

Ambassadors show new students around

By Monica Bonikowski
Staff Writer

Anyone thinking about attending classes at UNCA now has a chance to meet and talk with someone already enrolled in the university.

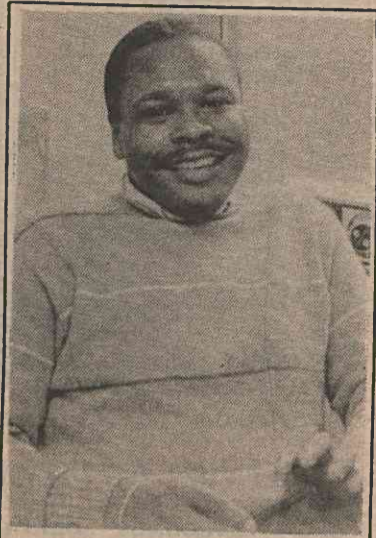
The Ambassadors is a group organized last spring to give prospective students and their parents tours of the campus.

Steve Wilborn, assistant director of admissions, organized the group because he and the director, Jean Luce, needed some help. Wilborn thought it would be better for prospective students to be "guided by present students who could help with any questions the students or their parents could ask.

"In a growing insti-

tution, such a group is needed. They have been lifesavers because we no longer have the staff to organize and operate such an organization," said Wilborn.

Besides tours, the



Steve Wilborn

group works a phone bank. The volunteers call students who have applied to UNCA for

admission and try to answer any questions.

Other colleges have groups similar to the Ambassadors. The group is expected to become "a permanent fixture here on campus," said Wilborn.

UNCA will hold a Red Carpet Visitors Day on Dec. 6. On that day, the Ambassadors will act as hosts in what the university hopes will become a fall tradition.

"The Ambassadors are a select group of dorm students, preferably freshmen and sophomores," said Wilborn. He sent out information and applications about the Ambassadors to almost 75 qualified members last year. After an initial meeting, about 15 students signed on.

"I looked for good academic records, students who were first semester freshmen or sophomores, and targeted dorm students," said Wilborn. "I also looked at their involvement in high-school," he added.

Although Wilborn foresees no problems, he thinks the group may need to expand in the future as the number of prospective students increases.

"It does not take up much of the student's time and they develop better human relation skills. And they become involved in a quality organization that doesn't take time away from their studies," said Wilborn. He added he would like to keep about 15 active members, retaining some of

the same people from year to year to reduce the turnover rate.

The Ambassadors this year are Bill Capehart, Mary Jessica Davis, Susan Gardner, Tom Grey, Sharon Holcombe, Tony Ledbetter, Susan Matthews, Lola Robinson, David Simas, Roxanne Smith, and Debbie Trevino.

The Ambassadors schedule operates weekly. Monday and Tuesday tours are at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Wednesday tour is at 1 p.m. and the Thursday tour is at 2 p.m.

The Friday afternoon program is the largest. During this meeting, an admissions officer, a financial aid officer, a student ambassador and a professor give a presentation about the university.

Movie Review

'Soul Man' lacks soul

By Ken Hardy
Staff Writer

"Soul Man", starring C. Thomas Howell, is worth a discount ticket from the campus bookstore, but not the full price of admission at Beaucatcher Theaters.

"Soul Man" is centered around Mark Watson (Howell) trying to get into Harvard Law School. Mark's parents decide it's time for him to work for himself, so they cut off his money supply.

Consequently, Mark is faced with raising \$50,000 for law school. After reviewing several academic scholarships, Mark finds one that suits him. The only catch is that the scholarship is for a black candidate.

Naturally, since he's a young and resourceful would-be college man, he develops a plan. A friend is researching a new tanning pill, so

Mark exceeds the recommended dosage, thus turning himself black (actually a mild shade of brown).

Mark receives the scholarship and sets off for Cambridge, Mass. After arriving in Cambridge, Mark starts to realize the problems he must face as a black person.

His landlord tries to evict him, the basketball team expects an outstanding performance, fellow students crack jokes about him, and a police officer arrests him for crossing the yellow line in the middle of the street.

Mark decides to register for criminal justice because the professor is black, thinking the professor will give him special attention due to his race.

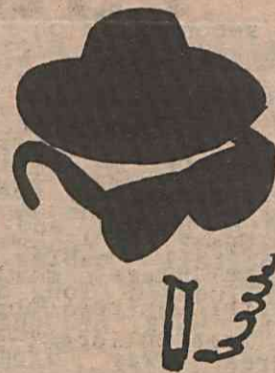
Mark quickly finds out that the professor does not favor anyone. R.P. Banks (James Earl

Jones) is a tough, monotone individual who expects the best out of each student regardless of race. It's also in that same class that he meets someone who almost screws up his entire plan.

"Soul Man" lacks more than just soul. The movie is a complicated comedy trying to deal with too many issues. All through the movie, the audience enjoys the comedy, but underneath there is a serious question concerning racial discrimination.

The movie attempts to deal with interracial relationships and other racial issues in between all the jokes and comedy. But instead of drawing the audience's attention the problems blacks face every day, "Soul Man" lacks the depth to deal with the issues, and ends up poking fun at them.

Wednesday Film Series



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