First day of school can be a fun experience

Picture of perfect student

BRIGHT-EYED AND EAGER TO LEARN, this young lady is a glowing example of what every teacher wants to see in his or her classroom—a beaming face reflecting an active mind in a healthy body. Photo: National Education Association Communications Services.

The first day of school is only days aways and more than six million 5 and 6 - year - olds are preparing to venture into foreign territory: kindergarten or first grade.

The overwhelming majority of these kids will adapt to the school routine quite easily, with little or no fuss, and one child in five will even be enthusiastic about it.

However, a small portion of the "first - timers" will balk and rail against leaving the security of home. It's important for these children to receive immediate attention, since a temporary crisis could lead to a chronic problem called "school avoidance" or "school phobia." These terms simply mean that, for one reason or another, the child is anxious about the sepration from home and is afraid to go to school.

These 5 - and 6 - year - old "first - timers" have a major job in life: to attend school. To do so successfully, they must learn to outgrow their complete dependency on home and parents and accept the authority of other adults, namely the teacher, principal, bus driver, et al.

This is made easier if the parents don't make the mistakes of clinging to their children and making too big a fuss over the first day of class.

Here are some practical dos and don'ts to help parents prepare their children for entry into school:

— Do treat school as part of the normal course into school:

— Do answer your children's questions honestly, and discuss the number of days they will attend school, the length of time that will be spent there and how they will get back and forth.

— Don't give children the impression that they have any choice in the matter of school attendance.

— Don't try to force children to be exuberant about going to school; if a child has a stable relationship at home, chances are that he or she will adjust quickly away from home. In fact, once the "moment of truth" occurs at the point of separation, most kids recover quickly and experience a very enjoyable day.

6 area superstars in academic olympics

Six outstanding Baltimore area students have been awarded medals and scholarships for their performance in the NAACP's Academic Olympics in Portland, Ore.

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Pamela M. Taylor, 18, a $1,000 and gold medal winner from Northwestern, who entered her impressionistic paintings;

Rhonda Lynch, 17, $250 and bronze medal winner also from Northwestern, demonstrated her skills as an actor dancer;

Cindy L. Lross, 16, $250 and a bronze medal winner from Pimlico Junior High, entered the competition as a dancer.

Amy C. Neil, 14, a poet and a silver medal winner from Western, received a $500 award;

Steve D. Savage, 18, and Charles P. Howard, 13, debaters from Milford Mill High School and Boys Latin, took home gold and silver medals respectively. Savage received $1,000 and Howard was awarded $600.

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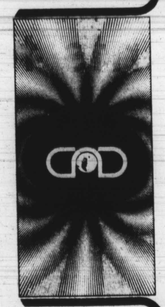

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We must produce more academic superstars

By Benjamin L. Hooks
NAACP Executive Director

It is a cruel fact of American history that society has consistently sought to maintain psychological and social control over its black citizens not only through a system of miseducation but by a deliberate indoctrination of inferiority.

The Constitutional language making blacks no more than "three - fifths of all other persons" has been enshrined in words and in deeds.

From the 1857 Dred Scott decision in which the Supreme Court held that blacks had no rights that whites were bound to respect to the scholarly treatises of the Shockleys and Jensens, our society has labored hard to perpetuate the myth that the children of Africa are genetically inferior.

One of the immediate concerns of the NAACP was immediately upon being founded in 1909 was to attack the common notion that blacks have smaller brains than whites, so they were indeed inferior.

Progress is relative. So, to the extent that the size of black and white craniums are no longer compared to measure intellectual ability, society ought to be thankful.

Nevertheless, despite the great abundance of natural and economic wealth of our nation, there still seems to be the felt need among those who control our institutions to perpetuate the notion of black inferiority. The extensive attacks on affirmative action programs, especially those in colleges, is but one example.

Other more subtle and infinitely more dangerous myths are fostered by some of our own spokesmen. Some not only attack affirmative action as a program for admitting unqualified black students through the back door, but they also self - servingly play upon the weaknesses of our urban school systems to show that blacks are to be blamed for their own plight.

They do not accentuate the positive of academic achievement, but rather they uphold the easily recognizable destructive qualities of predominantly black schools, which are underfunded, under - staffed and outrightly abused to demonstrate that black children could learn if only they themselves had a will to do so.

What black people must never forget, however, is that if it had not been for the initially few among us who slipped through the massive screening processes to become noteworthy intellectual achievers, those blacks who are most prone to blame their race for its current educational problems would certainly not have been provided role models to spur them on to their own limited successes.

It was for these reason that I launched the NAACP ACT- SO (acronym for Afro - Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics) program shortly after becoming executive director last year. Black children have had so many role models, except intellectual achievers.

Our athletes are among mankind's finest physical specimens and performers. Their acumen on the football and baseball fields, on the track and on basketball and tennis courts rightly are celebrated. We certainly should strive for no lessening of these examples of brain and brawn.

On the other hand, we must knowingly strive also to develop so many intellectual role models that we will be able to saturate every community, every school, the airwaves and every newspaper and publication with examples of black achievers. A good many of these achievers are presently within our midst, as so many NAACP delegates discovered at the recent convention in Portland.

Based on a pilot program involving 13 cities, our branches, and private individuals were able to select 57 winners, grades 9 through 12, for sponsorship to the national competition at the convention. These youngsters were high achievers in the visual, performing and literary arts: the natural and social sciences.

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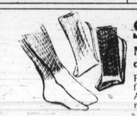

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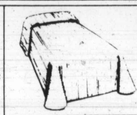

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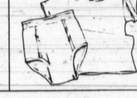

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