UNIVERSITY ATTACKS ATTRITION AMONG MINORITIES

The University is beginning to open its eyes to the fact that the small number of minority students on this campus is not just a problem for the admissions office. The high attrition rate at the University is a major factor contributing to the decreasing minority population. Next year the Provost's Council on Minorities will attempt to tackle the problem with Peer Counselors.

Peer Counselors will be upperclass students who are assigned two to three incoming minority freshmen. The key purpose of Peer Counselors is to encourage and advise minority freshmen. The major responsibilities of Peer Counselors are to act as: resource people, adjustment facilitators, counselors about time management and setting priorities, friends who motivate and encourage.

Since many students who come to the U of R get into academic difficulty early in their academic careers Peer Counselors may become instrumental in helping students to recover from or stay out of academic difficulty.

Vice Provost Paula Backsheider has already sent out letters to students asking for their participation as Peer Counselors. Peer Counselors will be an organized group of students who will meet with Vice Provost Bachsheider and other members of the Provost's Council on Minorities. When you receive your letter take the time to consider becoming a Peer Counselor. With your help the U of R can become a more receptive environment for a fellow student.

By: Brenda M. Hawkins

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

On April 2, 1982 the Grapevine printed an article, "Editor's Viewpoint: A Nice Idea." In that article we questioned where the funds for the U of R College Town would come from, since then we have been informed. We were delighted to learn that College Town U of R will not cost the students any money. We applaud the work of Vice President Gifford in insuring that student resources will not be tapped for this project.
ISO INFORMATION

INTENSIVE FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Have to pass a Language Requirement Exam? Need more conversation training in your foreign language? The International Inlingua Schools of Languages is offering a four-week intensive course in English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and other languages. Emphasis will be on instruction of small groups of three to eight students per class, and all classes from the introductory to the advanced levels are taught with the unique Inlingua method.

Four sessions are available: May 17–June 11, June 14–July 9, July 12–August 6, and August 9–September 3. Tuition (including books) is $325.00.

To register, write:

The International Inlingua Schools of Languages
311 Alexander Street
Suite 208
Rochester, New York 14604
Tel: (716) 454-3683

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR?

The International Student Office sponsors several annual events in which you might like to participate. Events include a reception for international and minority students during Orientation Week in early September, the ISO–Rochester International Friendship Council in late September, and the American Field Service High School College Weekend in October (host high school aged international students).

If you would like to coordinate, contribute ideas, lend a hand, or are just plain curious, feel free to contact Barbara Harris Smith in Psychology 217, or call the ISO, x2866.

SPECIAL NOTICE

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INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE DAY

Wednesday, May 19, 1982

at S-1 Auditorium of Strong Memorial Hospital and Main Lobby of old hospital

Moderated by Dr. Frank E. Young, Dean of School of Medicine & Dentistry

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Tom Jones from the Department of International Medicine at Cornell University

This day-long event will also feature student presentations and a panel of guest speakers made up of doctors and public health professionals. Students interested in contributing, please call Lynn Bickley, 381-9097

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NOTES

WNYR/WEZO will be participating in the Nelson A. Rockefeller Minority Internship Program this summer. The eleven week program will begin June 1, 1982. Interested students should contact Frank Batista in the Department of Special Student Services x2864.

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Columbia University Summer Humanities and Science Program is seeking three tutors in basic Chemistry and Calculus for July 12- August 6, 1982. For more information contact Frank Batista x2864.

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Angela Y. Davis will be speaking at the U of R on May 1, 1982, Strong Auditorium 1:00.

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The New York State Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus invites any Black, Hispanic and Third World Students to attend the first Black and Hispanic Youth Conference. The conference will take place in Albany on Monday May 3, 1982. For more information contact Jackie Thompson Tues.-Thurs. 9-5 at (518)455-5323.

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The Black Student Union will sponsor a day of games, Football at 3:00, Volleyball at 7:00, Basketball at 8:00. All on Saturday April 24, 1982. We hope everyone will come out.

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The Department of Special Student Services is sponsoring its annual Retreat. This year the retreat will be held from May 3-6. For more information contact Michael Watkins x2864.

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Prime Choice vs Brown Bombers on Monday April 26; at 7:00pm Palestra.

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Good Luck on Finals!    GOOD LUCK IN ALL YOU DO FOR THE SUMMER!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATING SENIORS!!!!

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The final EBONOID will be issued next Wednesday in a special four page issue devoted solely to the EBONOID.

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Don't forget to attend the Senior Dinner on Saturday May 8, 1982, Cash Bar 5:30-7:30, dinner at 6:30.