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ABSTRACT

This study examined the differences between academically successful and unsuccessful Black college freshmen enrolled in two predominantly White universities, the University of Oklahoma (OU) and the University of Texas (UT). It focused primarily upon attitudes and values, interpersonal relationship variables, and their interaction with demographic information and standardized test scores. Participants (N=56)) were Black college freshmen who lived on campus and who agreed to complete questionnaire packets that were distributed by resident advisors during second semester. Participants completed a Student Demographic Questionnaire (SDQ), 2 Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation--Behavior Scale (FIRO-B), a Personal Competency Rating Scale (PCI), a University Alienation Scale (UAS), a Just World Scale (JWS), and a Perceived Support Network Inventory (PSNI). In general, the results of multiple regression analyses indicated (a) JWS scores and first year GPA were significantly and negatively correlated for OU students, (b) educational level of mother was significantly and positively correlated with first year

GPA for UT students, (c) a curvilinear relationship existed between size of hometown and first year GPA for UT students, and (d) neither SAT or ACT scores were significantly related to first year GPA. The discussion section explores possible explanations and implications that the results suggest.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In spite of high attrition rates, enrollment of Black students in predominantly White universities continues to increase (Cortina, 1980; Crossland, 1971; Franklin, 1980; Sedlacek & Webster, 1978). Many arrive with backgrounds that have not prepared them emotionally, financially, or academically for the experience of coping with being Black in the predominantly White university setting (Carney & Barak, 1976; Mullinex, Fadden, Brach, & Gould, 1980; Westbrook, Miyares, & Roberts, 1978). However, research has found that Black students also bring a fierce determination and a belief that nothing will hinder them from attaining a degree (Antonowsky, 1967; Gibbs, 1973). This tenacity and determination may partially explain why Black students continue to enroll in increasing numbers in predominantly White institutions. However, it still remains somewhat unclear why Black

student attrition rates remain significantly higher in spite of the programs developed to aid Black students' adjustment to the majority White campus.

Three basic schools of thought have addressed the question of Black student attrition on predominantly White campuses. The first school is based on the inference of Black inferiority in relation to Whites. The well-known Jensen (1969) study found that Blacks scored lower on IQ tests than Whites. Ausubel & Ausubel (1963), Brazziel (1964), and McClain (1967) found that Black students scored higher than White students on characteristics considered negative by society: deference, shyness, group dependence, suspiciousness, and oversensitivity. Being different from White students was equated with being inadequate or inferior. Black students were identified as the problem.

The second school of thought identifies the racist, ethnocentric White system as the problem. Copeland (1978), Harper (1975), Jones (1980), and Smith (1979) proposed that Black students responded in unique ways in order to cope and adjust because they experienced college life differently, specifically identifying racial discrimination as the culprit. Several different interaction coping styles have been identified within Black student populations (Burbach & Thompson, 1973; Edwards, 1970;

Harper, 1975; Harrell, 1979). Studies have also shown that the validity and predictive value of standardized achievement tests substantially decreased when Black student results were evaluated by the predominantly White norms (Baggaley, 1974; Farver, Sedlacek & Brooks, 1975; Pfeiffer & Sedlacek, 1971 & 1974). This explanation advocates that differences between the two populations should be expected, not labelled as inadequacies or inferiorities.

From this second school of thought, researchers and student personnel have developed a flurry of recommendations concerning the necessary adjustments and changes that predominantly White universities should make to accommodate Black students. The programs most often implemented include: using White graduate students trained in racial empathy and sensitivity to tutor Black students (Gibbs, 1975; Pierce & Norrell, 1970); increasing Black faculty and staff along with including Black counselors in freshmen orientation (Boyd, 1974; Fields, 1970; Harrell, 1979; McClellan, 1970; Proctor, 1970); incorporating Black Studies Programs into basic curriculum (Cleveland, 1969; Hamilton, 1970; Rosser, 1971); and providing compensatory programs for high-risk students (Egerton, 1969; Greising, 1969; Jones, 1980; Williams, 1969). Despite these efforts, Black student attrition has remained dis-

proportionately high and in response the number of special programs and schools employing different admissions criteria for minorities are decreasing, having been labelled ineffective (Cleveland, 1969; Hilton, 1968; Proctor, 1970; Rosser, 1971; Sedlacek, 1977).

Having accepted that, given racial discrimination, Black and White students should display differences, the third school of thought attributes the ineffectiveness of existing programs to inaccurate and/or incomplete assessment of Black students' needs. Researchers of this third school have been reexamining earlier research in respect to current Black students while also studying Black students' needs. As in earlier studies, finances and lack of study skills continue to be identified as high sources of stress for all students, but, acutely so, for Black students (Carney & Barak, 1976; Fleming, 1981; Mullinex, Fadden, Brach & Gould, 1980; Westbrook, Miyares, & Roberts, 1978).

Comparing Black students at both predominantly White and predominantly Black universities and White students at a predominantly White university, Westbrook, Miyares, & Roberts (1978) reported that Black students at the predominantly White university showed lower ethnic unity and trust. Both Flemming (1981) and Gibbs (1973) found that Black students at predominantly White universities

reported more interpersonal tension with other students, both Black and White, than those enrolled in predominantly Black universities. Overall, Black students at predominantly White institutions were found to report more interpersonal stress than Whites at predominantly White institutions and Blacks at predominantly Black institutions.

This tension, arising from reported interpersonal stress, seems to further effect how Black students experience the university. Smith (1979) and Webster, Sedlacek, & Miyares (1978) indicate that Black students express more difficulty with feeling like victims of racism and racial discrimination than other groups. Research has also found that Black students attributed academic failure primarily to a sense of loneliness and alienation--powerlessness, meaninglessness, and social estrangement (Cortina, 1980; Goodrich, 1980; Smith, 1979; Suen, 1983). Smith (1979) also identified difficulty in adjustment to cultural and/or racial hostility from White faculty and students, lack of counseling help, scarcity of Black faculty models and poor communication with Black faculty. All of the above dilemmas appear to have resulted in Black students more acutely experiencing problems in areas of autonomy, sexual and aggressive feelings, low self-esteem, depression, and

long-range career plans (Baum & Lamb, 1983; Gibbs, 1973).

In response to the research results of the third school of thought, additional suggestions for program development areas have appeared: the improvement of minority selection and admissions procedures (Burlew, 1980; Farver, Sedlacek, & Brooks, 1975; Higher Education of Minorities, 1982; Tracey & Sedlacek, 1984); development of counseling methods to counteract students' mistrust, apathy, or hostility (Haettenschwiller, 1971; Vontress, 1968); and the teaching of skills that should aid in the students' being more effective in functioning in a White setting (Sedlacek & Brooks, 1976). However, very few of these programs have been implemented on a large scale basis and the problems generally remain.

Many questions remain unanswered about Black student success on predominantly White university campuses. Some researchers have found cognitive measures to be better predictors for Black student success (Dispenziere, Giniger, Reichman, & Levy, 1971), while more current studies support the use of affective measures (Burlew, 1980; Tracey & Sedlacek, 1984). The Commission on the Higher Education of Minorities (1982) found academic performance in secondary school to be the best predictor of college success. Copeland (1978) found that amount of financial aid did not differentiate between those who

stayed in school and those who didn't. That study also found dropouts attended college for non-specific reasons more than stayers and that there were no class or sex differences between stayers and dropouts.

Much of the research has failed to address the diversity existing among Black students. Many times academic classification, belief and value systems, urban versus rural background differences, socio-economic background, sex, interaction styles, and geographic locations are ignored. The result of such research may be inaccurate overgeneralizations in terms of needs assessments and other characteristics. It would seem that a more comprehensive needs assessment technique would be necessary in order to develop more effective programs. Edmunds (1984) states that a needs assessment for Black students must examine personal, interpersonal, academic, career, environmental, and financial issues.

The present research was designed to examine the differences between academically successful and unsuccessful Black college freshmen enrolled in a predominantly White university. It will focus particularly on attitudes and values, interpersonal relationship variables, and their interaction with demographic variables and standardized test scores.

CHAPTER II

METHOD

Participants

The participants of this study were Black freshmen men who lived in the dormitories on the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas at Austin campuses. The population was limited to native born United States citizens whose college experience began the Fall 1983 semester. One-hundred fifty questionnaire packets were distributed.

Data Analysis

The study examined the relationships among the following: 1) Black/Black interaction 2) Black/White interaction 3) Social network variables 4) Perceived personal competencies 5) Degree of feelings of alienation from the university 6) Belief in a just world and 7) First year grade point average (GPA). The usual predictors of college success such as high school GPA and standardized college aptitude scores (ACT or SAT) were included along with demographic and family back-

ground information. Multiple regression analyses were employed to find the best set of variables for predicting first year GPA of Black freshmen on two predominantly White campuses.

Instruments

Each survey packet contained the following: the letter of introduction and explanation (Appendix B), Consent for Research Participation Form (Appendix C), the Student Demographic Questionnaire (SDQ) (Appendix D), the Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation--Behavior Scale (FIRO-B; Schutz, 1967) (Appendix E), the Personal Competency Rating Scale (PCI; Paul, Pulton, Ostrow, Morrill, & Kochenor, 1981) (Appendix F), the University Alienation Scale (UAS; Burbach, 1971) (Appendix G), the Just World Scale (JWS; Rubin & Peplau, 1975) (Appendix H), and the Perceived Support Network Inventory (PSNI; Oritt, 1983) (Appendix I).

Student Demographic Questionnaire (SDQ): The SDQ was designed by the author and consists of 12 items addressing participants' personal and academic backgrounds (Appendix D). A question regarding the student's intent to reenroll the fall semester was also included.

Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation--

Behavior Scale (FIRO-B): The FIRO-B (Appendix E) consists of 54 Likert items reflecting three behavioral dimensions: inclusion, control, and affection. Inclusion assesses the degree to which a person associates with others; control measures the extent to which a person assumes responsibility, makes decisions, or dominates people; and affection reflects the degree to which a person becomes emotionally involved with others (Ryan, 1970). For each dimension, two scores, symbolized by "e" and "w", are obtained. The "e" score represents the person's expressed or manifest behavior. It is the overt, observable behavior. The "w" score represents what the individual wants from other people. Eighteen items correspond to each dimension, with scores ranging from 0 to 9. Higher expressed scores indicate higher frequency of behaviors related to inclusion, control, and affection. Higher wanted scores indicate greater needs for inclusion, control, and affection. Evidence for the instrument's validity is based on factor analysis. Estimation of reliability, as measured by a reproducibility score, is .94 for all six scales. The mean coefficient of stability (test-retest) for the FIRO-B over the six scales is .86.

Personal Competency Rating Scale (PCI): The PCI

(Appendix F) consists of 30 5-point Likert-type items designed to assess the extent to which individuals perceive themselves to possess competencies in four general areas: social, personal, problem-solving and functional.

The social subscale addresses interpersonal relationship abilities, including communication, assertiveness, interpersonal problem-solving, and intimacy. The personal subscale contains items reflecting an individual's abilities to adapt, plan, exercise self-control, cope with failures, manage anxiety, differentiate feelings, and enhance physical attractiveness. The problem-solving subscale examines problem-solving abilities including aspects of problem definition, alternative exploration, and resource organization. The functional subscale measures the functional competencies involving computational, reasoning, reading, writing and time-use. Each of the subscales has been found to add to the overall measure. The instrument has content validity, and reliability has been found to be .85.

University Alienation Scale (UAS): The UAS (Appendix G) consists of 25 5-point Likert-type items that are designed to measure components of alienation in college students with reference to the university setting. The construct validity is based on item-to-total analysis and factor analysis by correlating the UAS with

the Dean Alienation Scale (Dean, 1961) which measures feelings of alienation relative to society. The coefficients are .79, .89, and .72 for powerlessness, meaninglessness, and social estrangement, respectively. The corrected reliability for the total scale is .92. All scale items have been found to contribute to the measurement of the scale's general properties.

