

Project Uplift informs prospective students

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Approximately 140 high school juniors from across the state visited the UNC campus the past two weeks as part of the Project Uplift program.

Participants in the program are all minority or underprivileged students.

The purpose of the program is to give these students basic information on admission requirements and financial assistance of the University, said Beverly Wells, outgoing on-campus coordinator for the Black Student Movement (BSM).

While on campus, the students get a chance to talk to faculty members, visit classes and observe the campus. The participants are housed in dorm rooms during their stay in Chapel Hill.

There are three basic goals in the Project Uplift program, according to Harold Wallace, associate dean of Student Affairs. The first goal is to encourage those interested in going to college to continue that interest and to motivate those who are unsure about attending college. "We try to help them in considering any college," Wallace said.

The second goal is to encourage the students to consider Carolina. Trying to provide significant contact and meaningful interaction with upperclassmen is the third goal. "We try to encourage them, direct them and inform them, so they know about student life," Wallace said.

Students are chosen for the Project Uplift program by their high school guidance counselors. The University asks the guidance counselors to nominate two persons plus two alternates who are of a minority race or who are disadvantaged. The students nominated

must meet the requirements for admission to the University.

The guidance counselors then inform the Office of Student Affairs of the nominees and alternates. If the nominees are unable to attend the program, the alternates are invited.

The program is coordinated by Sherry Meadows of the Office of Student Affairs. While most of the planning for the program is done by Student Affairs, most of the footwork and counseling is done by the BSM. "Without student support and involvement, it would be hard to do it," Wallace said.

Program participants are brief by University officials on admissions

procedures and are given financial-aid information. They also participate in panel discussions with student counselors. During these panel sessions the administrators leave the room in order to create a more informal atmosphere for the participants.

Many students attending the Project Uplift program were favorably impressed with the University.

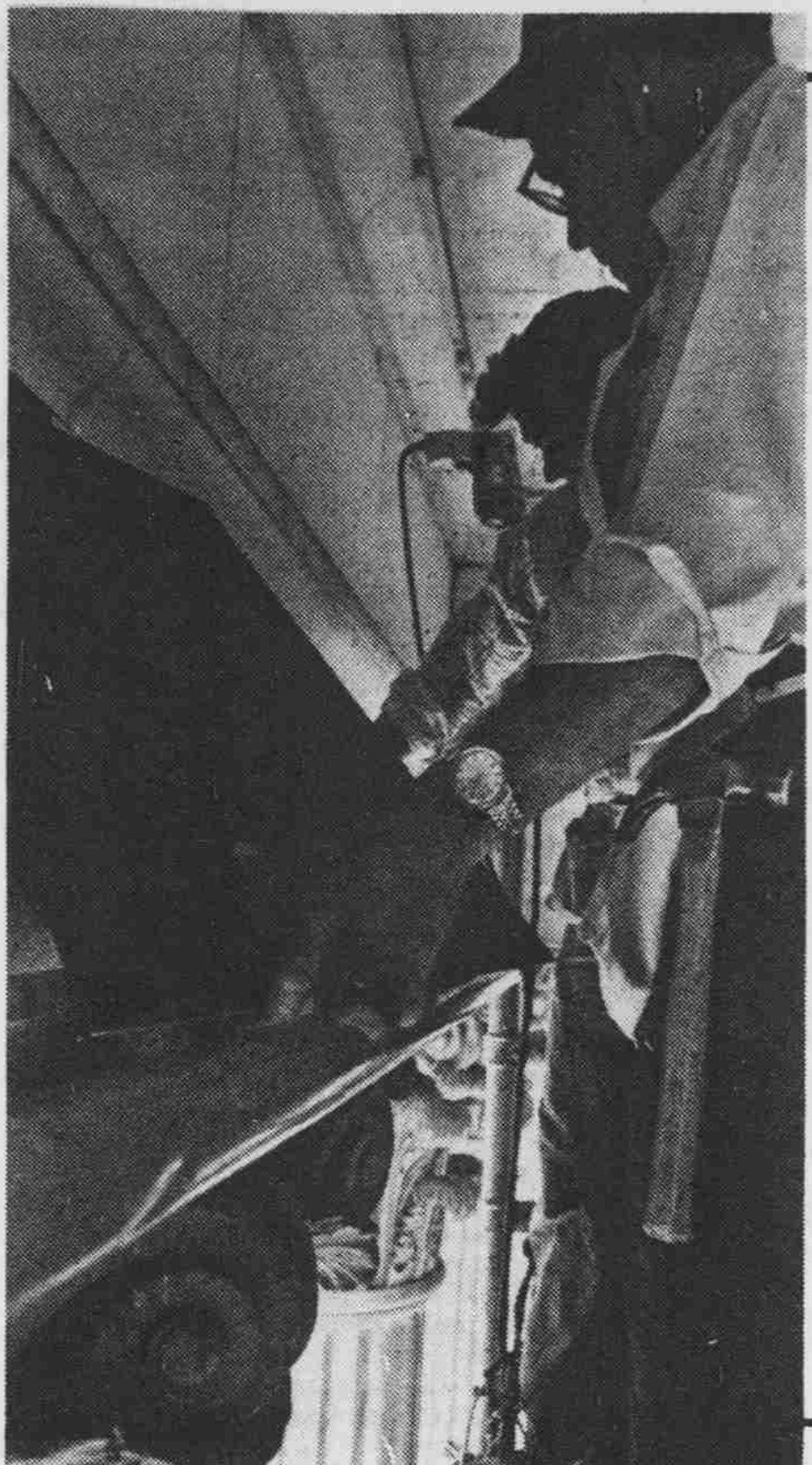
Wand Dick, from East Guilford High School in Gibsonville, said she enjoyed herself and found the campus very interesting. "I'd like to come here," Dick said. "It's a really nice college."

