

EDITORIALS

Bill Gary : A Doer

Bill Gary is personification of the phrase "black is beautiful." A capable, aware, involved young man, Bill quietly and effectively gets things done for young people. He has established the rapport that others talk about.

As founder of the College Outreach Program, Bill has aroused and maintained the interest of young people in attending college through imaginative year round programing and visits to colleges.

Young people who perhaps would otherwise not be encouraged to "think college" either at school or at home have not only been encouraged by Bill, but have entered colleges very often on scholarships that they learned about through the Outreach Program.

To finance college trips Bill has done an awful lot of ground work talking to people and organizations.

Bill is not only effective in his volunteer work with College Outreach, but in his job as social worker with the Plainfield school system he is known as one who has the interest and well being of the child foremost.

I've seen Bill on the street with his arm around a kid who's been thrown out of school. Others described the kid as "impossible," but I saw the look of appreciation on that kid's face while Bill was talking to him. Bill takes a realistic line, he knows the kids need love as well as "tightening up."

It's a small thing to publicly thank a guy like Bill for caring-he probably doesn't want it anyway. Obviously he's a person who understands that growing up and making it can be hard for kids and he wants to help them.