Braithwaite heads Penn State project

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Lancelot Braithwaite, assistant professor of English at Pennsylvania State University, has been named coordinator of the university's developmental year, program.

The new academic program, to be offered for the first time in the fall at University Park, is designed to accommodate and develop the varied talents of educationallly disadvantaged students.

It is being administered as a resident education program under the office of Dr. Robert E. Dunham, vice president for undergraduate studies.

In announcing the appointment of Professor Braithwaite, Dr. Dunham said:

"I'm pleased Professor Braithwaite was able to assume this position because of his unique background not only as an English professor but as one who has a great deal of experience teaching academically disadvantaged students. He is especially suited because of his understanding and enthusiasm for this kind of effort."

According to Dr. Dunham, students in the Developmental Year program will be offered individualized curricular opportunities designed to alleviate previous scholastic deficiencies in the basic skills and to cultivate their knowledge of course materials in areas of potential difficulty.

"We're going to attempt to strengthen their basic skills," he said, "as well as provide personal counseling and support services necessary to their adjustment to the university."

Professor Braithwaite, who will continue his teaching duties along with his new responsibilities, joined the Penn State faculty in the Winter Term, 1973.

A member of the University's Black Studies Academic Committee, he taught in the 1973 Summer Intensive Program for Educational Opportunity Program students and coordinated the English portion of the program.

LANCELOT BRAITHWAITE

A graduate of the New York University School of Commerce with a bachelor of science degree in communications arts, he was a television engineer with WOR-TV, New York City, from 1965 to 1969 and served one year as contributing editor at the station.

Prior to joining the university faculty, Professor Braithwaite was manager of audio visuals for the Educational Development Corp., Menlo Park, Calif. He also directed educational programs on a consultant basic for Economides and Associates, San Francisco, Calif.

Miss Booker has joined ABA staff

WASHINGTON—Janice A. Booker, formerly a free-lance consultant, has joined the American Bankers Association (ABA) as an assitant director, Willis W. Alexander, ABA executive vice president, has announced.

A former resident of Tryon, N.C., Ms. Booker attended Edmund Embury High

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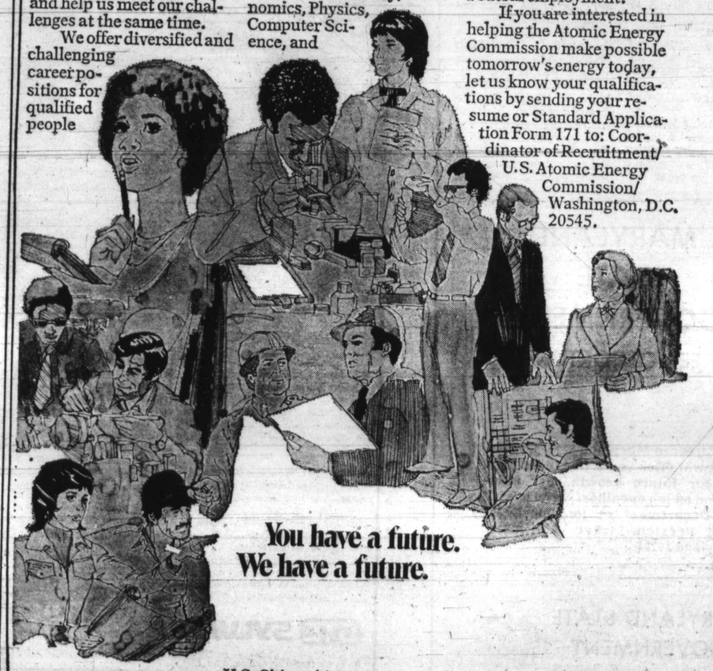

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Secretarial ambitions led to another career

WASHINGTON — Being a hard-headed realist, Betty Culmer decided while at Douglas High School in Key West, Fla., that a secretarial career offered the stable kind of future she would seek.

She started in that direction but soon discovered she had other talents which could broaden her career horizons. That discovery led to her present position as an information assistant in the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Information.

Her work includes writing feature stories, in-Service newsletters and other communications, press releases and other services for the news media. To hone her skills, she has been attending the USDA Graduate School, taking editorial courses, seeking to move even higher on the professional ladder as an information specialist.

