

Minority enrollment at UNC

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This week many Carolina students will begin celebrating the end of another semester while other Tar Heel hopefuls await admission letters from this proclaimed "public ivy."

Herb Davis, assistant director for undergraduate admissions, informs that, equal to last year, an expected 10 to 15 percent of the incoming freshman class will be minority. "I would guess at this point that our enrollment (minority) will be just about what it was last year, approximately 300 minorities out of a class of 3200 to 3300 students."

When asked why UNC has had trouble meeting its minority quotas in past years, Davis said, "When you talk about UNC most people think about this campus but in fact it is the whole UNC system. I think realistically it would not be within reason to assume that Western Carolina, because of where it is located, would be able to attract minority students at the same rate as (urban schools) like UNC-Greensboro, N.C. State or Chapel Hill."

Concerning out-of-state minority students, Davis said that more out-of-state students were applying to

Carolina because of recruitment by the admissions office. "In the past we were under such a tremendous out-of-state quota that it was not feasible to go after out-of-state students, black or white."

The admissions standards for application to Carolina require students to take the SAT and send in high school transcripts. Davis said that although it has been claimed that the SAT is culturally biased, minorities are given a fair chance at Carolina.

"We concentrate so much on the academic performance of a student that we don't pay as much attention to the SAT for students and especially minorities," Davis said. "The SAT quite often reflects the socioeconomic exposure of a particular student."

Putting academic performance before SAT scores, Davis asserts that he would take a minority student with a good classroom record and a moderately good SAT over a student who did not do well in the classroom, but scored 1200 or 1300 on the SAT.

Davis also noted the fact that admissions officers can get a better indicator of a white student's performance by the SAT than by a black student has been verified in studies by the Office of Institutional Research here at Carolina.



Photo by Tammi Foust

"Women and Minorities Business Networking Seminar" held on April 18

Cancer victim

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raise. My family was very private and didn't want all the publicity that would go with this."

But, she explained, her family was going to do anything and everything to help Mom. So the family, along with friends, kicked off a campaign that stretched from Fayetteville to Chapel Hill. Stories on Victoria's situation ran in several area newspapers. And, as a result, donations from private citizens overwhelmed the Fisher family.

Luchina said she knew people would respond in this way. "I believe there is an inherent good in people," she said.

While the donations were coming in on the UNC campus, the story was circulating. Students who already knew Luchina and her mom had already given donations. Some of those friends belonged to Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. She said she asked them if they could do anything to help.

"I told Asa Bell, and Alpha about the situation. It was totally up to them what they would do. Two weeks later, they had posters out about their spring stepshow and how it would help my mom."

At the stepshow on April 10, Luchina explained, in front of a few hundred strangers, that her mom had cancer. She said it was hard for her to talk about something so personal and not get emotional, but she knew she had to do it for her mom.

She said she was very nervous about speaking in front of so many people, but her mom gave her strength to do it. She tried to separate herself from the situation and tried to relate it to the people in the audience, she said.

"When I got up there, I said, 'She's a part of me, but I can see that she is a good person.' All her strength trickles down to me."

Her mom's strength made it easier to talk about everything in

front of all those people at the stepshow, she said.

The response there was overwhelming. Students pledged money right on the spot. A total of over \$500 was raised. Fisher said she never expected such a response, but was not surprised at the generosity.

"When I smile too much, my jaws hurt," she said. "My jaws hurt so much that day. It made me feel so good inside. There's no other feeling that compares as when someone else helps you out. 'I saw good people there,'" she said.

With the money that was raised at the stepshow added to other donations, the total amount raised approaches \$8,000. But, now part of that money will go into a cancer fund, after additional expenses for the operation have been paid for, because officials at Ft. Bragg took it upon themselves to see to it that Victoria Fisher has her operation. The funds for the treatment will be taken from the general funds at Womack Army hospital. So, in a couple of weeks, Luchina's mom will enter the hospital at Duke University and undergo extensive treatment.

"Mom has a strong belief in religion and that the Lord is going to carry her through," said the younger Fisher.

Although it is assured now that she will have the treatment, Victoria Fisher appreciates everything that was done by the students. "I just thought it was fantastic that they raised that much money in one day," she said. "It was fabulous. We were just elated about it."

"I just wish I could've been there at the stepshow. My daughter talked about how good the people were. I'm just very appreciative of everything."

She said she wishes to thank everyone on campus who was involved in the fundraising.

Shadows of Dromgoole

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"Eeeeeerie, was all I could think as I sat in anticipation watching ghostly figures fill the screen waiting to view Student Television's airing of "Shadows of Dromgoole" at Peppi's Pizza.

On April 21 and 23, "Shadows of Dromgoole," written by Mike Wilson, a junior, morehead scholar from Wilson, aired on Village Cable.

Its cast was composed of UNC drama teachers and students. The scenes were shot in familiar areas around UNC's campus.

"Shadows of Dromgoole" is the first part of a series and lasted forty minutes.

It is a spooky, satirical soap opera that adds a touch of "Dynasty," "Dallas," "General Hospital," and "Dark Shadows," in it.

The story revolves around the 1831 shooting of Peter Dromgoole. It is 1986, and Peter Dromgoole has been brought back to life by Sam "Doc" Barrett played by Stuart Scott, a junior RTVMP/communications major from Winston Salem. Scott is very excited about the film. He said that it could possibly achieve national recognition.

"I am looking forward to part two," Scott said.

Congratulations Stuart on a performance well-done.