Just World Scale (JWS): The JWS (Appendix H) consists of 20 6-point Likert-type items that assess the extent to which an individual believes in a just world. Eleven of the randomly assigned items, have been designed to represent agreement with a "just world bias" (scored positively) and the other items to represent an "unjust world" bias (scored negatively). Respondents indicate the degree of agreement or disagreement with each statement. Kuder-Richardson internal consistency reliability scores are reported at .80 and .81 respectively for samples of college students from the Boston and Oklahoma areas. Predictive and construct validity are documented by Rubin & Peplau (1975).

Perceived Support Network Inventory (PSNI): The PSNI (Appendix I) is a modified version of the Arizona Social Support Interview Schedule (Barrera, 1980) and the Personal Competency Rating Scale (Ostrow, Paul, Oritt, & Dark, 1981). It is a two-part instrument designed to assess social support networks. In Part One,

Support Network, respondents record first name and last initial of all people that they would go to if they needed support during a stressful period. In Part Two, Support Network Information, respondents provide six categories of information about each individual listed in Part One. Categories represent perceived social support variables which are operationalized as follows: initiation of support-seeking behavior, the contacting of a support network member for the purpose of obtaining support or help during times of stress; perceived availability of support, the presence of the support network member during times of stress and the provision of support by that person; satisfaction with support, the satisfaction felt by the subject with the support received from the support network member during times of stress; perceived multidimensionality, the provision of more than one type of support by the support network member during times of stress. The five types of support are listed below this question and subjects indicate expected types of support; perceived reciprocity, the extent to which subjects provide support network members with support during their times of stress; perceived network conflict, the extent to which subjects have serious disagreements or uncomfortable emotional confrontations with support network members--the higher the score the less conflict is assumed be-

tween the subject and network member. Respondents rate the extent to which a particular variable exists for each network member on 9 7-point Likert type scales. The instruments' similarity to a previous instrument (Barrera, 1980; Ostrow, Paul, Oritt, & Dark, 1981), the reliability of which was .80, justifies the inclusion in the present study.

Procedure

The researcher made the necessary contacts to obtain names of potential participants. Two weeks prior to Spring Break (second semester) each participant received a packet containing: a letter of consent form, a copy of each of the measures and a demographic sheet with instructions. The packet included two FIRO-B instruments in which the participants were asked to respond to the first as if in a totally Black situation on campus, while in the other as if they were the only Black in a White situation on campus. Each instrument was a pencil and paper test and was self-administered.

Information gained regarding individual subjects was held in strict confidence. Code numbers were assigned to each participant and only this number was used to identify participants on the psychological instruments and demographic information sheet. The code was kept in a secure location under the control of the experimenter.

CHAPTER III

RESULTS

Fifty-six freshmen returned the survey packets. The sample was comprised of 37.5% (21) males and 62.5% (35) females having a mean age of 18 years. Seventy-two percent (40) were enrolled at the University of Oklahoma (OU) and 38% (16) at the University of Texas (UT) at Austin. Appendix J presents the background data collected on the students: parental levels of education, population of hometown, age, ACT and SAT scores, high school grade point average (HSGPA), and college major. The data indicated that the sample consisted of a broad representation of Black freshmen from all educational background levels and geographic locations.

Appendix K presents the means and standard deviations for all variables by university. UT students were found to have significantly higher ($p < .05$) means on expressed control with Blacks and Whites, wanted affection from Whites and education of mother.

The original research design used the students'

statement of their plans to return or not to the university as one criterion measure. However, that analysis was abandoned since only two students said that they were not returning to the present university, giving health problems and a move to a better university as reasons.

Since the standardized admission test data that was available was different for the two universities (ACT for OU and SAT for UT), the multiple regressions were separated by university. Table 1 presents the results of the multiple regression using both social/psychological and demographic variables to predict cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the end of 2 semesters.

TABLE 1

Results of multiple regression
using both social/psychological
variables and demographic data
as predictors of first year GPA

University of Texas

<u>significant predictor</u>	<u>B value</u>	<u>Std. Error</u>	<u>R²</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Prob>F</u>
Hometown Population	-.00000072	.00000023	.6367	8.76	.006
Education of mother	.4147	.1431			
Intercept	1.28848				

Variables that were not significant: personal competency (total score), expressed affection with Blacks, high school GPA, education of father, SAT score, and sex.

TABLE 1
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Results of multiple regression
using both social/psychological
variables and demographic data
as predictors of first year GPA

University of Oklahoma

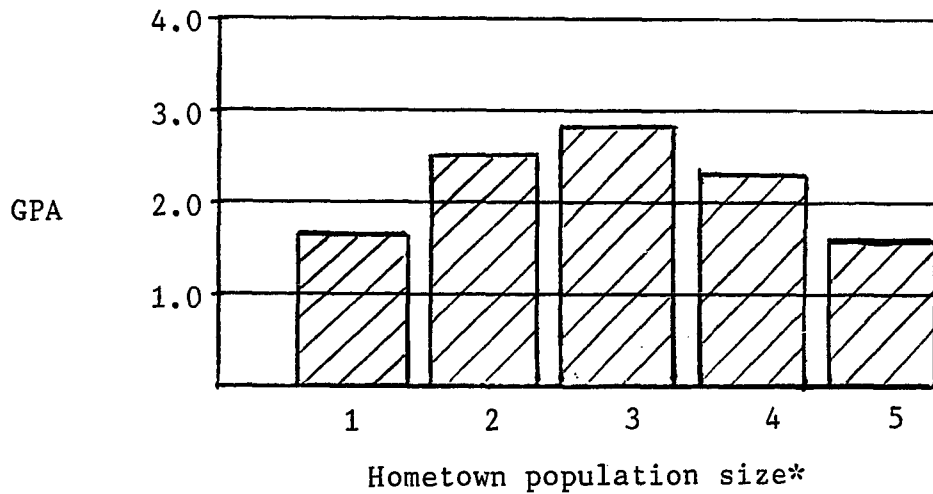
<u>significant predictor</u>	<u>B value</u>	<u>Std. Error</u>	<u>R²</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Prob>F</u>
Belief in Just World	-0.7531	0.3049	.2095	6.10	.0214
Intercept	5.3903				

Variables that were not significant: high school GPA, hometown population, education of mother, ACT score, education of father, and sex.

Population of hometown and educational level of mother were found to be significant ($p < .006$) predictors of first year GPA for UT students. Figures 1 and 2 present UT data showing the relationships between hometown population and education level of mother with GPA respectively. Hometown population was found to have a curvilinear relationship with GPA while educational of mother has a positive, linear relationship with GPA. For OU students belief in a just world was found to be the only significant ($p < .02$) predictor with a negative correlation with first year GPA, indicating the higher the expressed belief in a just world the lower the GPA.

Figure 1

Relationship between hometown
population size and first year GPA
for University of Texas students



* 1= 0 - 50,00 4= 500,001 - 1,000,000
2= 50,001 - 100,000 5= 1,000,000+
3= 100,000 - 500,000

Figure 2

Relationship between educational
level of mother and first year GPA
for University of Texas students

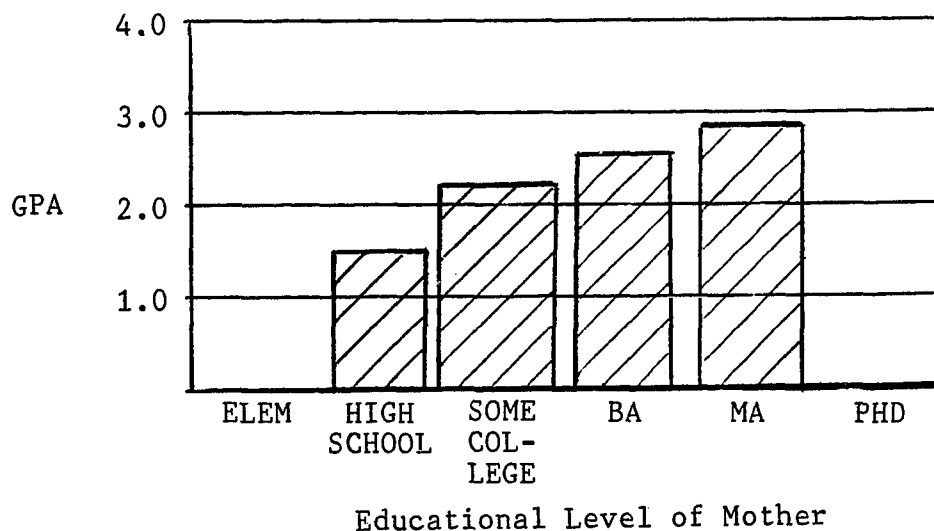


Table 2 presents the analysis using only the social/psychological variables to predict first year GPA.

TABLE 2

Results of multiple regression
using only social/psychological
variables as predictors of first year GPA

University of Texas

<u>significant predictor</u>	<u>B value</u>	<u>Std. Error</u>	<u>R²</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Prob>F</u>
Personal Competency (Total score)	-0.8879	0.3767	.3445	2.89	.098
Expressed Affection w/Blacks	0.1878	.1099			
Intercept	4.9556				

Variables that were not significant: all other social/
psychological variables examined in the study.

University of Oklahoma

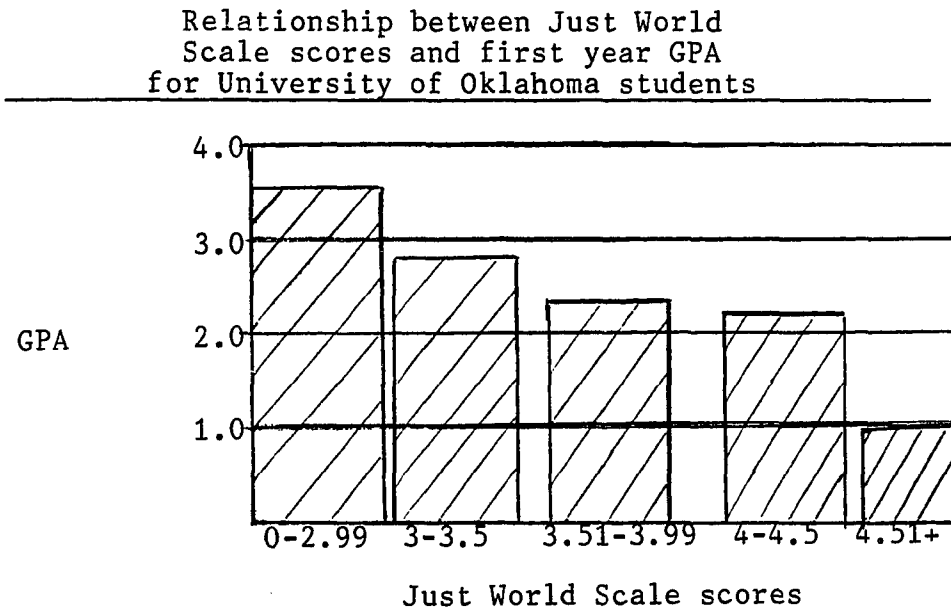
<u>significant predictor</u>	<u>B value</u>	<u>Std. Error</u>	<u>R²</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Prob>F</u>
Belief in Just World	-0.8870	0.3086	.1825	8.26	.007
Intercept					

Variables that were not significant: all other social/
psychological variables examined in the study.

For UT students personal competency total scores and
expressed affection for Blacks were found to be the

best predictors of first year GPA, however, the .05 level of significance was not attained. Belief in a just world was again found to be the only significant predictor of first year GPA for OU students. Figure 3 presents OU data showing the negative relationship between Just World Scale scores and GPA.

Figure 3



Neither standardized test scores nor HSGPAs contributed significantly to predicting first year GPA for either sample, not even at the .15 level of significance. Pearson product correlation coefficients of .16 ($p < .31$) and .46 ($p < .07$) were found between GPA and ACT

and SAT scores respectively. For UT students a correlation coefficient of .23 ($p < .40$) was found between HSGPA and first year GPA in college, while for OU students the correlation was .28 ($p < .08$).

