

Upward Bound Motivates Highschoolers To Achieve

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Manly Dorm has echoed with the voices of students to come for most of the summer.

Yet, the students to come were already here.

A riddle? No. A look into the Upward Bound program provides the explanation.

Upward Bound is no reference to heaven as a final destination, but rather a precollege, preparatory program designed to motivate skills necessary for success beyond high



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school. UNC is but one of the many schools across the state and nation which offers support by bringing in area 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. These students have low-income backgrounds and are receiving inadequate instructional high school programs.

Application is made by submitting a packet with a parent's statement, teacher recommendation forms, peer recommendation, autobiography and counselor's report. Final selections are made with the assistance of high school personnel and community leaders.

All students chosen take a nine-hour test which will show their weak areas. These areas then are concentrated on for seven weeks.

Director Elroy Lewis says the rate of students enrolled in Upward Bound who will go on to college is about 90 per cent.

These high school students who were here this summer are also then to come in later years as college students.

In the meanwhile, Upward Bound provided everyone enrolled with a demanding work schedule. Work began daily with the four classes students were required to attend. English and reading instruction is mandatory, but electives are available from the fields of biology, math, foreign language and business. Though grades are not transferred to the student's high school, progressive reports with grades were sent home twice.

Cultural activities followed the daily dose of study. Depending on the student's interest, he chose to participate in the modern music and dance groups, the Upward Bound Summer Review newspaper, the Thoughts for Thinkers literary magazine, the gospel choir, or the simulated radio station, — WUNC—UB.

In addition, seminars on the rules and regulations of the program, interpersonal relationships, sex, drugs, religion and building pleasing attitudes were held on Friday afternoons.

Evenings offered organized recreational activities including softball, volleyball, track and field, swimming and tennis.

Structured tutoring also was daily offered during a quiet hour for students having trouble with courses. This tutoring service was conducted by counselors from the UNC graduate and undergraduate schools.

Student response to the program is adequately summed up by Connie Brown, an Upward Bound enrollee who said, "It's a good program, but when you come, do be prepared to work."

Upward Bound is funded by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and often spends up to \$1,400 per student. Any school wishing to support the program must only show commitment and interest in its development.

In addition to campus co-ordinated activities, field trips provided the students opportunities to see plays, movies or any program which was conscious expanding. Students



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Harold Woodard (the one with the wink) will tell you that even Upward Bound counselors went absolutely nutty sometimes.

also toured Old Salem, viewed "Unto These Hills," and spent three days in Washington, D.C.

Counselor Herbert Farrish says he enjoyed Upward Bound "because the students were so genuine. There were no cover-ups, no put-ons."

"The majority of them are really smart, they have just always been handicapped by lack of motivation," he said.

"I've seen what Upward Bound can do for these students," said Allen Johnson, English instructor,

"it gives them more confidence in themselves and provides a background for academic and cultural awareness. I think very highly of it."

Johnson also feels that many Black students at UNC look snobbishly down on Upward Bounders and, instead of presenting helpful models, generally don't associate with them.

"I'm amazed at how some people behave," he says, "You'd think we'd be trying to help each other out instead of playing silly games."

Flower Selling - A Profitable, Student-Supported Business

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Flowers have always been a way to express gratitude, love, and many other sentiments. The flower ladies of Franklin Street help the Chapel Hill community carry out the tradition.

The ladies have sold their flowers for over twenty years. Mrs. Blanche Williams, one of the ladies, noted that the ladies, a familiar sight to all Chapel Hillians, sell flowers in both Chapel Hill and Durham.

On most days these ladies can be found at NCNB Plaza and in alleys along Franklin Street selling fresh flowers.

"At one time, all of us sold our flowers on the street," said Mrs. Williams. "The manager of the bank took us off the street and put us in the plaza."

Now four ladies sell inside the plaza and four in the alleys.

According to Mallie Allison, another one of the flower ladies, students are their best customers. "The students buy most of the flowers and they are very polite," Mrs. Allison said. "I find we sell most flowers when school is open."

"I can really tell a difference when students are not here," added Mrs. Williams.

The flowers are sold singly, as well as in bouquets. And at \$2.00 a bunch, the flowers sell pretty well. It's an all-day job but the ladies seem to enjoy it.

The ladies grow their own flow-

ers. Because they live in rural areas, they are able to provide the Chapel Hill community with colorful, fresh flowers every day. "The hardest part is growing them," Mrs. Williams said. "The drought is cutting us back a lot."

The best business comes at Christmas but "every holiday causes a rise in business," Mrs. Alli-



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Flower ladies — skilled in the art of cutting, drying and arranging — turn beauty and delicacy into profit.

son said.

As far as the occupational hazards of selling flowers are concerned, Mrs. Williams said, "I can't say I've had any problems at all selling them."

Neither, apparently, have Chapel Hill residents in buying them.



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What a pleasant contrast to the serious young lady above. Upward Bounders laugh it up on the steps of Manly Hall.

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