

## Teen pregnancy woes discussed

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A panel of five told a small group of students Wednesday afternoon about preventive measures being taken to alleviate teenage pregnancies and the lack of post-secondary education in low-income areas.

The discussion is part of a week-long program about women titled "Women: Roles, Responsibilities and Realities," sponsored by the Executive Committee of the Campus Y in collaboration with the Women's Forum Committee.

Michelle Bowen-Spencer of the Lincoln Community Health Center, said Durham had the fifth highest rate of teenage pregnancy in the state. The "Teen Link" program in Durham works with local 10- to 18-year-olds, she said.

The program strives for the prevention of adolescent diseases, Bowen-Spencer said, but "disease" is defined as anything having impact upon the positive development of teens in Durham.

"We don't turn down anybody," she said. The program usually works with low-income families living in housing developments that are "high-risk areas," Bowen-Spencer said.

UNC economics Professor William Darity, who called himself a researcher, not a practitioner, said that the percentage of black families headed by women in the 1950s rose from 25 percent in the 1950s to 50 percent in the 1970s.

In the 1950s, 65 percent to 75 percent of the black mothers in the 1950s were married, while only 35 percent to 45 percent of them are married now, he said.

Teenage and premarital pregnancy is not a morality issue, Darity said. The level of premarital sexual activity among middle-class women may be the same as that among less wealthy women, but middle-class women are more likely to have abortions, he said.

The causes of pregnancy are similar for both blacks and whites, he said, but more black women get pregnant because of a lower economic background.

"In some sense, there is a relative shortage of black men," Darity said. There is a significant difference in the number of black women and eligible black men due to incarceration, participation in the military, homosexuality and alcoholism.

Sandy Belfon, counselor and coordinator of the Upward Bound program on campus, said the organization is currently struggling, because it will only be funded until August.

The program works with the Chatham, Orange and Durham City schools, she said. Students from low-income families or who will be first generation college graduates qualify for the program, she said.

Upward Bound is very competitive, because limited funds provide slots for only 70 students at a time, Belfon said. There are enough applicants to fill each slot five or six times, she said.

These programs tutor and counsel students in goal setting, decision making, problem solving, self-awareness, communication and social skills, as well as in academic subjects, she said. "We want to widen their circle in general," she said.

Upward Bound does deal with teenage pregnancy, Belfon said, because pregnancy lessens the opportunity for a post-secondary education. "We try to not let them fall into that trap," she said.

Ted Parish, from North Carolina Central University, said that although all the faces on the panel were black, teenage pregnancy was not solely a problem among blacks. The rate of teenage pregnancy is increasing faster in the white population than in the black population, he said, but overall it is a greater problem among blacks.

Parish, who was a member of the Advisory Committee in Raleigh, said a Work Fair Program supported by Jesse Helms was not successful. It was based on the principle that if you received a welfare check, you ought to work for it, he said.

"Those kinds of narrow policies disturbed me," Parish said. He said he wanted to focus on teens to get them to think about what they're doing, he said.

Teens should have role models, such as Kenny Smith, Parish said. "A young business club" has been formed to advise a group of 50 teenagers in Durham and 50 in Chapel Hill, he said. One group will work on rehabilitation and the other will engage in "rap sessions," he said.

Marie Torain, a teen director who has worked with the YWCA for over 20 years, said adolescents are neither children nor adults. The use of role models is very effective, she said.

"During rap sessions, we lay the cards on the table," she said. Counselors don't advocate abstinence, Torain said. They familiarize the older teens with contraceptives, but they try to delay the sexual activities of the younger teens, she said.

Parents are the best role models, Torain said, and they must learn to openly discuss sexual matters with their children.

## Officials report SAC break-in

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A break-in at the Dean E. Smith Student Activities Center was the only reported campus break-in during spring break, University police said this week.

Officials discovered a hole in the roof of the SAC about 4 p.m. Sunday, Sgt. Ned Comar said. Someone had entered the building through the hole, Comar said, but apparently nothing inside had been stolen or vandalized. Damage to the roof was estimated at \$500, he said.

Police are looking for any witnesses to the break-in, he said, adding that reward money was available from Crimestoppers for information leading to an arrest.

After students left for spring break, police had received no reports of dormitory break-ins until Monday evening, Comar said, when a resident of fourth floor Ruffin Dorm reported that someone had stolen her handbag about 7 p.m.

About \$50 in cash was stolen, the

resident said Tuesday, along with a \$450 check made out to UNC Year at Montpelier.

The student, who asked not to be identified, said she was in the library at the time of the theft. Her roommate left the room unlocked for about 10 minutes when the theft occurred, she said.

The handbag was found in a maid's closet near her room, the student said, but her wallet was missing, along with a bank card and identification cards. She said her bank cancelled payment on the stolen check.

A resident on the floor had lost her wallet about two weeks ago, the student said, and another resident had lost \$20 from her desk recently.

Some of the residents thought that the same person may have been responsible in all three cases, the student said, and that person could have been someone that was familiar to residents and did not arouse suspicion.

Students also reported that two

mopeds were stolen from Hinton James Dormitory, Comar said. The thefts were reported Tuesday, although he was unsure when the mopeds had been taken or if the thefts were connected.

In one theft reported at 8 a.m., the moped's lock was left intact, he said, and in the other theft, reported at 4:30 p.m., all but the front wheel of the moped was stolen.

Both mopeds had been locked with Kryptonite locks, Comar said, and he recommended that students secure bicycles and mopeds with a device that has the lock built into a cable.

Thefts are usually common during spring break, he said, because many students leave valuables in their dorm rooms if they aren't going home.

When students are in school, Comar said, they should lock their unattended rooms and make special arrangements for valuables.

"If they would just use a foot locker to keep this stuff in," he said, "they wouldn't need to lock their rooms all the time."

## Charlotte 7-Eleven testing home-delivery service

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Charlotte residents can now have any of 117 items, including pet supplies, foods, and health and beauty aids delivered directly to their homes, courtesy of the 7-Eleven on East Boulevard in Charlotte.

The Southland Corporation, owner of 7-Eleven Foodstores, is presently testing home delivery services at the Charlotte store, according to public relations spokeswoman Linda Ford.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Ford said she thought home delivery would help elderly people who are unable to go to the stores for personal needs.

"This is only a test . . . to see if it

is feasible to begin delivery in other areas," she said. "There are many factors involved." Those factors include customer response and delivery costs, according to Ford.

Currently, 7-Eleven stocks 117 items that customers can purchase through the home delivery service, excluding alcoholic beverages. "State ABC regulations prohibit us from delivering alcohol," Ford said.

Customers must live within two miles of the store and order a minimum of \$10 of goods to be eligible for the service. There is no delivery fee, and customers can pay for their order by check, Master Card or Visa, as well as cash.

Southland Corporation started 7-Eleven's delivery service in February and have been tracking the results "to determine ways of improving the service as well as noting the positive aspects,"

Ford said. She said that she does not know if other convenience store chains will begin to deliver in the future, but one Fast Fare Convenience Store manager said that it is a possibility.

"I know that we may eventually (deliver) in a limited market," said Jim Deese, manager of the Fast Fare on Guess Road in Durham. "But there has been no discussion so far."

Southland Corporation was founded in 1927 in Dallas, Texas, by Joe C. Thompson, owner of Southland Ice Co. Southland now owns 7500 7-Eleven stores in 41 states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

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