Appendices L and M present intercorrelations among all measures for OU and UT respectively.

CHAPTER IV

DISCUSSION

As some earlier researchers have suggested (Boyd, 1974; Edwards, 1970; Harper, 1975), this study found the Black student freshmen group to be quite complex and not very amenable to blanket generalizations. Results indicated that differences such as those found between the University of Texas (UT) and the University of Oklahoma (OU) students effect what instruments best predict first year GPA as well as how the student might experience the predominantly White university setting. OU students were found to have parents with lower levels of education, to be more passive in interaction with both Blacks and Whites, and wanted less intimacy with Whites than their UT counterparts. However, in spite of these differences, it is important to note that at both universities neither standardized tests nor high school grade point average were found to be significant predictors of academic success. These findings contradict results of Burlew (1980), the Commission on the Higher Education of Minorities

(1982), Dispenzierei, Giniger, Reichman & Levey (1971), and Harris & Reitzel (1967). However, they support findings by Burlew (1980) and Tracey & Sedlacek (1984) that affective measures, aspirations, expectations, and others' perceptions are more effective predictors for minority students. This is of particular importance since standardized tests and HSGPA are the accepted admission requirements in higher education.

These findings suggest that: 1) many Black students may be erroneously guided away from college because of having received low standardized test scores; 2) universities that rely solely upon standardized test scores and high school GPA to predict academic success may be overlooking a large number of Black students who may have potential for academic success in higher education; and 3) the focus on standardized test scores and high school GPA may predispose universities to ignore other important factors that may hinder the academic success of minority students. This would clearly support the need for new minority selection and admissions procedures (Burlew, 1980; Farver, Sedlacek & Brooks, 1975; Higher Education of Minorities, 1982; Tracey & Sedlacek, 1984). However, until a more consistently accurate predictor of academic success for Black students is found, these findings also give cre-

dence to the 5% admissions regulations used at some major universities for minority students.

For OU students the best predictor of two semester cumulative GPA was found to be Just World Scale (JWS) scores with which GPA was negatively correlated. This indicates that students who strongly believe that people generally receive what they deserve and that hard work is automatically equated with success will obtain lower first year GPAs. A possible explanation of this result could be that the students who believe in a just world are being exposed to situations that blatantly contradict these beliefs and therefore they experience considerable cognitive dissonance. This explanation is supported by Steiner & Johnson (1963) who found a positive correlation between JWS scores and an intolerance for cognitive dissonance. It is likely that such a conflict between belief and experience would result in some strong negative feelings that might render the students less functional. One of these strong negative emotions is likely to be depression (Beck, Rush, Shaw, & Emery, 1978) which often renders individuals incapable of effectively engaging in the kind of cognitive tasks required to function academically. Therefore, the resulting depression would have a direct effect upon GPA. While therapeutic intervention at this point would be ideal, it does not often occur because most Black stu-

dents have learned through experience not to appear vulnerable or "needy" with Whites in order to avoid judgment and rejection (Willie & McCord, 1972). This hesitance to ask for help may have long term serious consequences if the only person who can assist in resolving a problem happens to be White, which often is the case on predominantly White campuses.

Another possible explanation for the negative relationship between JWS scores and GPA involves the sense of isolation that results from not valuing association with other Blacks, who may be viewed as underprivileged or lesser than Whites. Centers (1963), Christie (1954), and Noonan, Barry, & Davis (1970) have found JWS scores to be positively correlated with feelings of hostility toward those whom society considers to be handicapped or underprivileged. The belief that Blacks are inferior to Whites would therefore not only effect how Black students perceive themselves, but also would limit the number of contacts available to develop an adequate support network. Either could lead to depression and its effects as discussed previously.

From these results it appears that the OU students who cognitively did not believe in a just world, but who behaved as if they did, would most likely have higher GPAs. Students who had a sense that the world is not fair and yet a willingness to continue to set goals and

move toward them, would perform better academically than those who did not. Acknowledging that the world is sometimes just and sometimes not, these students could maintain the hope necessary to keep them engaged in behaviors which would allow them to attain their educational goals. When faced with setbacks they would be more likely to take comfort in the belief that in time things would turn around, while the students who had a strong belief in a just world would have a tendency to deem themselves inherently unworthy of good fortune and give up all hope when things went wrong. High academic achievers would therefore seem to have a different belief system and coping style than those who are not as successful academically.

In contrast to OU students, size of hometown and educational level of mother were found to be the best predictors of first year GPA for UT students. Results indicated that students from cities with populations in the 100,000-500,000 range and whose mothers had higher levels of education would have the highest first year GPAs. This relationship with GPA probably has less to do with actual numbers within a city and the number of college hours Black students' mothers may have, and more to do with the psychological effects resulting from a combination of the two. First, having a highly educated mother may provide the student with a "suc-

cessful" Black person with whom to identify and be identified. This positive identity development would therefore provide the student with the necessary sense of self-worth that would allow them to overcome feelings of alienation, avoid related resulting depression, and therefore function better. This relationship between how competent one perceives oneself and academic success has been supported by findings of Burlew (1980), Sedlacek & Brooks (1976), and Tracey & Sedlacek (1984). As a self-fulfilling prophecy, perceiving oneself to be competent and having others reinforce this belief through identification with a successful parent, could be an impetus that would reinforce the student to most likely and most often behave in ways that would maintain this self-image. This "identification" with a successful person would therefore not only provide the student with a higher sense of self-worth, but also the behaviors to increase the competency levels that already exist.

Second, the more highly educated Black mother would serve as a very powerful role model, having successfully overcome two obstacles, being both Black and female. The existence of successful role models could at the least provide the student with an alternative that students without role models would not have. At the most, the mother as a model, would serve as a guide to academic success by exhibiting behaviors and sharing words of

wisdom about how to set and attain academic goals. This would set up the student to be a participant observer with the mother as the model. The process has been found to be much more powerful than any other type of modeling (Bandura, Adams, & Bayer, 1977; Lewis, 1974). These hypotheses are supported by findings reported by the National Academy of Sciences (1982). Maternal employment and educational level were found to be significantly and positively correlated with higher school achievement of children in Black families, whereas, the opposite was found to be true for White families. Black girls were found to hold their mothers in higher esteem, and whose mothers worked, aspired to combine a career and a family when they grow up. Overall the children of Black working mothers were less sexist than those whose mothers did not work.

Size of hometown was also found to have a significant curvilinear relationship with GPA peaking at the 100,000-500,000 population range. A possible explanation could be that the size of hometown may also reflect the concentration of higher educated, middle-class, Blacks within a given city. Cities with populations greater and lesser than the 100,000-500,000 range may have members of this group scattered and isolated amid White middle-class communities, decreasing the numbers, the impact of and the support and guidance from other suc-

cessful Black role models. Louis Wirth (1951) pointed out in "Urbanism as a Way of Life" that identity development and quality of relationships were directly effected by the number of inhabitants belonging to that particular group and class. In addition, Willie & McCord (1972) found that small populations of Blacks within a White setting tended to be tension filled, highly competitive, and less cohesive. Therefore, students whose hometowns have lower concentrations of middle-class, higher educated Blacks, may receive less emotional support and encouragement from community and peers. This possibly explains the lowest GPAs of students whose hometowns are in the population ranges of 0-50,000 and 1,000,000+.

The fathers' educational level was not a significant predictor of Black student first first year GPA. These findings may reflect the dual role of the professional mother in not only maintaining a career, but of remaining the primary parent and therefore having more influence upon their children than professional fathers.

Why different predictors of first year GPA were found for OU and UT students remains somewhat unclear. The most obvious explanation could be the significant mean differences found on educational levels of mothers, expressed control with both Blacks and Whites and wanted intimacy with Whites. However, further research

is necessary since so many variables were included within this study. Examining 32 variables and comparing UT and OU means, significant differences were only found on five variables. So few significant differences could be accounted for by chance alone.

Another possible explanation is that the UT student sample was more homogeneous in that all students were from Texas, while 24% of the OU students were from other states (California, Nevada, Nebraska, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, and New York). This within group diversity may explain why JWS scores were significant predictors of GPA for OU students and not for UT students who were all from the same geographical regional and therefore perhaps more likely hold more similar beliefs. JWS scores for the OU sample ranged from 3.0 to 5.25 (± 2.25) depicting greater diversity than the UT sample range, 3.1 to 4.3 (± 1.2). This information may also give some clue to the differences found among research studies on Black students on predominantly White campuses across geographical regions.

These results provide valuable information for orientation and retention programs at predominantly White institutions. The need for new minority selection and admissions procedures is clearly supported (Burlew, 1980; Farver, Sedlacek & Brooks, 1975; Higher Education

of Minorities, 1982; Tracey & Sedlacek, 1984). Further support to increase minority and/or minority-sensitive faculty and staff (Harrell, 1979), to increase efforts in recruitment of minority students, as well as the inclusion of minority survival skill training and support groups within retention and/or orientation programs for Black students was also found (Brazziel, 1964; Coelho, Hamburg, & Murphey, 1963; Sedlacek & Brooks, 1976). Such systemic changes could have a major effect in making Black students' adjustment to the predominantly White university setting much easier. They could also aid the university in early identification of students who may experience difficulty in adjusting to the new setting which could allow time for intervention prior to negative academic and personal consequences.

Before concluding, it is important to mention that the other criterion variable, intent to reenroll, was excluded from data analysis because of the almost universal positive response from all students regardless of GPA or other difficulties stated. In fact, only two students gave negative responses which were explained by a move to a better university and a physical illness. Although these results truncated the research design, they are consistent with earlier findings of Antonowsky (1967) and Gibbs (1973) that no matter what is occurring, Black students expect nothing to hinder them from attaining

a degree. However, it is also important to acknowledge this determination as a strength which when combined with a more appropriate coping style in the face of cognitive dissonance, and successful role models and guidance could lead to an increased number of academically successful Black students.

Finally, it is important to consider the limitations of the present study in interpreting the results. Given small sample size and underrepresentation of UT students, these findings cannot provide the complete picture toward understanding the total Black student population on predominantly White campuses. Replication would appear to be necessary, especially with the inclusion of a follow-up on participating students in order to provide information on retention. Additional research might limit the number of variables to be correlated with GPA. Developing a packet which would take a shorter period of time to complete might increase the willingness of students to participate and therefore increase sample size.

In spite of the study's shortcomings many results were consistent with previous findings. This study, however, did raise enough questions that suggest a complexity within the Black student population (even within a small sample size), that many studies have not

addressed. This within group variability requires closer examination if a better understanding of the population and a more accurate needs assessment for purposes of the development of more efficient admissions, orientation, and retention programs are to occur.

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The Prospectus

PROSPECTUS

BLACK FRESHMEN: A STUDY OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND PERSISTENCE ON PREDOMINANTLY WHITE UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

INTRODUCTION

In 1975 the U.S. Census Bureau reported a 65% attrition rate for Black college students. An important contributor to this appears to be the high attrition rate of Black students enrolled in predominantly White colleges and universities (Crossland, 1971). In a 9-semester study at the University of Oklahoma (1981), a 62% loss of Black students was reported compared to a 50% loss of White students. Cortina (1980) found that Black students at a Wisconsin campus dropped out at a rate of 73.4% as compared to an overall student population attrition rate of 47.7%. On campuses where the overall attrition rates were lower, significant differences were still reported between Black and White students. Astin (1977) reported that Black students dropped out at a rate of 49.5% as compared with 36.1% for White students at a San

Francisco campus. Franklin (1980) reported similar significant differences between Black and White students. Goodrich (1978) and Sedlacek & Webster (1978) also found attrition rates of Black students to be particularly high in predominantly White institutions, and increasing as well.

