

This Week in Tar Heel History ...

50 Years Ago:

■ This week in 1950, the Central Records Office at the University reported that of the 21,797 grades reported for the fall quarter, 9.46 percent were A's, an increase of 0.11 percent from the A's reported in fall 1948.

25 Years Ago:

■ This week in 1975, the UNC men's basketball team won the consolation game of the Eastern Regional Tournament, defeating Boston College 110-90. The team finished third in the tournament in Phil Ford's first season, after losing to Syracuse for the chance to play in the championship game.

10 Years Ago:

■ This week in 1990, Eric Montross, a 7-foot center from Indiana, said he would attend UNC in the fall. Montross, who was one of the nation's most highly sought players, narrowed his choice to attend UNC from Indiana and Michigan, where his father and grandfather both played basketball.

Campus Calendar

Today

8 p.m. - The UNC Young Democrats will hold a "2000 for 2000 Voter Registration Blitz" information meeting in 103 Bingham Hall.

All students interested in registering voters are welcome.

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. - Charmayne Gray from UNC Hospitals will be speaking at Carolina Cancer Focus meeting in 111 Murphey Hall. She will be discussing melanoma and ways to prevent this skin cancer.

The event is free, and the public is welcome.

7:30 p.m. - Come join in the "Take Back the Night" march, the annual candlelit march around the UNC campus in protest against sexual violence.

Music and speakers will begin at 7:30 p.m., the march will kick off at 8 p.m. There will be a speak-out and refreshments afterwards.

The event is free, and the public is welcome.

Thursday

3 p.m. - Forrest Hamer will read his poetry at the Spring 2000 Blanche Armfield Poetry Reading will be held in Donovan Lounge, 222 Greenlaw Hall.

Poems from Hamer's book "Call & Response" and other books will be read. The event is free, and the public is welcome.

For more information, call coordinator Alan Shapiro at 962-1994.

7 p.m. - The Carolina Production Guild, UNC's filmmaking organization, will be holding a meeting and script pitches in Swain Hall Studio 2.

The meeting is open to the public. Script submissions are due Wednesday.

For a submission form, or more information, e-mail Camille Hawley at chawley@email.unc.edu.

Saturday

7 p.m. - Sangam's annual South Asian Cultural Extravaganza will be held at Memorial Hall. The \$5 tickets are available at the Carolina Union Box Office.

UNC Students Reach Out to High Schools

Student ambassadors were warmly received as they tried to tout the benefits of attending the University.

By ALICIA GADDY
Staff Writer

UNC students recently sang Carolina's praises to high school students in underrepresented N.C. counties to drum up interest in the University.

Members of the Student Ambassador Program visited Rutherford, Bladen and Richmond counties Friday, talking with students and participating in community activities such as baseball games.

Eric Johnson, program director and executive assistant to student body President Nic Heinke, said the group hoped to raise awareness about UNC and erase any stereotypes students might have about the school.

But some students and guidance

counselors said there were factors, like economics, keeping students from UNC that the ambassadors could not address.

Johnson said he and nine other UNC students visited mostly honors and Advanced Placement classes in three Rutherford County high schools.

He said they spoke mainly about student life and hoped to give high school students an accurate portrayal of UNC.

"Not only were people more aware of the reality associated with Carolina, but we heard students just talking about college in general."

Counselors at the high schools said recruiting trips like this made students more aware of their college choices.

"One of the main concerns is they usually don't think about college seriously until their senior years," said Denise Humphries, East Rutherford High School guidance counselor.

Humphries also said the ambassadors helped students understand that UNC was within their reach.

But Wallace Peek, counselor at

Rutherford-Spindale Central High School, said awareness might not be the only factor keeping Rutherford County students from attending Chapel Hill.

"The perception appears to be that there's a lack of awareness, but I don't think that's quite all the problem."

Peek said distance from Chapel Hill and economic limits often kept students from attending UNC, though most students pursued higher education.

Students also had varying opinions on the ambassadors' visit.

