

UNC students visit high schools to recruit minorities

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More than 80 UNC minority students visited North Carolina high schools during fall break in an effort to attract more minority students to UNC.

The Minority Recruitment Program, now in its second year of operation, is sponsored by the Student Government's Minority Concerns Committee.

Darrin Poole, co-chairman of the committee, said most of the recruiters visited their former high schools to

promote and discuss UNC. The students also gathered names of potential applicants to the University, he said.

At a meeting Thursday, student recruiters said reactions from the high school students were positive.

"The students were really eager and receptive," said freshman James Mason, who visited Pamlico High School. "They threw questions back and forth. It was really nice."

Recruiters said most questions dealt with admissions requirements, college course loads and academic

expectations. Other questions concerned athletics, social life and race relations.

"A lot of administrators have said there isn't enough interest for minorities to come to Carolina," said junior Rowland Yancey, who visited East Forsythe High School. "By going to the schools, we let students see that minorities are an important part of this campus. It was really positive."

However, some recruiters expressed disappointment with lukewarm receptions from high school officials.

"The students were really great," said sophomore Kaprina Mitchell, who traveled to E.E. Smith High School. "My complaint is about the preparation by guidance counselors before I arrived."

Mitchell said the counselors did not publicize the event, and did not help her when she arrived.

Poole said letters will be sent to student participants who are accepted to UNC this winter.

"Sending out personal correspondence and giving them personal attention may help them decide to

help us to gauge the success of this program."

Poole said the recruitment program is going strong this year.

A high school honors program for minority students will be held in the Student Union Saturday, Poole said, attend Carolina," he said. "It will also

including an open discussion about UNC from noon to 1 p.m. On Nov. 14, a workshop will be held for minority finalists in the National Merit and National Achievement programs. Interested students should contact the Student Government office.

Campus bash to benefit UNICEF

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A good time is not the only reason for the block party tonight at Ehringhaus Field.

The bash, which will benefit UNICEF, is sponsored by the Senior Class, Scott and Henderson college residence areas, the Black Student Movement and Campus Y.

"The event has a double meaning," said Janet Roach, special projects director for the Senior Class. "First of all, we are helping people less fortunate, and also we are bringing North and South campuses together for one major event."

The band, the Malemen, will start playing at 9:30 p.m. Other entertainment will include a disc jockey from Foxy 107 FM and possibly a step show.

On Wednesday and Thursday, sponsors sold raffle tickets for a weekend trip for two to Washington, D.C., to raise money for UNICEF. The winning ticket will be drawn at the party tonight.

Area businesses are paying for the trip, and Cole Travel made the travel arrangements. Airfare was donated by American Airlines, and New Hampshire Suites is providing the accommodations.

Organizers printed 3,000 tickets to be sold at \$1 each. Part of the money raised will be used to pay the band playing at the party, and the rest will be donated to UNICEF.

"We hope to raise \$1,000 for UNICEF," said Lisa Smith, chairwoman of the Senior Class philanthropy committee. The benefit is the newly-formed committee's first major project.

Anne Davidson, Senior Class president, said the benefit is unique because so many different campus organizations are participating.

"What is so special about this project is that a group of University students are raising money for a worthy cause and having a good time while they are doing it," Davidson said.

Robberies

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■ On Oct. 10, two UNC students were robbed of their wallets on Stadium Drive, where they were held up by five black males, two of them armed with pistols, said Sgt. Ned Comar of University police. The subjects took \$28 in the robbery.

■ On Oct. 8, Dierdre Laurillard, a student in the UNC School of Social Work, was robbed of her book bag on Ransom Street, according to a police report. An armed black male demanded her bag while a second man approached her from behind and snatched it. The subjects then escaped on foot.

Officers offered several tips to help students protect themselves from robbery. Comar recommended that students take advantage of the new campus escort service, Students Averting Frightening Encounters (S.A.F.E.), which is scheduled to begin operating Monday. He also said students should practice assertiveness and be willing to "scream bloody murder" if necessary.

Pendergraph said students should travel in numbers and remain aware of what is happening around them. "Students should look out for certain situations and be prepared to turn and walk the other way if they look threatening," he said.

Capt. Gregg Jarvies of the CHPD also recommended the buddy system and what he called "panic-proofing." "If students look confident about where they are and what they are doing and do not look afraid, criminals will look for an easier target," he said.

Self-defense training for women is a good idea as well, Jarvies said.

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