In spite of this trend, Black students continue to enroll in predominantly White institutions (Astin, 1969; Bayer & Baruch, 1969; Sedlacek & Webster, 1978). The majority, however, arrive with backgrounds that have not prepared them for the experience of being Black in the White college setting. Bayer and Baruch (1969), Centra (1970), and Watley (1971) found that more Black students came from: poorer families with less formal education, poorer high school performance, and lower scores on standardized tests (Astin, 1969). However, 72% of these students expected nothing to hinder them from attaining a degree (Antonowsky, 1967; Gibbs, 1973), although the reality is that 50% or more of them will drop out before doing so.

There have been studies which have resulted in programs developed to aid the Black student adjustment to the White institution. White graduate students trained in racial empathy and sensitivity have been used in tutoring programs for Black students (Pierce & Norrell,

1970; Gibbs, 1975). Black counselors have been included in freshmen orientation, along with an overall increase in Black faculty and staff (Boyd, 1974; Hart, 1969; Harrell, 1979). Financial aid has been made more accessible (McClellan, 1970; Proctor, 1970; Fields, 1970). Black Studies Programs have been incorporated into basic curriculum (Hamilton, 1970; Cleveland, 1969; Rosser, 1971). Compensatory Programs for high-risk students have been developed and implemented (Greising, 1969; Egerton, 1969; Williams, 1969). Alternatives to traditional selection and admission procedures have been explored and implemented (Ott, 1978). Nevertheless, the significantly higher attrition for the Black student population on the majority White campus remains a given.

The continuation of this phenomenon has been explained by three basic schools of thought. The first is based on the position of Black inferiority in relation to Whites. Jensen (1969) found in comparing scores on IQ tests that Blacks scored lower than Whites. He concluded that Blacks were intellectually inferior. McClain (1967), Ausubel and Ausubel (1963), and Brazziel (1964) found that Blacks were not capable of competing in the dominant culture because of marked tendencies to be deferent, shy, and dependent.

A second explanation is that Blacks are not the pro-

blem, but rather the difficulty arises in the racist and ethnocentric White system. The major focus here is to advocate that in order for Blacks to fare well at White institutions the attitudes, behaviors, curriculum and teaching methodology of the White faculty must be addressed. Smith (1979) recommends that substantial changes in admission, recruitment, financial aid, academic assistance, orientation, counseling, and student life policies and practices should be made in order to encourage and support the Black student community. Jones (1980) states that for positive changes to occur in Black academic success and persistence the White institutions must move in a direction of commitment to developing programs to meet the special needs of the minority students. In spite of an earlier flurry of special programs for Black students in the White institution, Sedlacek (1978) found that the number of special programs for minorities had decreased, the average number of admissions criteria had increased, and the number of schools employing different admissions criteria for minorities had dropped in 1975 and 1976. All of these results show trends moving backward toward the situation found in 1969.

The third school of thought is based on the position of inaccurate assessment of the needs of the Black student. Hilton (1968), Cleveland (1969), Rosser (1971),

and Proctor (1970) found that the existing programs were ineffective for a large percentage of the Black student population. They concluded that neither Black nor White researchers were asking the right questions.

In view of the attitudes and existing literature addressing this problem, it is the objective of the present research to explore specific characteristics of a Black student population without using the traditional technique of making comparisons to the White student population. The purpose of this study is to research the differences between academically successful and unsuccessful Black college freshmen enrolled in a majority White university setting. This will be done by examining the relationships among the following: 1) Black/Black interaction 2) Black/White interaction 3) Social networks 4) Personal competencies 5) Degree of feelings of alienation 6) Degree of belief in a just world 7) Grade point average (GPA) and 8) Intended continuation. The usual predictors of college success such as high school GPA and standardized college aptitude scores (ACT, SAT) will also be included.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Demographic Information

Much of the research in the area of Black students on majority White campuses has used the following demographic categories to better understand the characteristics and needs of specific segments of the Black student population.

Sex. In a study of 40 colleges and universities, Boyd (1974) found several significant differences between the sexes involving family and educational backgrounds, academic behavior, and opinions. The Black women students came from more highly educated and wealthier families than Black men students. Black women reported more interaction with White peers, staff, and faculty; however, they also reported more incidents of racism. These sex differences would generally lead to the assumption that Black women would be more academically successful than Black men. However, current research shows this conclusion to be untrue.

Black women have been found to have significantly higher attrition rates than Black men. The University of

Oklahoma (1981) found the attrition rate for Black women was 72% as compared to 50% for Black men. Of the nation's total representation of Black college graduates, 62% were male and 38% female. Others have reported similar differences (Astin, 1977; Cortina, 1980; U.S. Census Bureau, 1975; Franklin, 1980).

Socioeconomic Status. In comparison to White students, the Black students' socioeconomic status was found to be significantly lower (McClellan, 1970; Fields, 1970; Proctor, 1970). Forty-three percent of the fathers of Black students, compared to 15% of the fathers of White students, were unskilled, semi-skilled, or service workers (McClellan, 1970). Centra (1970) found that 27% of the Black students received no parental support, compared to 13% of the White students. Sixty-six percent of the Black students relied on loans and scholarships as primary support in comparison to only 4% of the White students.

Several characteristics of Black students were found to be related to family income. Boyd (1974), Centra (1970), Clark & Plotkins (1963), and Hedegard & Brown (1969) found that students from families with lower incomes were more likely to have: parents who had not attended college, fair or poor academic preparation, special admissions status, and financial aid as a primary

source of funds. Boyd (1974) found that 69% of the Black students surveyed were the first in their families to attend college. Fifty-six percent of these felt that their academic backgrounds were insufficient, in comparison to 49% of those with prior college experience in their families.

The poorest and the richest Black students reported more dissatisfaction with their college experience and were more apt to feel that faculty members discriminated (Boyd, 1974). However, adjustment to the college setting was found to be more difficult for the poorer Black students. This was explained by their having had less experience with campus and boarding schools, few experiences outside their communities and fewer opportunities to interact with family and friends once on campus (Boyd, 1974; Green, 1969).

Haettenschwiller (1971) found that Black students from working class backgrounds expressed conflict over the college student role, displayed more anxiety about the social, cultural, and academic components of the role, and reacted defensively to perceived White racism by espousing separatism. Gibbs (1973) found that these problems of personal identity concerned over 75% of these lower income students.

Social Support

As one variable that is thought to lessen stressful events, social support can be defined as the use individuals make of informal sources of support, such as family and friends, in dealing with a wide range of concerns (Ostrow, Paul, Oritt, & Dark, 1981). While there is general agreement that at least some aspects of social networks reduce adjustment problems (Higher Education Research Institution, 1982; Sedlacek & Brooks, 1976), it is still unclear whether social support has an independent impact on adjustment or only works to buffer the effects of stressful life events.

Barrera (1980) and Hirsch (1979) found evidence which suggested that social support serves as a buffer. However, Andrews, Tennant, Hewson & Vaillant (1978) and Warheit (1979) found that stressful life events and social support each contributed significantly and separately to personal adjustment with no interactive effects. This study further explores these explanations of the role of social support.

Black/Black vs. Black/White Interactions. Blacks, like all students, report a need for individual and group support. However, the Black students were more likely to either turn inward or to other Blacks to meet their needs. Willie & McCord (1972) found that 43% reported not having

been in a racially mixed social group in the six months preceding the survey. Seventy-five percent reported that interracial parties were rare and only an occasional experience, with 73% reporting that all their closest friends were Black.

These experiences of racial exclusivity tended to exceed the Black students' expectations. For instance, 66.6% expected to have parties with other Blacks only, while 75% said that parties they attended were all Black. Also about 20% of the Black students expressed that Blacks should date only Blacks; however, more than 50% dated only Blacks (Willie & McCord, 1972).

In spite of some negative experiences with White peers, the study indicated that some Black and White students were able to communicate and form enduring friendships. However, the general impression was that there was a breakdown in communication when the topic of race relations or racism was introduced. The data indicated that White students had little interest in the problems that troubled Black students, which in turn reinforced the orientation toward Blacks only.

The survey also found that 60% of the Black students sought only Black staff and faculty when in the need of advice about jobs and careers. When these resources were unavailable, only 20% sought advice at all. Willie & Mc-

Cord (1972) attributed this avoidance of White faculty to the reported lack of trust in the White instructors. Some 40-45% reported having never conferred with a teacher during the course of a semester. Of all Black students, 66.6% said that counseling and guidance assistance was impersonal and insufficient, and 75% felt that they got little, if any, help from faculty members and advisors. More current data also supports these results (Smith, 1979).

The strong dependence upon other Blacks for support seems to change to total self-reliance in dormitory environments with 200 or less Black students. (When examining existing support systems, it was found that the ratio of Black to White students was of less importance than the total number in the Black student population.) In addition, the survey found that these relationships tended to be tension filled. This was attributed to the lack of anonymity, personal freedom, flexibility, and privacy that is usually associated with larger populations (Wirth, 1951; Cox, 1965). These Black students felt alienated from both the White institution and peers, perceiving no immediate external source of support.

Black Interaction Styles on the White Campus

Some consistent interaction styles have been identified as common roles for Blacks on White campuses.

"The Conforming Negro or NAACP Negro". This category consists of Black students who assimilate the smoothest into the White institution. Harper (1975) reported that these students try to repudiate racial stereotypes by acting in ways that they felt were most acceptable to the White culture. They attempted to follow the model image by studying diligently, dressing impeccably, speaking "correctly" (White) and honoring all of the rules of White etiquette. Harper stated that the intent of this behavior was to prove that Blacks could be as intelligent and as perfect as Whites.

Edwards (1970) found this style constituted the second largest group of his participants. Members following this model attended no Black student organization meetings and were ostracized by Blacks who did. Therefore, their associates were usually White or other "Conformers". Their sole purpose was to obtain a degree, get a high paying job and buy a home, preferably outside the Black community.

"The Militant Black". As reported by Harper (1975), this student tended to act out with hostility and aggression, being immediately labelled and avoided by Whites. Their prototypical behaviors and speech reflected the basic concept of Black Power, always willing to protest the White system.

Edwards (1970) found two specific types within this category. The first was the radical activist, which was the third smallest group in his study. They were usually sophisticated in organizing and mobilizing people and only interacted with the White system when trying to prove a point for Black freedom and justice. This student was usually older-academically and chronologically--than other Black students. The members of this category were from middle-class families and entered college by qualifying under traditional standards for entry. Somewhere their focus changed from obtaining a college degree to participation in political activities revolving around the struggle of Black people.

The second category is a more extreme case of the first: the Revolutionary style. Like the radical activist, they placed high value on Black pride, on Afro-American cultural and historical ties with Africa, and on reaffirming the contributions that Black people had made to the growth of America. But, unlike the radical activist, the revolutionary rejects almost all means, except premeditated and calculated violence, as legitimate tactics in the Black liberation struggle. While socio-economic class origins of this style are indistinguishable from other groups, this individual is the most well read and also the most ideological. The revolutionary is

is not a reformer, but one who believes that the entire institutional structure of America must be totally destroyed along with its corruption, oppressive tendencies, and racism. They are suspicious of all Whites and interact with the White system only when unavoidable.

The "Piece of the Action Black" (Harrel, 1979).

This interaction style was found to be the most numerous in the 1970 Edwards study. These students were younger than the radical activists and, having only recently discovered a self-identity of Blackness, did not possess the expertise in political issues. This pseudo-militant talked about change, and would do anything up to actions that would jeopardize his/her educational future. The members of this category have high interaction with both Whites and Blacks and justify this behavior by claiming a future return to the Black community to put to work the skills acquired during the college career. In reality, this is almost impossible since they have usually not been exposed to the "Black" community, having been protected from such experiences by middle-class or middle-class minded families.