Training, determination and a willingness to try new tasks proved to be the keys to both a successful secretarial career and advancement into management and writing activities for the federal government.

These qualities were doubly important to Betty because she delayed her business career efforts long enough to establish a home and family.

After two years in secretarial science education at Xavier University in New Orleans, she quit school to marry and have a family. It wasn't until seven years later that her thoughts turned back to her earlier secretarial desires.

By then, her husband, Floyd, had been transferred to Washington, D.C., with the U.S. Air Force. Recognizing that her shorthand and typing had suffered from disuse, she began the lonely task of bringing them back up to the standards required by the federal government.

Early every Saturday morning she retaught herself with the aid of a secretarial television course aired over a Washington station.

When her husband was transferred to Anchorage, Alaska, she continued her self training with the use of lesson records.

But that first job still didn't come easy. She applied for a job with the Department of Transportation on the basis of her typing, even though her shorthand wasn't yet up to standard.

She was hired as a temporary employee, with the proviso that she raise her shorthand to the required speed.

That was the break she needed. She quickly reached the shorthand goal and was hired as a GS-4.

It wasn't many months before she discovered she had a talent for management. As a one-woman secretarial "pool" for seven people in the Audit Division of the Department of Transportation there, she soon began taking over additional jobs, such as preparation of budget estimates, monitoring expenditures and estimated manhour reports on individual projects.

That's when she decided federal government work offered even broader horizons for career development, and it was the employer for her.

The Culmers returned to Washington in 1970, where she accepted a GS-5 secretarial position with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conversation Service (ASCS) with the Department of Agriculture. Two months later, she was hired by the U.S. Forest Service in the same department as a GS-6 secretary in the Office of Information.

She found the work interesting and challenging because of its variety and pressures, and, at the same time, recognized a new avenue for advancement. When an information assistant position was established in the division, she applied for it and was promoted to the GS-7 job.

Betty and her husband have a son, Floyd Jr., and a daughter, Valerie. Floyd Sr. recently retired from the U.S. Air Force.

She keeps building for future

CAMDEN, N.J. — Five children and a broken marriage did not deter Mrs. Rachelle A. Pritchett, 28, of 1379 Chase St., from seeking a college education.

She left Woodrow Wilson High School at the age of 16 and was married.

Since then she has worked as a para-professional at the Camden County Office of Economic Opportunity, the American Red Cross and the Black People's Unity Movement.

Later she enrolled in the Equal Opportunity Fund Program at Rutgers University's Camden Campus. Mrs. Pritchett said she was motivated by a desire "to build a future for my children to give them life chances."

She attends Rutgers the year round in order to accelerate her obtaining her baccaluerate degree. She expects to complete her degree requirements in January. A 1.6 average has been kept by the ambitious young mother during her attendance at Rutgers.

Her children are Colleen, 12; Cheryl, 10; Hilton, 9; Barry, 5, and Sukari, 3.

—Miss Booker

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School, graduating in 1964. She received her BS in Raleigh, in 1968.

She is presently enrolled in the American University, Washington, D.C., working on an MBA in finance.

Ms. Booker joins the ABA's Urban and Community Affairs Division to assist the division's director and several banker and non-banker groups to develop and administer urban and community development programs for the banking industry.

She also has responsibility for all research necessary for these programs and for developing a marketing and communications network to encourage banks to actively engage in urban and community development activities.

Before joining the ABA, Ms. Booker was a court and special accountant in the trust department of American Security and Trust Co., Washington, D.C. (1968-69).

From 1969-70, she was chief accountant for the International Service Agencies, (ISA), Washington, D.C., and in 1970 she became director of finance for ISA.

From September 1972 to February 1973, Ms. Booker was technical assistance officer for the National Committee on Household Employment of the Economic Development Office. In February of 1973, she became the Committee's project director.

Ms. Booker is a former co-chairperson of the Program Committee for the Uplift House Community Center (1972-73). She is now chairperson of its board of directors.

During 1973, she served as a delegate to the National Urban League Convention, the National Business League (NBL) Convention, the Washington Update for the Association for Technical Assistance and the National Business League Committee for National Policy Review.

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