

Campus organizations hold special orientations

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Three campus organizations, the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, the Black Student Movement and the Association of International Students, are presenting specialized orientation programs for their new arrivals this fall.

This year, for the first time, the Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF) is conducting a special program to introduce graduate students to the University and Chapel Hill.

The GPSF program will be conducted in concert with planned orientation activities for all students.

"We've always had trouble getting basic information to first-year grad students," GPSF president Gwen Waddell said. "A lot of us would meet our professors during the first few weeks, then go to our carrels for three years, without ever hearing about campus-oriented activities."

Information on these activities will be distributed within the departments and professional schools, each of which will have a GPSF representative.

In addition, GPSF will conduct office hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until the first day of classes, to assist students needing places to stay or temporary financial aid.

Organizations of departmental graduate students are eligible to receive GPSF summer funds to conduct their own social introductions to new members. These funds will be available until the first day of classes.

Association of International Students

Camp New Hope, which recently hosted the YW-YMCA's Freshman Camp, is the site of the major orientation program of the Association of International Students (AIS).

Last year this three-day program was especially effective in acquainting the international students and giving them the chance to practice English, International Advisor Jill Stritter said. "For most of these students, this weekend (August 22-24) is the first time they can use conversational English for real."

Sixty international students and 30 staffers are attending the weekend.

The program will be a repeat of last year's program since many favorable comments came back to its planners. AIS solicited advice from such international groups as the Peace Corps and the East-West Center in planning the program. Campus groups

including International Students' Advisors and the Orientation Commission also gave advice last year.

The weekend features welcomes from Mayor Howard N. Lee and University professors; panel discussions on health, academic affairs and cultural adjustments; a number of movies and small group meetings and presentations. The students also have free time during this orientation weekend to get acquainted and practice conversation in English.

International students' orientation does not end with the weekend, however, as student guides will spend Monday and Tuesday with small groups of incoming internationals.

The Black Student Movement's Gospel Choir will entertain the new international students after a Monday night picnic dinner at the Battle House, and Henderson Residence College will host the students at a beer and band party Tuesday night.

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor and his wife will host the international students and their Chapel Hill host families for a reception dinner in the Morehead Planetarium's state dining room on Wednesday evening.

An open house from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday at the YMCA will round out the week's activities.

Black Student Movement

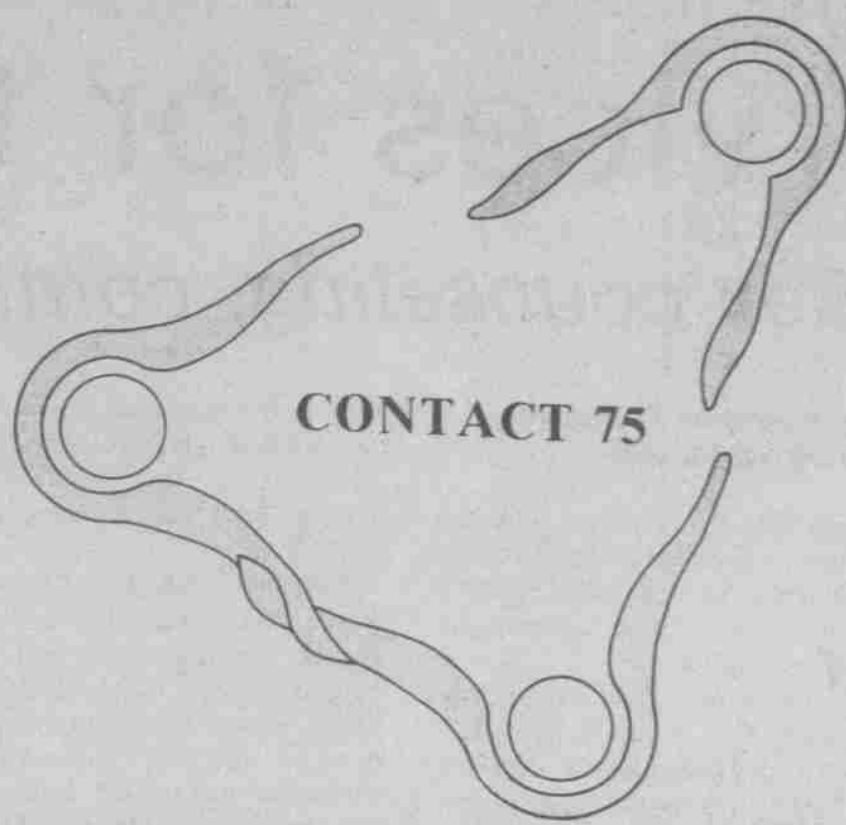
The BSM welcomes incoming black students with an expanded program in its annual pre-orientation. Like the organization itself, the special program tries to "create the concept of a black community here in Chapel Hill." BSM Chairperson Lester Diggs explained.