The "Alienated Black". Burbach & Thompson (1973) and Harper (1975) found that this category to be the most prevalent type on the White campus. This students' belief in Black Power had dissipated. Feeling psychologi-

cally isolated from both the White university community and from other Blacks, these students had become tired of the White world's unfulfilled promises of acceptance and had given up. They could not identify with White diversions and yet saw the Black Student Union as only a "party place". These students felt psychologically powerless. They moved away from the very system from which they sought an education, and yet felt hostile toward other Blacks, being a victim of self-criticism.

There has been much speculation about the causes of this alienation. Willie & Levey (1972) found that Black students tended to move toward separatism to escape the pain the pressures of the traditionally White university. They further found that the Blacks who did attempt to involve themselves in White activities sometimes were hurt by subtle racial comments and hints from White peers. They concluded that White racism was the main contributor.

Hodgkinson (1971) refers to this alienation as being the result of the Black students' state of "subordination squared", that is, Black students having to suffer doubly the subordinate roles of student and Black. (The Black female student would then be subordination cubed, possibly explaining their significantly higher attrition rate.) Pruitt (1970) and Remsick (1979) con-

cluded that alienation resulted from the Black students' becoming aware that behaviors rewarded at White universities were often inconsistent with those rewarded in their previous culture.

Regardless of the reasons, research has found that the experience of alienation plays an important role in the higher attrition rates among Black students (Cortina, 1980; Goodrich, 1980; Suen, 1983). Peterson & Rodriguez (1978) hypothesized that the resulting anger, frustration, and helplessness may lead to the response of leaving the university.

This more current research contradicts Burbach & Thompson (1973) who, using the Dean Alienation Scale (Dean, 1961), found no significant relationship between alienation and general college student attrition. Suen (1983) attributes this to their use of the Dean Alienation Scale which measures the feelings of alienation from "society" as opposed to the University Alienation Scale, that he used. This latter scale measures the students' feelings of alienation within a university environment.

The possible effects of the predominantly White environment upon Black students have been explored and discussed above. However, of equal importance are the effects that Black students beliefs and values may have upon how they interact with and respond to the predominant-

ly White environment. The belief in a just and fair world and its influences upon behavior, values, and interaction styles will be explored next.

Belief in a Just World

Using the Just World Scale (JWS) (Rubin & Peplau, 1973) with university student populations, researchers have found the belief in a just world to have several correlates. From a sample of 180 Boston undergraduates, Rubin & Peplau (1973) reported positive correlations between JWS scores and a 10-item version of the F scale focusing on authoritarian submission. Moreover, authoritarianism has been shown to be related to intolerance for cognitive dissonance (Steiner & Johnson, 1963) and to hostility toward handicapped and underprivileged persons and groups (Christie, 1954; Centers, 1963; Noonan, Barry, & Davis, 1970). These tendencies, which could also be expected to result from a belief in a just world, may offer an explanation to why some Black students actually move away from other Blacks.

Zuckerman (1975) found that high JWS scores were less likely than low scorers to be suspicious of a deceptive experimental manipulation and of a publisher's giveaway offer. Fink & Guttenplan (1975) found a high correlation between JWS scores and Rotter's (1967) Interpersonal Trust Scale which included institutional trust, trust in others'

sincerity, and trust that one will not be taken advantage of by others. All of these reflect a link between the belief in a just world and the uncritical acceptance of authority (Rubin & Peplau, 1975).

Rotter (1966) hypothesized that belief in a just world would be associated with and internal locus of control--the expectation that one can determine one's own rewards and punishments, rather than being at the mercy of external forces. Several studies have found strong support for this hypothesis (Rubin & Peplau, 1973; Zuckerman & Gerbasi, 1975).

On the basis of factor analytic studies, Collins (1974) suggested that the belief in a just world may be one of four separate dimensions that underlie the internal locus of control (the other three being beliefs in a difficult world, a predictable world, and a politically responsive world.). If the world were viewed as unjust, then the possibility of being unrewarded after striving for a goal clearly exists. Therefore the belief in a just world seems to be closely related to one's sense of personal efficacy.

After developing the Protestant Ethic Scale (PES) (Mirels & Garrett, 1971), Garrett (1974) and Lerner (1973) both found that high scorers on the PES and the JWS worked on tedious experimental tasks than those who scored

lower. MacDonald (1972) found that college students who scored high on the JWS and the PES were significantly more likely than low scorers to derogate social victims, agreeing that "most people on welfare are lazy".

No clear sex differences in the belief in a just world have emerged (Rubin & Peplau, 1973; Peplau & Tyler, 1975). Within a UCLA sample Peplau & Tyler (1975) found no relationship between social class (as measured by father's educational level) and scores on the JWS. In the same study JWS scores were negatively correlated with age for men, but not for women. It would seem reasonable that as people grow older and continue to discover injustices that the belief in a just world would decline. Why the age trend was found only for men remains unclear.

Personal Competencies

The least implemented, but most often suggested aggressive technique to improve retention of Black students includes immediate action in: 1) seeking out the students for anticipatory guidance; 2) developing counseling methods to directly counteract students; mistrust, apathy, or hostility (Haettenschwiler, 1971; Vontress, 1968); 3) disseminating information; 4) and teaching skills that should aid in the students' being more effective in functioning in a White setting (Coelho, Hamburg, & Murphey, 1963; Sedlacek & Brook, 1976). Cowen (1977)

recognized personal competencies as noteworthy variables within the primary prevention framework. Coelho, Hamburg, & Adams (1974), D'Zurilla & Goldfried (1971), Geston, Flores de Apodace, Rain, Weissberg, & Cowen (1978) found that social problem-solving and decision-making skills were related to adjustment. Beiser (1971) and Coelho, Hamburg, & Adams (1974) found that interpersonal and planning skills have also been related to adjustment outcomes.

It is not clear whether competencies exert their effects on adjustment directly or whether they mediate the effects of stressful events (Ostrow, Paul, Oritt, & Dark, 1981). While there is some support for the stress buffering hypothesis (Fontana, Dowd, Markus, & Rakiesin, 1976; Vaillant, 1976), there is also research (Andrews, Tennant, Hewson, & Vaillant, 1978) which has found coping skills to reduce general impairment, but which shows no significant interaction between life events and coping. This present study will examine the relationship between a comprehensive set of competencies and adjustment of Black freshmen on predominantly White campuses.

Academic Success and Persistence

Although personal adjustment is a concern, academic performance is a primary challenge for Blacks at predominantly White institutions. Willie & McCord (1972) found

that 23% of all Blacks students, compared to 50% of all White students, had accumulative GPAs of B and above. On the other end of the grade scale the 14% of the Black students doing less than C work was more than four times greater than that of the White students (3%). Of all racial groups, Black freshmen reportedly experienced the greatest difficulty in academic performance. Only 14% of the first year Black students received average grades of B or more after their first semester of study, compared with 4% of the White freshmen.

Presently, the criteria used to predict the academic success and/or failure of Black students on predominantly White campuses appears questionable. Studies that have applied standardized test scores to Blacks have tended to get lower validity than that obtained with the predominantly White samples (Baggaley, 1974; Pfeiffer & Sedlacek, 1974; Farver, Sedlacek, & Brooks, 1975). Clarke (1968) collected data from a Junior College in Florida which concluded that GPAs for White students were better predicted by cognitive measures while GPAs for Black students were better predicted by affective measures. GPAs for Black men were best predicted by the "How I See Myself" (HISM) Autonomy score and GPAs for Black women were best predicted by the 1) Linguistic score of the School and College Ability Test (SCAT), 2) the Study of Values, So-

cial, and Economic scores, and 3) the HISM Teacher-School Factor score.

The Commission on the Higher Education of Minorities (1982) and Burlew (1980) found that academic performance in secondary schools was a much more important predictor of undergraduate grades and persistence than standardized test scores. Burlew (1980) and Tracey & Sedlacek (1984) noted that personal characteristics of Black youth such as aspirations and expectations, self-perceptions, and others' perception could also be used to predict educational attainment. Sedlacek and Brook (1976) proposed seven specific non-cognitive variables that were related to academic success for all students, particularly minority students: positive self-concept, realistic self-appraisal, understanding of and ability to deal with racism, preference for long-term goals over short-term goals, availability of a strong support person, successful leadership experience, and demonstrated community service. Lockett (1980) found significant relationships between many of the above with GPA and satisfaction with college among Black students. Tracey & Sedlacek (1984) found that positive self-concept and realistic self-appraisal to be predictive of the academic success of both Black and White students during first semester. However, community involvement, leadership experience, and preference for long-range goals were predictive of first semester grades for

the White student subsample only.

McClain (1967) stated that most Blacks were not capable of competing in the dominant culture because of a lack of personal characteristics necessary for full participation. He administered the Cattell 16 Personality Factor Questionnaire (16 PF) to undergraduate students in two Southern schools. The mean sten scores of the Black male students deviated significantly from the norm for college men on 9 of the 16 primary factors. Blacks were more outgoing, less intelligent, more affected by feelings, more humble, more venturesome more practical, more conservative, more group dependent, and more controlled. Their index for academic achievement was significantly deviant in the direction of failure.

The mean sten scores for Black women also differed significantly from the norms for college women on 9 of the 16 primary factors. Again Blacks were more outgoing, less intelligent, more affected by feelings, more tough-minded, more suspicious, more practical, more shrewd, more apprehensive, and more controlled. Their index for academic achievement was also in the direction of failure. It was concluded that Black students fail more often because their family background was somehow insufficient, producing a less than adequate individual.

Ausubel & Ausubel (1963) cited unstable family lives,

economic deprivation, poor schools, cultural impoverishment, racism, and social rejection as variables that combine to produce personalities which hinder Blacks from coping in a White world. In three separate projects employing the Edwards Personal Preference Schedule, Brazziel (1964) found that Southern Black students had marked tendencies to be deferent, shy, and dependent. This personality pattern was said to have indicated difficulty in the kind of self-assertion necessary for actual achievement in a White campus environment.

Dispenzierei, Giniger, Reichman, & Levy (1971) studied 500 students (mainly Black) who entered the City University of New York in 1966 under a special program for disadvantaged students. They found, in contrast to Clarke (1968), Baggaley (1974), and Farver, Sedlacek, & Brook (1975), that the better predictors of success for the Black students were cognitive measures (high school GPA and the Otis Intelligence Test results), study habits and attitudes, and reality of aspiration level. (In this study Black students were compared to other Black students.) Harris & Reitzel (1967) found that the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores and high school rank had some predictive value (but not to the same extent as it did for the White students) for the academic performance of Black students on predominantly White campuses.

After interviewing Black students, Smith (1979) found that they attributed academic failure to cultural/racial adjustment, financial problems, loneliness and alienation, hostility from White faculty and students, lack of counseling help, scarcity of Black faculty models and poor communication with Black faculty. In a survey of 2,564 Black college students attending 19 predominantly White colleges in the South, Jones (1980) reported that the majority of these students felt an additional burden to bear as minority students on White campuses.

In a study of admission and retention problems for Black students in private and public universities in four major United States regions (South, East, Midwest, and West), Smith (1979) found that attrition and lower academic performance appeared to be rooted in the poor quality of Black student life characterized by hostility toward Blacks. Copeland (1978) explored the causes of Black attrition at predominantly White institutions of higher education. An open-ended 79 variable questionnaire was given to 557 students and 103 dropouts on 4 campuses in seven midwestern and 3 eastern cities. The data was organized around sex, past environment, and current environment. Findings indicated that dropouts went to college for non-specific reasons more than stayers did. In conflict with

other research results (U.S. Census Bureau, 1975; Astin, 1977; Franklin, 1980; University of Oklahoma, 1981).

Copeland found no sex or financial aid difference between those who stayed in school and dropouts. Discrimination, however, was still found to cause most Black attrition at White colleges.

Theoretical Framework

The theoretical framework for this investigation is derived from an ecological model which conceptualizes adjustment as the fit, or congruence, between persons and their environment (Holohan, Willcox, Spearly, & Campbell, 1979). This study will therefore examine specific predictions of interactions between certain variables with GPA and intention to reenroll.