Elizabeth Parker, from Monroe High School in Monroe, was surprised to learn that she might be eligible for financial aid.

Parker said that she plans to apply. "I don't know if I'll get in or not, but I hope I do," Parker said.

Ruth Davis, also from Monroe High School, was impressed with the friendliness of the people at the University. "The people were so nice; it amazed me," Davis said.

Byron Horton, BSM chairperson, participated in the Project Uplift program when he was in high school. "It was the thing that convinced me to come to Carolina," Horton said. Horton had considered applying to MIT before he took part in Project Uplift. But the unity that blacks at Carolina showed made him want to come here, Horton said. "I felt more or less a part of a community," Horton said.



Physical plant employees are constructing platforms on the top of Wilson Library's columns to keep pigeons from building nests above the entrance. Apparently, the housing department isn't the only landlord evicting tenants this spring. And the pigeons didn't even get a lottery.

Harkins voids GPSF petition

A Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF) petition seeking a change that would make the organization financially independent of Student Government was invalidated by Elections Board Chairperson Mike Harkins Wednesday.

The petition, signed by 2,000 graduate students, was submitted to

Student Body President Bill Moss Wednesday afternoon and invalidated several hours later because it had not been validated by the elections board chairperson before it was circulated.

"The formality of having a petition validated is questionable due to the 2,000 signatures of the students on it," said GPSF President David

Hackleman.

The GPSF amendment requested a fixed percentage of the CGC budget. The amendment is similar to one passed in February giving the *Daily Tar Heel* 16 per cent of the budget. The GPSF percentage would have fluctuated, however, because it would be based on the number of graduate students in proportion to the student body.

"Graduate students just want their fair share," Hackleman said. Graduate students contribute approximately \$63,000 in student fees to student government each year. The 1976-77 GPSF budget was about \$18,000.

The CGC Finance Committee is considering hiking the GPSF allotment from \$3 to \$3.50 per student, which would add up to about \$21,000 a year.

—KATHY HART

S.C. police arrest Ford for disorderly conduct

Carolina basketball player Phil Ford was released on his own recognizance after being charged with disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., last weekend.

Ford reportedly hit an unmarked police car with his hand and exchanged words with officers.

"I didn't do anything wrong," Ford said Wednesday. "I didn't beat on any cars. That's not like me. I guess I've got to learn to cross streets more quickly. This thing's been blown out of proportion, but it's over now."

A lieutenant for the North Myrtle

Beach Police Department said the case has been continued but that no date has been set for a trial.

"It may be over for him," the lieutenant said. "But as far as we're concerned, it's not over."

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Women disturbed by waiting list

Women students on the bottom half of the dorm-room waiting list should seek off-campus housing, said Peggy Gibbs, assistant director for housing contracts.

"The first dozen on the list have a pretty good chance of getting back on their halls," Gibbs said. "The girls on the first half of the list have about a 50-50 chance. Beyond that, the chances go down."

"I really don't expect all these women to get in," Gibbs said. "That's why we are urging them to look for other places to live. We'd hate for them to wait till the last minute and then not get in."

Gibbs said the 87 men on the list have better chances of getting a room. "We'll probably get them in somewhere, but there are no guarantees."

There are 275 women waiting for housing, 50 of whom presently are living off-campus. These students are placed at the bottom of the list. Of the 87 men waiting, 38 are off-campus residents.

"Last year everybody who hung on until fall got in, but we had fewer people last year," Gibbs said. "We have higher predicted admission rates for freshmen this year."

Gibbs suggested students use the service provided by the Department of University Housing to help students

locate off-campus housing. The office in Carr Building on Cameron Avenue is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until August 27 in addition to its regular hours.

University housing maintains a

bulletin board, provides pamphlets on Chapel Hill housing and coordinates information on rooms, apartments and houses for rent. The department also keeps a notebook of people seeking roommates.

—BEVERLY MILLS

Vickery: bottle bill possible

State Sen. Charles E. Vickery, D-Orange County, told the local ECOS chapter Tuesday night that he feels a bill to outlaw disposable beverage containers in North Carolina stands a 50 per cent chance of being passed by the General Assembly this spring.

The bill would place a five-cent deposit tax on all returnable drink bottles. Flip-top cans would be prohibited.

Supporters of the bill say litter and solid waste would be reduced if the bill

were passed, Vickery said, and nonreturnable bottles would become a thing of the past. He said the litter question is especially important to local farmers who have to clean empties from their fields.

Vickery said opposition to the bill has arisen because of the extra cost the bill would place on local bottlers. He said the bill has not yet passed because of the efforts of lobbyists from the bottle companies.

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