Will Beauvender, an R-S Central sophomore, said the talks in his chemistry and A.P. European history classes made him see UNC in a new light.

"It made me consider my evaluation of Carolina as a whole," he said.

But other students said they did not see the point of the visit.

Ariel Whitworth, an R-S Central senior, said UNC ambassadors visited her A.P. European history class. "I think it's fine that they're coming, but I really don't see why," she said. "Part of the rea-

son that a lot of kids don't go to Chapel Hill around here is that they find other colleges that they like better."

Whitworth also said the ambassadors should not only target students in advanced classes. She added that the ambassadors came across as condescending.

"They acted like we'd never seen a book or anything," she said.

But Johnson said the visits might generate a tradition of UNC students reaching out to other N.C. citizens.

The failure of a multibillion dollar bond proposal last summer in the N.C. General Assembly and the push by some legislators for a referendum left some University officials thinking schools should reach out to the citizens.

"I think what the bond issue may have done is sort of serve as a wake-up call to the University that we need to get back in touch with the state."

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Lunch Focuses on Intellectual Climate Debate

One intellectual climate discussion participant said everyone contributed to learning at the University.

By DERICK MATTERN
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A small group of students, staff and faculty talked shop during lunch Friday over one another's stake in UNC's intellectual climate.

Two guest speakers shared personal experiences while discussing the extent of staff and student participation in the University educational environment.

The luncheon was the third in a series planned by the Intellectual Climate Implementation Committee and the Office of the Director of Distinguished Scholarships and Intellectual Life.

The late Chancellor Michael Hooker spearheaded efforts to boost UNC's

intellectual atmosphere outside the classroom, launching the Intellectual Climate Task Force in three years ago.

"The reason we're having this discussion is because people always think of faculty when we say intellectual climate - that's a real heartsore for me," said Donna LeFebvre, a lecturer from the Department of Political Science and a member of the climate committee.

Jeffery Beam, an assistant to the librarian at the biology library, said staff affected the intellectual climate beyond their day-to-day work.

He presented statistics gathered from his past service as vice president of the Employee Forum, which showed that 527 of 836 staff members surveyed said they had daily contact with students.

He described the University as a community of learners where everyone contributed to one another's educational experience.

"Every time I say 'climate,' I cringe," "I like 'community' more," Beam said.

"We're really a mini-city, and it's sad to think of staff as only someone to serve."

Undergraduate student and member of the climate committee Alex Little said the University was often regarded as a business producing graduates instead of a community.

"We need to look beyond the numbers and do what we're here to do," Little said. "It's an intellectual family that grows together. As students and faculty we need to find a way to work with staff."

When the two speakers finished, the floor opened to visitors to share their opinions and experiences.

"My biggest culture shock coming to the University was the hierarchical structure - they do everything here but salute!" said Mary Morrison, director of APPLES.

"In the community, you don't bring your credentials to the table."

She said her opinions of faculty had changed through the years, from animosity to a greater understanding as she learned more about the competitive

nature of the academic world.

"I feel the fight now is to get students to the table - and not just a token student," Morrison said.

Marila Cordeiro-Stone, professor of pathology at the School of Medicine and a member of the executive committee of the Faculty Council. "Stratification per se isn't bad - people must be separated into jobs or the University won't do anything," she said.

"It is our responsibility to speak out against preconceptions."

Cordeiro-Stone also responded to other visitors' complaints that many students and staff were underrepresented in committees and discussions by noting that there were only 11 people at the luncheon.

She said, "The fact that this meeting is a small group is telling us that people don't think it is worth their time - people are very busy."

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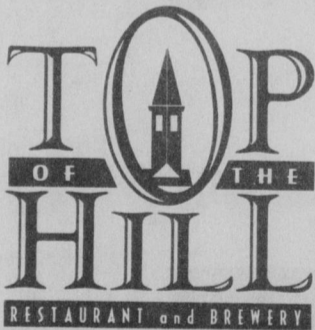
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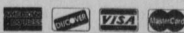
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