This year, the program will feature presentations by six black campus organizations. "Rather than just tell new students about our groups, we thought demonstrations would be much more effective," Diggs said. "This will help get new membership and perhaps make the students' adjustment to the University that much easier, making them feel somewhat at home in a new place."

The BSM held a general meeting Wednesday, Aug. 20 to introduce black freshmen to their counselors, academic and special programs and the BSM.

The meeting was followed by a reception for new black students, parents, faculty, staff and administrators.

Thursday morning, a Black Christian Fellowship presentation was followed by a campus tour. Later that day freshmen met with fraternities and sororities, and then were given a brief introduction to academic majors.



Contact '75 holds a more personalized freshman orientation

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In contrast to the large scale orientations held in past years, this year's Contact '75 represents an attempt to personalize orientation, according to Contact Chairperson Tommy Humphries.

This means getting away from larger activities which seem to attract upperclassmen and putting more emphasis on personal counseling for the 3,005 freshmen and 1,021 junior transfers who began arriving here Friday.

In addition to the regular counselors for freshmen who live in residence halls, many new counselors will be available to help junior transfer students who live off-campus. Over the past year, the orientation staff has increased from 300 to 500 counselors.

In order to improve the quality of the services these counselors provide, Humphries said the counselors have had a more extensive training this year. As part of that training, they spent two days this week in counseling or training under the supervision of the School of Education.

The purpose of this training, Humphries said, was to teach group skills and to make the counselors sensitive to the needs of new students.

Since counselors are not paid, the training, along with picnics and free "Contact '75" T-shirts, should provide them with incentive to do their duties, he said.

Humphries said it is important that counselors have a proper attitude: "We've got to make them see this is serious business, not just parties."

Because of the emphasis on

personalized counseling, the commission has planned only one campus-wide activity, an Activities Field Day to be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 27 on the Carmichael Intramural Field.

Humphries said that in cooperation with Student Government, over 50 campus and community organizations will set up booths at the festival, providing music, sports and games.

The purpose of the field day will be to expose the new students to the various organizations.

He said that despite the small budget the commission received this year, members were able to cut corners and still provide an adequate orientation for the new students.

However, he said, "It forced us to go through and spend money only on the important things."

The 14-member commission, which has been planning the orientation programs since last fall, held four Summer Tar Heel Days in July and August, which new students could attend with their parents. The group also supervised the production of a multimedia show on life in Chapel Hill and a student handbook entitled *The How to Tar Your Heels and Still Keep Your Feet Clean Book*.

During orientation week, students may call a temporary information and referral service (933-5201), created in cooperation with Student Government, Humphries said. He said the service should make finding the answer to any question as easy as possible.

"Hopefully, instead of a person having to call one place and being referred from place to place, this service will be just a two-step process," Humphries said.

Freshman orientation schedule

FRIDAY AUGUST

12:00-5:00 p.m. Arrival
Evening Dinner with counselors
10:00 p.m. Residence hall meetings

SATURDAY AUGUST 23

9:00-10:30 a.m. General College advisor meetings
11:00-4:00 p.m. Foreign Language Placement tests
12:00-4:00 p.m. AFROTC Wiener roast behind Stacy Hall
5:30 p.m. Student/Faculty picnic--Polk Place
6:00-9:00 p.m. Volleyball and Watermelon in the Pit

SUNDAY AUGUST 24

1:00-5:00 p.m. General College Advisor Office hours
8:00 p.m. Opening Convocation for freshmen

MONDAY AUGUST 25

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Freshman Registration--Woolen Gym by appointment
12:00-5:00 p.m. Panhellenic Council begins rush sign-up, Room 262-B of the Union
2:00 p.m. Required Financial Aid Meeting--Great Hall
6:30 p.m. International Center Picnic--Battle House
6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Movie--"The Producers"--Great Hall
7:00-10:00 p.m. WCAR Open House--WCAR Studio, Union basement
Evening Area activities

TUESDAY AUGUST 26

7:00 a.m. Freshman Registration (continued)
10:00-4:00 p.m. Merchants Get Acquainted Day--downtown Chapel Hill
1:00-5:00 p.m. Student Government Executive Board Open House--Suite C, Union
4:00 p.m. Rape Crisis Presentation--Room 204, Union
Afternoon-Evening Required Code of Student Conduct meetings--Counselors have time and place.
Evening Area activities

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

7:00 a.m. Registration (continued)
9:00-12:00 noon Chemistry Placement test--207 Venable
2:00-5:00 p.m. Activities Festival--Carmichael Field
8:00 p.m. Dance in the pit

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