

Black Ink Briefs

Past and Future Issues Affecting UNC's Black Community

Seniors Sought for National Teaching Program

Teach for America, a national teacher corps of individuals committed to teaching two years in urban and rural areas, experience persistent teacher shortages, officials in the program say.

Teach for America recruits outstanding graduating seniors at 172 colleges and universities who have strong academic backgrounds and are campus leaders. Particularly sought after are students for whom certain districts express a special need: those who are bilingual, those who majored in math, science and foreign languages, and people of color. But anyone with a bachelor's degree may apply.

All applicants must complete a written essay, application, a sample teaching session, and two interviews.

Those individuals who are recommended for acceptance are placed in one of Teach For America's sites across the nation.

Corps members participate in a two-year program of professional development which begins with an eight week pre-service Institute in Los Angeles during the summer prior to their placement.

School districts hire corps members at regular first-year teacher salaries which range from \$15,000 to \$29,000, with the national average just over \$25,000. For more information, contact recruiter Alice Criner at (404) 320-1646 or write to Teach For America, P.O. Box 5114, New York, New York, 10185.

Health Careers Program Opens Campus Office

The North Carolina Health Careers Access Program, an inter-institutional program of the University of North Carolina 16-school System, has opened a satellite office on campus

The office will be in 112 Miller Hall, located at the corner of Pittsboro and McCauley Streets next to the Carolina Inn.

NC-HCAP, a multi-faceted program designed to interest racial/ethnic minority and disadvantaged students in the health care professions, seeks to enhance their chances to do so. The program focuses on gaining access to and succeeding in health-related professional and graduate-level academic programs.

Resources available at the Satellite Office include: information on a variety of health careers; health training programs in North Carolina and in other states; a directory of science and health professions; enrichment programs conducted during the summer and regular academic year; and a directory of key contact persons for minorities within the health sciences schools at UNC-CH. These are the schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Social Work.

Although the program targets minority and disadvantaged students, all UNC students are welcome to visit and take utilize the services offered at the satellite office. Hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. For information, contact the NC-HCAP Satellite Office at 966-2245.

Upcoming Meetings:

Note: Black Ink, a bi-weekly publication, needs at least one week advance notice to place meeting announcements in this section. The next deadline is Monday, Nov. 18.

• There will be a BSM General Body Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the Upendo Lounge above Chase Cafeteria.

• The Collegiate Black Caucus will have their last general meeting of the semester at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center.

Housekeepers Carry Complaints to Student Groups

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UNC housekeepers are seeking help from a number of student groups on campus in their effort to address long-standing grievances.

The housekeepers, most of whom are African-American women, are fighting for better wages and improved working conditions. In addition to what they say are bad working conditions and low pay, some housekeepers have said their supervisors sexually and racially harass them.

Currently, University housekeepers work about eight hours a day, five days a week and earn about \$11,000 a year.

They say they are not allowed to take breaks or get drinks without first seeking permission from their

supervisors. Because of the relatively low salaries, most housekeepers work an additional one or two jobs.

The group of angry women first brought their concerns to a Campus Y cabinet meeting on Monday, October 28, where they asked all of the organizations in attendance for support.

In their effort to get most student groups involved, the housekeepers have found at least two allies in the Student Environmental Action Coalition and the Student for the Advancement of Race Relations, both Campus Y committees. Recently, the housekeepers have turned to the Sonja Haynes Stone Task Force for help as well.

The housekeepers sought out the task force because they felt that the group would best be able to bring their issue to the forefront of cam-

pus concern. The Task Force has had some success in attempts to obtain three goals in honor of Stone, late professor of African American studies.

Recently, the task force realized their first goal when the Black Cultural Center was renamed after Stone.

At a rally for Stone during Human Rights Week, Nov. 4 through Nov. 8, the housekeepers were given a chance to speak and get their word out to the student body.

The housekeepers are still in the process of forming their demands and planning what sort of actions they will take.

According to Esa Davis, co-chair of S.A.R.R., their first goal is "getting an entire effort from the student body."