Significance of the Study

In reviewing the literature, several points became evident: First, caution must be taken not to generalize the research results from narrow studies limited to one campus or from campuses with different or unique orientations. In interpreting data there appear to be some institutional factors to consider.

- a. **Number of Blacks Enrolled:** In 1970 Proctor found that the ratio of Black to White students was less significant than the total

Black enrollment in determining how Blacks settled into the new White environment.

- b. Structure of Setting: 2-year vs. 4-year; private vs. public
- c. Geographic Location: Some results from Southern Universities have been at variance with results from other parts of the country.

Second, the researcher must recognize that all Blacks are not the same. Black students differ in socioeconomic status, sex, academic classification, social class, interaction styles, and geographic backgrounds. Ignoring these differences can result in inaccurate over-generalizations.

Third, current research on the status of the Black student on the predominantly White campus is warranted in order to support or discount possibly outdated information, especially since the status of the Black student on the White campus has changed considerably (Watley, 1971). An example may be that of research which concluded that Black students' personalities were inadequate for success in the White world (Ausubel & Ausubel, 1963; Brazziel, 1964; McClain, 1967). The fact that the settings in these studies were Southern White universities during a period of tense interracial conflict was not addressed. As measured by an instrument normed on White students,

these observed "deficient" personality characteristics could have possibly been the most appropriate responses for Black students given the environmental circumstances. This could have resulted from the fact that early studies in this area were being done by White researchers who were not acquainted enough with the needs of the Black student population to enable them to explore the appropriate issues.

Fourth, research results were often interpreted as deviations from White norms, when in fact, to be different may not necessarily depict deviancy. Because Black students experience college life differently, they may also respond in unique ways that allow them to cope or adjust (Harper, 1975).

This study is a response to the evident plea that the needs of this special population be addressed. Hopefully, it will lead toward understanding a current conceptualization of the general status of this population. The major purposes of this endeavor are to 1) gather information that might lead to the implementation of more effective programs, and 2) encourage further research in retaining Black students on primarily White campuses. The results should also be advantageous to teachers and school counselors in the school systems at the high school and junior high levels.

HYPOTHESES

1. Women will have higher GPAs, but will intend to reenroll less often than men.
2. Students with parents who have college degrees will have higher GPAs and will intend to reenroll more often than those whose parents did not attend college.
3. Students who have high expressed interaction scores as shown on the Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation--Behavior (FIRO-B) will have higher GPAs and will intend to reenroll more often than students with lower expressed interaction scores.
4. Students who report the existence of a satisfactory and well-developed social network on the Social Support Questionnaire will have higher GPAs and intend to reenroll more often than students who do not.
5. Students whose responses indicate more competencies on the Personal Competency Rating Scale will have higher GPAs and intend to reenroll more often than those students indicating fewer competencies.
6. Students' ACT and/or SAT scores will have no signifi-

cant relationship with GPA or the intent to reenroll.

7. Students with higher high school GPAs will have higher GPAs and will intend to reenroll more often than those with low high school GPAs.
8. Students with higher Just World Scale (JWS) scores will have higher GPAs and will intend to reenroll more often than those with lower JWS scores.

METHOD

Participants

The participants of this study will be all Black freshmen who live in the dormitories on the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas campuses. The population will be limited to native born United States citizens whose college experience begins the Fall 1983 semester. To insure at least a 80% return of the questionnaires, the network methodology will include the following:

1. Seeking financial assistance through research grants in order to offer a \$5 per participant incentive to complete and return the questionnaire packet.
2. Asking assistance of Freshmen English and Psychology instructors.
3. Asking assistance of Black Student Services, Black People's Union, Project Threshold and Black Sororities and Fraternities.
4. Asking assistance of University College.

Approximately 150 questionnaire packets will be distributed.

Instruments

Each survey packet contained the following: the letter of introduction and explanation (Appendix B), Consent for Research Participation Form (Appendix C), the Student Demographic Questionnaire (SDQ) (Appendix D), the Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation--Behavior Scale (FIRO-B; Schutz, 1967) (Appendix E), the Personal Competency Rating Scale (PCI; Paul, Pulton, Ostrow, Morrill, & Kochenor, 1981) (Appendix F), the University Alienation Scale (UAS; Burbach, 1971) (Appendix G), the Just World Scale (JWS; Rubin & Peplau, 1975) (Appendix H), and the Perceived Support Network Inventory (PSNI; Oritt, 1983) (Appendix I).

Student Demographic Questionnaire (SDQ): The SDQ (Appendix D) consists of 12 items addressing participants' personal and academic backgrounds. A question regarding individuals' intent to reenroll the fall semester is also included.

Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation--Behavior Scale (FIRO-B): The FIRO-B (Appendix E) consists of 54 Likert items reflecting three behavioral dimensions: inclusion, control, and affection. Inclusion assesses the degree to which a person associates with others; control

measures the extent to which a person assumes responsibility, makes decisions, or dominates people; and affection reflects the degree to which a person becomes emotionally involved with others (Ryan, 1970). For each dimension, two scores, symbolized by "e" and "w", are obtained. The "e" score represents the person's expressed or manifest behavior. It is the overt, observable behavior. The "w" score represents what the individual wants from other people. Eighteen items correspond to each dimension, with scores ranging from 0 to 7. Higher expressed scores indicate higher frequency of behaviors related to inclusion, control, and affection. Higher wanted scores indicate greater needs for inclusion, control, and affection. Evidence for the instrument's validity is based on factor analysis; reliability estimates measured by a reproducibility score, is .94 for all six scales. The mean coefficient of stability (test-retest) for the FIRO-B over the six scales is .86.

Personal Competency Rating Scale (PCI): The PCI (Appendix F) consists of 30 5-point Likert items designed to assess the extent to which individuals perceive themselves to possess competencies in four general areas: social, personal, problem-solving, and functional. The social subscale addresses interpersonal relationship abilities, including communication, assertiveness, interper-

sonal problem-solving, and intimacy. The personal subscale contains items reflecting an individual's abilities to adapt, plan, exercise self-control, cope with failures, manage anxiety, differentiate feelings, and enhance physical attractiveness. The problem-solving subscale examines problem-solving abilities including aspects of problem definition, alternative exploration, and resource organization. The functional subscale measures the functional competencies involving computational, reasoning, reading, writing and time use abilities. Each of the subscales has been found to add to the overall measure. The instrument does have content validity, however, other psychometric properties are in the process of being examined.

University Alienation Scale (UAS): The UAS (Appendix G) consists of 25 5-point Likert items that are designed to measure components of alienation (powerlessness, meaninglessness, and social estrangement) in college students with reference to the university setting. The construct validity is based on item-to-total analysis and factor analysis by correlating the UAS with the Dean Alienation Scale (Dean, 1961) which measured the feelings of alienation to society as a whole. Reliability estimates consists of split-half coefficients for powerlessness, meaninglessness, and social estrangement subscales

are .79, .89, and .72, respectively. The corrected reliability for the total scale is .92. All scale items have been found to contribute significantly ($p < .01$) to the measurement of the scale's general properties.

Just World Scale (JWS): The JWS (Appendix H) consists of 20 6-point Likert items that assess the extent to which an individual believes in a just world. Eleven of the randomly assigned items, have been designed to represent agreement with a "just world bias" (scored positively) and the other items to represent an "unjust world" bias (scored negatively). Respondents indicate the degree of agreement or disagreement with each statement. Kuder-Richardson internal consistency reliability scores are reported at .80 and .81 respectively for samples of college students from the Boston and Oklahoma areas. Predictive and construct validity claims are documented by Rubin and Peplau (1975).

Perceived Support Network Inventory (PSNI): The PSNI (Appendix I) is a modified version of the Arizona Social Support Interview Schedule (Barrera, 1980) and the Personal Competency Rating Scale (Ostrow, Paul, Oritt, & Dark, 1981). It is a two-part instrument designed to assess social support networks. In part one, Social Network, respondents record first and last initial of all people that they would go to if they needed support

during stressful periods. In part two, Support Network Information, respondents provide six categories of information about each individual listed in part one. Categories represent perceived social support variables as follows: initiation of support, availability of support, satisfaction with support, multidimensionality of support, reciprocity, and conflict. Respondents rate the extent to which a particular variable exists for each network member on 7-point Likert scales. The instrument's similarity to previous instruments, the reliability of which are known (Barrera, 1980; Ostrow, Paul, Oritt, & Dark, 1981), .80, justifies the inclusion in the present study.

PROCEDURE

The researcher will make the necessary contacts to obtain (the projected 150) names of potential participants. Two weeks prior to Spring Break (second semester) each participant will be given a packet containing: a letter of consent form, a copy of each of the measures and a demographic sheet with instructions. The packet will include two FIRO-B instruments in which the participants will be asked to respond to the first as if in a totally Black situation on campus, while in the other as if they were the only Black in a White situation on campus. Each instrument is a pencil and paper test and is self-administered. Monetary incentive would be given to the participants upon completion of the packet if the financial assistance for the research is obtained.

Information gained regarding individual subjects will be held in strict confidence. Code numbers will be assigned to each participant and only this number will be used to identify participants on the psychological instruments and demographic information sheet. The code will be kept in a secure location under the control of the experimenter.

DESIGN AND DATA ANALYSIS

Multiple regression analyses will be conducted to allow the researcher to describe the relationships between sets of the "predictor" variables (demographic characteristics, JWS scores, personal competency subscales, social network variables, interaction styles, feelings of alienation from University, high school GPA, and ACT/SAT scores) and the dependent variables, freshman GPA and persistence in the sample.

Each independent variable will be entered into separate regression analyses with the first year GPA and intent to reenroll as the dependent variables. In the first regression, demographic variables of sex, education level of parents, size of hometown, ACT/SAT scores, high school GPA, and major will be included. A second regression will be conducted to examine the contribution of the belief in a just world to the overall GPA and intent to reenroll. The third will examine the contributions of the social network variables (satisfaction, availability of support, network conflict, conflicted network size, multidimensionality, and reciprocity); the fourth will ex-

amine the contributions of personal competencies (inter-personal skills, problem-solving skills, personal skills, functional skills); the fifth will examine the Black/Black interaction; the sixth, the Black/White interaction; and the seventh, feeling of alienation from the campus setting.

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A P P E N D I X

B

Letter of Introduction and Explanation

HI!

My name is Robbie and I am presently in the process of completing my doctoral degree from our grand ole University. However, to do so I need and am asking for your help. By completing the enclosed instruments you will not only be helping me complete my degree, but also providing this university with a clearer understanding of your needs so that it might be of better service to you and other Black students on our campus. If you choose to assist me, please finish reading the following instructions before beginning any other part of this packet.

1. Read, provide the required information, and sign the consent form which is the first page following this letter.
2. Closely follow the instructions on each instrument or questionnaire being sure to answer each item. You may feel a pull to respond how you would like to be as opposed to how you are, however, please resist this urge as much as you possibly can.
3. When all items have been completed, seal your envelope and immediately return the packet to your RA or the RA who handed the packet to you.

Thank you very much for your time and participation. If all goes well with the collection of this information, I will happily complete my degree requirements by August 1. I, too, wish you much success and happiness in all your present and future endeavors. Good Luck!

Sincerely,

Robbie J. Steward

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Consent for Research Participation Form

CONSENT FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

I (print name) _____ do hereby consent to participate in a research study concerned with the feelings, attitudes, and behaviors of Black students on this university campus.

I understand that I will be given 6 self-administered measures and demographic questionnaire. Further, I understand that all information provided by me is confidential and that the results will be kept in strict confidence. I will not be individually identified in any verbal or written report of the findings of this study.

My decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice my future relations with the University and/or will not effect my grades in any way. I understand that within a reasonable time following this participation, I will have an opportunity to have an interpretation of the data I furnish if I desire to do so. Also, I understand that my participation in this study is voluntary and that I may withdraw from participation at any time.

