. Potts.

The college invites applications from students, both locally and nationally, who want to excel, she said.

Tindal believes within her heart that the baby could have been saved.

"Peggy began hemorrhaging on February 4, but the doctors didn't tell her to come to the hospital."

After the doctors informed the mother about the baby's death, Tindal was told, and she relayed the message to other family members.

Out of all of the sadness February 8 brought, something beautiful was created by Tindal on February 11. "The poem 'Shadavia Lesonia' speaks for itself. I poured out my heart in the poem, because I didn't want anyone to see me cry. I wrote it on a Sunday morning while everyone was asleep."

The poem reads as follows:
"Tho" you were born,
In the early morn,

Four Charlotteans Make Barber-Scotia Honor Roll

Four Charlotte students have been named to the fall semester's academic honor's list at Barber-Scotia College, with grade averages of at least 3.0 out of a perfect 4.0. Honored were Joyce Hurley, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Patterson of 2827 Statesville Avenue. Joyce Hurley, a junior Education major, is treasurer of the BSC Student Government Association, a cheerleader, and a member of the college choir.



Grace Hurley
.....Education major



Joyce Hurley
.....Education major



Kay Herron
.....Business major



Theodore Wallace
.....Biology major

Study committee member, and the art club. Theodore Wallace, the son of Mrs. Margaret Wallace, is a senior biology major. His involvements at Barber-Scotia College include the NAACP, the Pre-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund, the college choir and membership in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Andrea Kay Herron,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herron of 2430 Senior Drive, is a senior Business major. Upon graduation, Kay Herron plans to pursue a business career in Florida.

Students are selected for their genuine interest in living and experiencing life in another culture.

Anyone interested in applying for participation in either program should contact Bendell International at 11650 River Moss Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44136 or phone 216-238-3711.

BI To Develop Students Cultural Horizons

Bendell International is interested in developing students' cultural horizons. They are offering two friendship and cultural exchange programs to London or France.

Students who participate in the London exchange program, will stay at International House in London for four weeks and

acquaint themselves with the city and its people. Developing friendships with other students from the United States, England and other parts of the world constitutes a major portion of the exchange program's aim. Participants must also be between ages 15 and 21.

In France, students will

spend four weeks living with a French family. This opportunity affords the students the experience of living in another culture. Students can also choose to participate in the semester exchange program. In order to be considered, students have to be 15 to 18 years of age and have two years of French.

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