

FEATURES



Sherry Meadows: actively behind the scenes.

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Blacks are needed

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"There are a lot of Black kids in the program but mostly white big brothers and big sisters," says Greg Michaels co-director with Linda Kimble of the YM-WYCA sponsored Big Brother-Big Sister program.

"I want to encourage more Blacks to participate in the program," he says, urging any interest-

ed student to contact next year's directors, Tina Nader and Susan Fowler, for fall assignments.

Getting out into the community is important to Greg Michaels because he has become a member of the community through his little brother. "Very often," he says, "students are so caught up with things on campus that they become disconnected from the community and families."

Back pats not sought

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In Grade B movies and detective novels, a mysterious stranger often lurks in dark shadows, making things happen with stealthy, behind-the-scenes craftiness.

At UNC, we have our own honest-to-goodness "behind-the-scenes" person whose forte is not her ability to lurk in dark corners, but her ability to accomplish tasks with so much quiet effectiveness that she is seldom noticed.

"I'm not after recognition or a pat on the back," says Sherry Meadows, a Roanoke native who serves as a secretary in the Office of Student Affairs. "The only thing I'm concerned with is being beneficial to the students."

Besides her official secretarial duties, Sherry has coordinated or helped coordinate Project Uplift,

Black Pre-Orientation, the Black Student Congress, the National Achievement Weekend, the Afro-Am Mini-Festival, and the recent Tri-State Conference.

During the 1975 Black Student Congress held in Chapel Hill, she was elected vice-president in charge of correspondence.

Sherry, a 1974 graduate of Durham College, is a political science major and aspires to attend graduate school.

Another of the intangible rewards of her job in Student Affairs has been Sherry's association with Associate Dean of Special Programs Harold Wallace.

"Dean Wallace has a special and deep interest in Black students as a whole and as individuals," Sherry says. "I don't think I would have been working on this campus as long as I have without him. He trusts my judgement."

College life viewed

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Approximately 250 minority students, mostly Blacks, attended Project Uplift from March 31 through April 1 and April 6 through April 8.

These high school juniors were selected mainly on high academic achievement in their schools. Selected by guidance counselors, the two top minority students in their class received a better understanding of college life. These students must have also qualified to attend UNC or were those most likely to be accepted here.

As the on-campus coordinator for Project Uplift, Pam Dockery handled the schedules, room assignments, and other activities of the students. Pam felt that Project Up-

lift was important because it enabled high school students to learn about college. It also allowed many students to learn that they needed to begin fulfilling academic requirements to attend college.

They attended classes, lived in dorms, and went to parties given by upperclass students.

Many felt that most of their questions had been answered.

Pam stated that most of the students were "very enthusiastic about the program and said it had been helpful." Most of the Project Uplift students expressed their enthusiasm even more by wanting to attend the University of North Carolina after graduation. The only problem that arose according to Pam was that "sometimes guidance counselors don't tell them things they need to know."

Conosco! - an alternative to tradition

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CONOSCO! originated in the fall of 1976 as an "alternative to standing social and fraternal traditions. We wanted to offer a stable alternative to social and fraternal traditions," said CONOSCO! member Anthony Greene.

"A lot of service organizations say they want to serve the community, but we want to be progressive—to do things that have never been done before," he said.

But what makes CONOSCO! different from fraternities? "We're not restricted by standards. We can go in whatever direction we want to go in," said Greene. "Each member is a directive force and I don't think that's the case with most frats."

Many students question CONOSCO!'s uniqueness. They point to what they saw as CONOSCO!'s pledge line.

"We did not have a line, per se," group members are quick to

point out. "We merely welcomed additions to the group."

Staton and Greene explained, "We think of the group as a rock, a conglomerate, a lot of small particles held together by a common goal. Whenever a person wants to join, we like to get to know him and have him get to know us. This is what goes on during the three-week period of Conscience. There is no abuse or strain and they are required to do only one thing—a group community service project."

New members accepted this semester had a jam in Upendo to raise money for their project. With the money, they bought twenty Easter baskets filled with fruit, candy and other foods and delivered them to needy families in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

One thing that is unique about CONOSCO! is its offices. They are: treasurer, corresponding secretary, recording secretary and conductor of business. The last position rotates weekly, giving each member a chance to be leader. "We try to

instill leadership and this is a good way," Staton said.

Besides leadership, CONOSCO! tries to encourage academic achievement. This semester they are offering two scholarships—one for the most improved grade point

average and one for the student with the highest overall average.

The scholarships probably won't be awarded until this summer or next fall, but students who think they will be eligible should submit their names to CONOSCO!



Conosco!: blue, and white and an exclamation point.

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