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Columbia genius makes waves at Wellesley College

By Pinnie L. Ross

It's very seldom that you find a person with a combination of beauty, brains and talent.

Well, I discovered a very pretty young lady who has all of them. She is 20-year-old Kimberly M. DeBerry, a 1978 graduate of Wilde Lake High School and a junior at Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

The Wellesley College has a student body of five thousand students with one hundred and fifty black students, and only fifty of those active, according to Kimberly.

This genius has an I.Q. of 167. Her I.Q. was discovered when Mrs. DeBerry received a call from school while Kimberly was only seven years old. It didn't surprise Mrs. DeBerry, because her daughter Kimberly had always been on top of everything since she was an infant.

Most students after completion of the SAT examination come up with scores ranging in some cases way below 500. This genius scores always fall in the category of one thousand and five hundred.

Kimberly has been chosen by the college students to become resident advisor. In order to qualify for this position, you must be an upcoming member of the senior, junior or sophomore class, planning to remain on campus for the academic year 1980-81. All candidates must have at least a 2.0 point average on a 4.0 scale.

The students took into consideration, before choosing Miss DeBerry, the qualities sought in the applicants.

Among them are: sincere interest in others, ability to take the interest of other students she serves, self-confidence, the ability to communicate comfortably and to act with sensitivity and concern in a wide variety of situations.

She must have a broad knowledge of the range of lifestyles evident at Wellesley, crisis intervention ability and the ability to carry out administrative responsibilities.

Miss DeBerry will serve as a resource and referral person for all students.

The genius maintained an A average through grade school, elementary and high school. She

Kimberly M. DeBerry

was a gifted pupil at the age of 7, making scores of one thousand and two hundred. During her high school career she was on an independent schedule.

The brilliant young lady plays the flute, piano, and violin. She started at a very early age to develop her musical talent.

She was the first black violinist and only one to play on the Howard County School Orchestra and while at Wilde Lake she was in several drama productions.

At Wellesley College, she is continuing to study the flute. She has appeared in several drama productions, including two in French.

Just before the closing of school she appeared in the musical lyam,' a commentary on a black woman's experience in a white world. She was one of the main characters playing the role of the 82-year-old lyam.

Miss DeBerry is majoring in psychology at Wellesley College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. DeBerry of Columbia, and the proud granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. McCoy of Allendale Road, Baltimore.

Mrs. DeBerry, her mother, has a masters degree in supervision and administration. She teaches English at Lakeland Middle school.

Travel Club

The young people's Travel Club directed by Mrs. Rutenna Blake is offering an enriching and innovative learning experience during a concentrated 2 weeks summer travel program.

The children will have the opportunity to explore a different place or places of interest in Maryland and the District of Columbia each day. At the end of each day they will have the opportunity to share their experience with each other.

The club will be held for 2 sessions. First session will start July 14-18. 2nd session, July 21-25. The time will be 8:30 until 4:30.

Mrs. Blake has a full 2-week itinerary for the young people. Some interesting places they'll visit will be the State House in Annapolis, C & P Telephone Company, Fort McHenry, Mt. Vernon, D.C., Harpers Ferry, FBI Building, Naval Academy, Baltimore Harbor and many other interesting places.

For further information contact Mrs. Blake at 730-6075.

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FAMILY REUNION COMMITTEE — Members of the Cofield family pictured at their recent reunion held at Eastwind, Pulaski Highway, are (L to R): Linwood C. Cofield, toastmaster and treasurer; Ethel F. Jenkins, recording secretary; Rosie M. Sample, chairperson; Estelle M. Kesler, cochairperson; Rosa L. Farmer, advisor and Robert Cofield III, business manager. On the reunion planning committee, but not pictured is Shirley Filmore, corresponding secretary.

This gala affair was truly enjoyed by all present — eating, dancing, seeing and meeting relatives for the first time, greeting and chitting with those who had not seen each other in a long time.

The family is looking forward with great anticipation to seeing everyone at its next family reunion to be held in 1981.

Douglass High worship

Recently, the February 1929 Douglass High School Graduating Class held its first Annual Worship Service and Brunch.

About sixty (60) persons attended Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church for morning service and then went to Maceo's Lounge for brunch.

Attending were: Frances R. Branch, Howard M. Contee, Jerome Briscoe, Geralding W. Griner, Mildred P. Smith, Robert Smith, Kenneth Robinson, Edmonia B. Robinson, Robert B. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Upshur, Margaret V. Peck, Edward Peck.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Melanie, Berenice H. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Enock Cook, Josephine H. Tucker, Marian B. Evans, Arthur Wall, Ann C. Fuller, Charity Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dosery, Shirley G. Lawrence, Eva L. Creigler, Merrial S. Brinkley.

Surprise Birthday Party

Mrs. Dorothy Diggs of Braddish Ave., Baltimore, Md. gave her husband a surprise birthday party.

The event was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis of Belleville Ave. also in Baltimore.

It was a Gala affair—well attended and a delightful time for all.

There were four generations present, namely: the parents of the honoree, Robert, (Mr. and Mrs. William F. Diggs), all five of their children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The Poinsettia Club was also represented to witness this occasion.

Some of the guests came from long distances, such as Paris, France, Detroit, Mich., Belleville, Ill., Dale City, Washington, D.C., Virginia and New York City.

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