

Profile: Harold Wallace

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If one were to gaze into the cheerful, light brown eyes of Harold Wallace or behold the brightness of his smile, little could they measure the diversity of experience that this man possesses. Wallace, vice chancellor of student affairs, also a licensed

preacher, is quick to comment on even the broadest topics of discussion. He strongly maintains that "the church is a very important aspect in the Black community."

His office, furnished with an impressive oil painting of a church, a tableau of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and an abstract

portrait centered around African culture reveals Wallace's close ties with the church, his culture and education.

He feels that reaching out to various cultural communities and supplying the people in those communities with a good education is the most important aspect of his occupation. "I remind people of that important purpose that we [he and the rest of the UNC staff] serve; our purpose, of course, is to support academic enterprise."

Such academic support is something that Wallace does not take lightly. He travels each month to different churches and community centers trying to

encourage parents to allow their sons and daughters to pursue an education at UNC. Wallace also supports Project Uplift, a very effective program that gives interested high school juniors and their parents a chance to visit the campus and see what UNC is like.

Yet, Wallace is not so involved with the promotion and expansion of higher education that he does not take part in Black issues on campus. On the contrary, before he arrived on the campus in 1973 and assumed the title of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at UNC, Wallace was the Dean of Minority Affairs

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year, and she lived in Carmichael Hall as a part of the program her junior year. During Tonya's sophomore year, '87-88', she served as treasurer for the Black Student Movement, of which she is now serving her second year as vice-president. She joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, of which she is now president, during her sophomore year. She won Greek of the Year Award during that same year ('88).

Miss Blanks is also a member of honorary organizations on campus. She is a member of the Order of the Golden Fleece, which is the university's oldest honorary organization. The Order of the Old Well, another honorary organization, also proudly claims Blanks as a member. She is the recipient of the Martin Luther King Scholarship Award, a North Carolina Fellows, served as a minority advisor her junior year, and also participated in the Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows Program this past summer.

The senior English education major has also been involved in several volunteer programs. She has worked with Project Uplift, Pre-Orientation, Decision Days, and Upward Bound, all of which are very important minority programs to the university. In each

of the afore mentioned programs, Blanks served as either a counselor or tutor. She is presently a tutor at Hargraves Center in Carrboro, N.C. She also took time out of her busy schedule to serve on the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, the Search Committee for the Office of Student Counseling, and as a Co-Student Coordinator for the '88-89' Minority Career Fair.

Blanks, who was sponsored by the Black Student Movement and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority said, "I had no idea that I was gonna win. I didn't think that it was possible, but I'm so grateful that my peers put that much trust in me."

Although Miss Homecoming '89 has not been home since her crowning, she has received phone calls from friends, neighbors, and relatives. Her pastor has called to congratulate her as have some of her relatives from the Spaulding family that traces back to 1776. Tonya enjoys bowling, singing, and swimming in her spare time, of which it is easy to see she has little of. She is genuinely interested in the welfare of others, and is also a good listener. When asked who escorted her, Blanks responded with a chuckle, "Kenny Perry, who now thinks he's King since I'm Queen!"

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