SIGNATURE

SOCIAL SECURITY #

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

DATE

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Student Demographic Questionnaire

COLLEGE STUDENTS

This questionnaire has been compiled in order to conduct research. Your name, address, and telephone are required, especially if you would like to know the outcome of the study. Please complete the other parts according to the instructions.

NAME _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

1. Birthdate:
2. Sex: M F
3. Hometown (City, State):
4. Major:
5. High School Grade Point Average:
6. Present GPA:
7. ACT or SAT score:
8. Education completed by parents and/or guardians:
 Father:
 Mother:
9. Profession of Father:
 Mother:
10. Annual Family Income:
11. Do you intend to reenroll at this University for the
 Fall semester?
 Yes____ No____ (If not, where do you intend to
 enroll and/or what are your plans?
 Answer below or on back of sheet.)

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Fundamental Interpersonal Relations
Orientation--Behavior Scale (FIRO-B)

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Personal Competency Rating Scale (PCI)

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Just World Scale (JWS)

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Perceived Support Network Inventory (PSNI)

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Student Background Information

TABLE 3
Frequencies of varying education
levels of parents of student sample

Level	OU				UT			
	Father		Mother		Father		Mother	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	2	4.9	1	2.6	0	0	0	0
2	16	39.0	17	43.6	4	25.0	5	31.2
3	2	4.9	6	15.4	3	18.7	6	37.5
4	7	17.1	10	25.6	4	25.0	2	12.5
5	6	14.6	2	5.1	2	12.5	2	12.5
6	0	0	0	0	1	6.2	0	0
7	8	19.5	3	7.7	2	12.5	1	6.2

L1 = Elementary
 L2 = High School
 L3 = Some College
 L4 = Bachelors
 L5 = Masters
 L6 = Ph.D.
 L7 = No Response

TABLE 4
Hometown Population
sizes of student sample

Population	OU		UT	
	#	%	#	%
0 - 50,000	14	35.8	3	18.7
50,001 - 100,000	2	5.1	1	6.2
100,001 - 500,000	19	48.7	4	25.0
500,001 - 1,000,000	0	0	3	18.7
1,000,000+	4	10.2	5	13.2

TABLE 5
Frequencies of reported
majors in student sample

Major	#	%
Health Science	13	23.21
Business	14	25.0
Journalism	7	12.5
Engineering	9	16.07
Computer Science	6	10.71
Political Science	2	3.57
Zoology	1	1.78
Education	1	1.78
Undecided	3	5.35

TABLE 6
 Responses to "what would most
 likely be the cause of your
 leaving the university?"
 (% of total # responses)

Reason	#	%
Lack of help dealing w/academic problems	4	6.15
Lack of money	12	18.46
Family problems	2	3.08
Personal problems	3	4.61
Feeling alienated	2	3.08
Inadequate study habits	3	4.61
Transfer to better university	8	12.31
No longer interested in attending school	4	6.15
Health problems	2	3.08
I know I will make it.	25	38.46

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Summary of the means
and standard deviations for
all variables by university

TABLE 7
Summary of the means
and standard deviations for
all variables by university

Variable	OU		UT	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
HSGPA	3.2	.55	3.4	.33
GPA	2.2	.87	2.1	.79
ACT	15.8	5.68	17.2	3.43
SAT	870.5	98.29	948.6	150.63
EDF	3.0	1.32	3.5	1.29
EDM	2.8	1.04	3.3	1.09
IE1	4.4	1.90	4.8	2.18
CE1	2.2	2.71	4.0	3.42
AE1	3.4	2.42	4.1	1.83
IW1	3.2	3.25	4.3	3.75
CW1	1.9	2.25	1.4	1.29
AW1	4.1	2.37	4.9	2.43
IE2	3.2	2.00	3.5	2.75
CE2	1.8	2.56	3.2	3.00
AE2	2.8	2.27	3.4	2.52
IW2	2.1	2.93	2.9	3.64
CW2	1.6	1.86	1.1	1.03
AW2	3.7	2.29	4.9	2.23
JW	3.8	.42	3.8	.38
ALIEN	2.8	.55	2.9	.52

TABLE 7
(cont.)

Variable	OU		UT	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
PI	4.8	1.11	4.8	1.49
PA	5.9	1.21	6.2	.67
PS	6.0	1.06	5.8	.91
PM	3.1	.92	3.4	.85
PR	5.0	1.33	4.9	1.27
PC	6.0	1.29	6.4	.46
PTOT	30.7	4.77	32.1	4.16
PCF	3.8	.54	3.9	.58
PCPS	3.9	.63	4.0	.64
PCP	3.9	.65	3.9	.65
PCS	3.9	.63	4.2	.64
PCTOT	3.9	.51	4.0	.55
POP	472993.3	825298.11	664632.9	664632.88

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Table Abbreviations

TABLE
ABBREVIATIONS

SEX	1=female 2=male
HSGPA	High School grade point average
GPA	Grade point average
ACT	Standardized test scores
SAT	Standardized test scores
*EDF	Education of father
*EDM	Education of mother
IE1	Expressed inclusion with Blacks
CE1	Expressed control with Blacks
AE1	Expressed affection with Blacks
IW1	Wanted inclusion with Blacks
CW1	Wanted control with Blacks
AW1	Wanted affection with Blacks
IE2	Expressed inclusion with Whites
CE2	Expressed control with Whites
AW2	Expressed affection with Whites
IW2	Wanted inclusion with Whites
CW2	Wanted control with Whites
AW2	Wanted affection with Whites
PI	Initiation of support seeking behavior
PA	Perceived availability of support
PS	Satisfaction with Support Network
PM	Multidimensionality of Support Network

TABLE
ABBREVIATIONS
(cont.)

PR	Reciprocity of Support Network
PC	Conflict within Support Network
PTOT	Total Personal Competency Rating Scale scores
JW	Just World Scale scores
PCF	Functional Personal Competency scores
PCPS	Problem-solving Personal Competency scores
PCP	Personal-Personal Competency scores
PCS	Social Personal Competency scores
PCTOT	Total Personal Competency Scale scores
ALIEN	University Alienation Scale scores
POP	Hometown Population Size

- * 1=Elementary School
2=High School
3=Some College
4=Bachelors degree
5=Masters degree
6=PH.D. degree

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Intercorrelations among all
measures for OU students

VARIABLE		MEAN		STD DEV		SUM		MINIMUM		MAXIMUM	
GT Y	40	1.350000	0.7414514	0.548184	0.4830459	50.00000	50.00000	1.000000	1.000000	7.000000	7.000000
HSCFA	37	2.2414514	2.250500	0.4781769	0.4781769	119.00000	119.00000	1.500000	1.500000	3.070000	3.070000
GPA	40	2.250500	0.4781769	0.4781769	0.4781769	90.00000	90.00000	0.100000	0.100000	3.750000	3.750000
ACT	35	15.800000	7.6817561	7.6817561	98.2878426	553.00000	553.00000	5.000000	5.000000	20.000000	20.000000
SAT	2	70.500000	1.000000	0	0	1701.00000	1701.00000	101.000000	101.000000	940.000000	940.000000
WTV	40	1.000000	1.000000	0	0	40.00000	40.00000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
FUP	32	1.000000	2.8378378	1.0811936	1.0850577	105.00000	105.00000	1.000000	1.000000	5.000000	5.000000
TEI	40	0.000000	2.200000	2.7193514	1.76.00000	176.00000	176.00000	0	0	4.000000	4.000000
CEI	40	2.200000	2.050000	2.4270357	1.58.00000	158.00000	158.00000	0	0	4.000000	4.000000
LEI	40	1.200000	3.2518239	2.2518239	75.00000	75.00000	75.00000	0	0	4.000000	4.000000
CAI	40	1.875000	2.000000	2.3720282	160.00000	160.00000	160.00000	0	0	4.000000	4.000000
AWI	40	0.100000	1.250000	2.0999924	130.00000	130.00000	130.00000	0	0	0.000000	0.000000
CE2	40	1.775000	2.5669207	2.5669207	71.00000	71.00000	71.00000	0	0	0.000000	0.000000
AE2	40	2.800000	2.2468175	2.2468175	112.00000	112.00000	112.00000	0	0	0.000000	0.000000
TW2	40	2.150000	2.9312036	1.8646509	66.00000	66.00000	66.00000	0	0	0.000000	0.000000
CM2	40	1.400000	1.8646509	2.2954805	150.00000	150.00000	150.00000	0	0	0.000000	0.000000
AW2	40	1.750000	0.8023107	1.1142279	167.20000	167.20000	167.20000	0	0	0.000000	0.000000
PA	39	5.0193590	5.0744103	1.2094064	230.85500	230.85500	230.85500	1.000000	1.000000	7.000000	7.000000
PS	39	5.0744103	1.191026	0.9218880	233.08000	233.08000	233.08000	1.000000	1.000000	7.000000	7.000000
PH	39	5.0362821	5.0478205	1.3354887	196.41500	196.41500	196.41500	1.000000	1.000000	7.000000	7.000000
PC	39	5.0478205	4.7715544	1.2940206	233.91500	233.91500	233.91500	1.500000	1.500000	7.500000	7.500000
PTOT	39	30.7125441	30.7125441	4.7715544	1197.79000	1197.79000	1197.79000	10.500000	10.500000	37.720000	37.720000

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2017 FRI, MAY, 19, 10PM

	STX	MSGPA	GPA	ECT	SAT	HSYV	FDR	FOR	FFI	CFI	AET	LFI	FWI
LE1	-0.24524 0.0643 40	-0.11091 0.0490 47	-0.20452 0.1100 40	-0.07084 0.0642 45	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 32	-0.14295 0.0438 47	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.04252 0.0400 40	0.06100 0.0000 40	0.04127 0.0000 40	0.00143 0.0438 40
CE1	0.00244 0.0425 40	-0.53027 0.0450 37	0.00264 0.0021 40	-0.13434 0.0247 45	-1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.02001 0.0139 32	-0.17324 0.0050 37	0.04252 0.0000 40	1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00194 0.0000 40
AF1	-0.45647 0.0021 40	0.00457 0.0452 37	-0.00457 0.0045 40	-0.02114 0.0041 35	1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.17055 0.0507 32	-0.00700 0.0091 37	0.04141 0.0001 40	0.00000 0.05771 40	1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00250 0.0000 40
FW1	-0.29056 0.0689 40	0.10005 0.0553 37	0.00499 0.0021 40	-0.00160 0.0000 35	1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00642 0.0031 32	-0.00914 0.0210 37	0.05412 0.0003 40	0.06793 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00160 0.0000 40
CF1	0.00072 0.0691 40	0.00979 0.0597 37	0.00265 0.0073 40	0.05004 0.0736 35	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.04318 0.0026 32	0.00116 0.0232 37	0.00144 0.0534 40	-0.00948 0.0572 40	-0.02350 0.0000 40	0.00140 0.0000 40	1.00000 0.0000 40
AW1	-0.27739 0.00831 40	-0.07720 0.0495 37	0.00206 0.0000 40	-0.13139 0.0050 35	1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00126 0.0056 32	-0.00328 0.0332 37	0.03008 0.0018 40	0.00769 0.0010 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00250 0.0000 40
LE2	-0.22452 0.0647 40	0.01175 0.0030 37	0.01173 0.0030 40	0.19721 0.0256 35	1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.10017 0.0272 32	0.01042 0.0052 37	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00703 0.0066 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00250 0.0000 40
CE2	0.00542 0.0598 40	-0.34818 0.0037 40	-0.00205 0.0000 40	-0.10258 0.0557 35	-1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.02716 0.0172 32	0.00475 0.0570 37	0.01132 0.0066 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40
AE2	-0.21544 0.0019 40	-0.16315 0.0306 37	-0.00207 0.0000 40	-0.00184 0.0000 35	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00562 0.0000 32	0.00000 0.0000 37	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00250 0.0000 40
FW2	-0.30966 0.0051 40	0.02109 0.0070 37	0.00162 0.0000 40	0.01003 0.0013 35	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 32	-0.00310 0.0000 37	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40
CF2	-0.01134 0.0044 40	0.00653 0.0000 37	0.00101 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 35	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 32	0.00000 0.0000 37	-0.00320 0.0000 40	-0.00771 0.0000 40	-0.00771 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40
AW2	-0.30151 0.0015 40	0.00100 0.0000 37	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 35	1.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 32	-0.00127 0.0000 37	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00250 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	0.00000 0.0000 40	-0.00250 0.0000 40
PI	-0.30047 0.0000 39	0.00000 0.0000 37	0.00000 0.0000 40	-									

	SEX	HSGPA	GPA	ACT	SAT	HSIV	EDF	EDM	ILI	CFI	AFI	IVI	CVI
DP	-0.21046	0.34117	0.05119	-0.04066	1.06000	0.00000	0.02551	0.08519	0.19704	-0.21096	0.07226	0.17812	0.06368

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	PLUT	JM	PCF	PCOS	PLP	PCS	PLT	ALP	ALP	PLP
MSBP	0.27274 0.1075 46	-0.23327 0.1709 46	0.26265 0.1169 47	0.07771 0.0604 47	0.11400 0.0604 47	0.00660 0.0604 47	0.13145 0.0604 47	-0.14411 0.0604 47	-0.04419 0.0604 47	-0.13299 0.0604 47
CPA	-0.07201 0.06311 49	-0.12727 0.00667 49	0.21331 0.1459 48	-0.01382 0.09325 48	0.11724 0.07339 48	0.06201 0.07339 48	0.12473 0.04338 48	-0.13254 0.04338 48	-0.05305 0.04338 48	-0.15482 0.04338 48
ALT	-0.04644 0.37043 54	-0.14125 0.3050 54	0.20404 0.2020 45	0.07153 0.11400 45	-0.11420 0.0604 45	0.11106 0.0604 45	0.13617 0.0604 45	-0.08111 0.0604 45	-0.00000 0.0604 45	-0.02774 0.0604 45
SAF	1.00000 2	-1.00000 2	1.00000 2	1.00000 2	1.00000 2	1.00000 2	1.00000 2	1.00000 2	-1.00000 2	-1.00000 2
MLV	0.00000 1.00000 50	0.00000 1.00000 50	0.00000 1.00000 48	0.00000 1.00000 48	0.00000 1.00000 48	0.00000 1.00000 48	0.00000 1.00000 48	0.00000 1.00000 48	0.00000 1.00000 48	0.00000 1.00000 48
EDF	-0.10013 0.0951 32	0.23947 0.1864 32	0.08477 0.4047 32	0.05020 0.7643 32	-0.03454 0.4511 32	-0.06004 0.7104 32	0.01004 0.0563 32	0.13384 0.3134 32	0.20414 0.0974 32	-0.08642 0.0841 31
EDM	-0.09440 0.4930 37	0.27803 0.0947 47	0.00179 0.0014 47	-0.15710 0.3541 37	-0.05641 0.7402 37	0.02443 0.0042 47	-0.05442 0.7404 47	0.10017 0.0443 47	0.27050 0.1034 47	0.14407 0.2444 36
TL1	0.14014 0.2614 39	-0.11045 0.0802 49	0.34307 0.0121 40	0.29494 0.0046 40	0.21052 0.1923 40	0.34171 0.0214 40	-0.06784 0.6775 40	0.25600 0.1104 40	-0.05527 0.7342 39	0.14407 0.2444 36
CT1	-0.27446 0.1637 49	0.11923 0.0697 49	-0.00447 0.5521 40	0.07117 0.6526 40	-0.15541 0.3366 40	-0.10405 0.5569 40	-0.04084 0.5472 40	0.19120 0.2473 40	0.12407 0.0410 40	-0.00442 0.7641 39
ALT	0.14012 0.3744 49	-0.01144 0.8484 39	0.22945 0.1544 40	0.28420 0.0764 40	0.11146 0.1927 40	0.20704 0.1941 40	0.25010 0.1194 40	0.17873 0.2694 40	0.19417 0.2251 39	0.10642 0.5194 39
TL1	0.05447 0.5644 49	-0.07474 0.6346 41	0.07400 0.6277 40	0.12434 0.0444 40	0.01564 0.0444 40	-0.12437 0.0444 40	0.02434 0.0444 40	0.20500 0.0444 40	0.12801 0.0444 40	-0.10476 0.5049 39
ALT	-0.03244 0.8447 49	-0.00445 0.6047 39	0.02423 0.0242 40	0.04453 0.6570 40	-0.04742 0.0444 40	-0.10239 0.2443 40	-0.05100 0.7507 40	-0.11370 0.0444 40	-0.01444 0.6120 40	-0.15494 0.3349 39
ALT	0.10049 0.5415 46	-0.10774 0.5146 46	0.21840 0.1754 40	0.09474 0.5440 40	0.04340 0.5659 40	0.09736 0.5501 40	0.14400 0.3592 40	0.16194 0.4184 40	0.13704 0.3940 40	0.00251 0.0479 39

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COMPETITION COEFFICIENTS / PART 5 THE NEW EQUATION / INTERPRETATION OF OBSERVATIONS

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Intercorrelations among all
measures for UT students

VARIABLE	N	MEAN	STD DEV	SAS	—	Q100	Q100-SUBST, DIST. GROUP 13, 10000	MAXIMUM
SEX	15	1.2750000	0.5000000		22.00000	1.0000000		2.0000000
MSLPA	15	1.0013333	0.3307754		51.62000	3.0000000		4.0000000
GPA	15	2.0682500	0.7082201		33.09200	0.4280000		3.0000000
ACT	5	17.166667	3.4302575		103.00000	12.0000000		21.0000000
QAT	14	948.5714286	150.3323667		13280.00000	600.0000000		1170.0000000
UDIV	15	2.0000000	0		32.00000	2.0000000		2.0000000
EUF	14	1.5000000	1.2460195		49.00000	2.0000000		6.0000000
FUM	15	1.2666667	1.0997835		49.00000	2.0000000		5.0000000
TF1	15	0.2000000	2.1778102		72.00000	1.0000000		9.0000000
CE1	15	0.0000000	3.4226139		60.00000	0		9.0000000
AE1	15	0.0666667	1.8309508		61.00000	0		8.0000000
TM1	15	0.3333333	3.7543625		65.00000	0		9.0000000
CM1	15	1.0000000	1.2983506		21.00000	0		4.0000000
AW1	15	0.2333333	2.0339177		74.00000	0		9.0000000
TF2	15	1.0666667	2.7481596		52.00000	0		9.0000000
CE2	15	1.2000000	3.0007581		48.00000	0		9.0000000
AE2	15	1.0000000	2.5298221		51.00000	0		9.0000000
TM2	15	2.0666667	3.5423436		43.00000	0		4.0000000
CM2	15	1.0666667	1.0327056		16.00000	0		4.0000000
AW2	15	0.0666667	2.2318007		73.00000	0		9.0000000
PI	15	0.8210000	1.0868233		72.31500	1.7100000		6.0000000
PA	15	0.2140000	0.6695393		43.21000	5.0000000		7.0000000
PS	15	5.8593333	0.9150348		87.80000	3.8100000		7.0000000
PK	15	1.0120000	0.5511689		51.10000	1.7100000		5.0000000
PH	15	0.0616667	1.2692372		70.42500	3.0000000		6.0000000
PC	15	0.0196667	0.6658037		96.29500	5.5700000		7.0000000
PIII	15	32.0776667	0.1658062		481.16500	23.5000000		35.6000000

SAS						20129 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1990	
VARIABLE		MEAN	STD DEV	SUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
IN	15	3.003333	0.4805485	57.05000	3.100000	4.500000	
OUT	16	3.0031475	0.5020515	63.09100	2.710000	4.851000	
PCPS	16	3.0041750	0.6043288	63.91000	3.000000	5.000000	
PCP	16	3.0137500	0.6549464	62.62000	2.500000	4.625000	
PCS	16	0.1881250	0.6385318	67.01000	3.100000	5.000000	
PCUIT	16	0.0056250	0.5533169	60.09000	2.970000	4.000000	
ALTER	15	2.0020000	0.5231069	43.53000	1.875000	3.700000	
RETURN	16	1.0000000	0	16.00000	1.000000	1.000000	
PDP	16	720190.9375000	664032.8766217	11667199.00000	7505.000000	1500000.000000	

CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS / PREDICTOR DEPENDENT / NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS													
	SEX	MSGPA	GPA	ACT	SAT	INTV	EOF	EDM	IEL	CEI	AET	IMI	CEI
SEX	1.00000 16	-0.06377 15	0.10754 16	0.30108 0.50200 6	0.02841 0.9232 14	0.00000 1.0000 16	0.42102 0.1338 14	0.17931 0.5225 15	-0.37514 0.1663 15	-0.49386 0.0013 15	-0.26157 0.3063 15	-0.45023 0.0422 15	-0.04340 0.0700 15
MSGPA	-0.06347 0.0070 15	1.00000 0.0000 15	0.21461 0.4000 15	0.86441 0.0587 5	0.17377 0.5524 14	0.00000 1.0000 15	-0.21528 0.4598 14	-0.12082 0.6680 15	0.26019 0.3490 15	0.48645 0.0660 15	0.18265 0.5147 15	0.28451 0.2453 15	-0.07285 0.7964 15
GPA	0.10754 0.5856 16	0.21461 0.4000 15	1.00000 0.0000 16	0.57846 0.2287 6	0.49628 0.0711 14	0.00000 1.0000 16	0.12814 0.6624 14	0.55332 0.0328 15	0.00018 0.9945 15	0.26398 0.3418 15	0.18586 0.5072 15	0.12817 0.6489 15	0.21390 0.4440 15
ACT	0.30108 0.5820 6	0.86441 0.0587 5	0.57846 0.2287 6	1.00000 0.0000 6	0.59761 0.4024 4	0.00000 1.0000 6	0.16835 0.7867 5	0.70445 0.1706 5	-0.24526 0.6900 5	-0.73124 0.1603 5	0.47540 0.4181 5	-0.29623 0.6284 5	-0.72763 0.1635 5
SAT	0.02841 0.9232 14	0.17377 0.5524 14	0.49628 0.0711 14	0.59761 0.4024 4	1.00000 0.0000 14	0.00000 1.0000 14	0.07904 0.7974 13	0.02697 0.4271 14	0.21818 0.4537 14	0.68405 0.0070 14	0.07027 0.8113 14	0.52707 0.0528 14	0.63930 0.0138 14
INTV	0.00000 1.0000 16	0.00000 1.0000 15	0.00000 1.0000 16	0.00000 1.0000 6	0.00000 1.0000 14	0.00000 1.0000 16	0.00000 1.0000 14	0.00000 1.0000 15	0.00000 1.0000 15	0.00000 1.0000 15	0.00000 1.0000 15	0.00000 1.0000 15	0.00000 1.0000 15
EOF	0.42102 0.1338 14	-0.21528 0.4598 14	0.12814 0.6624 14	0.16835 0.7867 5	0.07904 0.7974 13	0.00000 1.0000 14	1.00000 0.0000 10	0.24841 0.3910 14	-0.18623 0.5238 14	-0.21120 0.4686 14	0.31897 0.2863 14	-0.21421 0.4515 14	-0.09485 0.7481 14
EDM	0.17931 0.5225 15	-0.12082 0.6680 15	0.55332 0.0328 15	0.70445 0.1706 5	0.02697 0.4271 14	0.00000 1.0000 15	1.00000 0.0000 15	-0.21472 0.4422 15	-0.17078 0.5426 15	-0.22229 0.4250 15	-0.38635 0.1549 15	-0.25011 0.4003 15	

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