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"So, you get a letter from Academic Advising asking you to come in to discuss your academic progress?--

And you say to yourself, 'academic progress, ha!'
What do they mean...PROGRESS?
I wonder what they really want!"

Well, what I really want is to get to know you, and I want you to get to know me. A recent graduate from a college with a racial composite similar to the U. of R., I feel I can relate to some of the situations which you may be confronting. At some time or another you will have the need to talk to someone in Academic Advising; why not get to know someone at your convenience, now. One of the services I can provide you with is to arrange for you to have a private tutor for a course which may be giving you trouble. Did you know that if you are receiving enough financial aid, you can get a tutor FREE OF CHARGE? So, when you get a letter from the Dean's Office, don't be afraid to open it; it doesn't always mean trouble.

I look forward to meeting you soon in 312 Lattimore.

Estella Johnson

EDUCATIONAL

There are 107 historically Black institutions in the country. Predominantly Black institutions are described as those institutions with Black enrollments greater than 50%. Though founded for the total population, because of their geographical location these schools are now mostly Black. Black institutions have graduated the majority of Blacks with college degrees in the U.S. because there was no effort to accept or recruit Black students by white institutions until the 1960's. The overwhelming majority of the Black institutions are located in the South and some 18 other colleges are located throughout the country. Atlanta has the most Black institutions with six, although Chicago runs a close second.

The importance of Black colleges is born out by some interesting statistics. Black Colleges in this country have educated:

- 75% of black Americans with Ph.D's.
- 79% of the baccalaureates awarded to blacks as late as 1970.
- 85% of black physicians.

If you would like to make a contribution to the United Negro College Fund which supports forty-one Black institutions you can send your donations (check or cash) to Margaret Perry, Rush Rhees Library. Checks should be made payable to "Special Effort" UNCF.

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"Health Care and The Black Community" (from Sept. -- Oct. issue of Black Collegian)

In 1972, the United States Public Health Service, the section of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare set up to protect the health of all U.S. citizens, reprinted a 1932 report called "Medical Care for the American People." This report was initially prepared by a group called the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care. The Report contained the following statement:

"The Committee's survey does not include data for Negroes. It is well known, however, that the 10% of our population who are colored have health problems, which are, on the whole, considerably more serious than those of whites. The Negro is America's principal marginal worker, and he suffers in the North as well as the South from the many disabilities that this entails: poor housing, less adequate diet, less sanitary surroundings, more employment of married women, and greater economic insecurity. The extensive migration of Negroes during the last 20 years have added new complications to their problems. Although Negroes have lower death rates than whites for a few diseases, rates double or more than double the rates of whites are recorded for tuberculosis, organic heart disease, acute and chronic nephritis, cerebral hemorrhage, pneumonia, typhoid fever, whooping cough, bronchitis, puerperal conditions, influenza, malaria, and pellagra. Not only are death rates higher but so is the incidence of illness, at least from certain diseases. Syphilis, for example, is nearly two and a half times as prevalent among Negroes as among whites, it is safe to assume that on the average, they receive less medical services."

This statement is to a large extent an adequate description of the health status of some Black people today. It is very significant to note, however, that it was published in November, 1932 to describe the health status of Black people at that time. That's over 40 years ago. Four decades have passed, and our health picture looks the same and perhaps, relatively, a little worse.

What can you do about this frightening situation? Well, you might consider being a doctor..but you might also consider a career as a health services administrator. Black health services administrators are needed at all levels of the health system. Unfortunately, Black health administrators represent less than 1.5% of all administrators in the country. A well-trained health administration graduate can expect a starting salary from \$12,000 to \$18,000, annually. The next issue of "Grapevine" will provide information about health administration and how you can begin this career.

OPPORTUNITIES

SENIORS Remember to register with the Placement and Post College Planning Office in 225 Lattimore Hall in order to set up your file for letters of recommendation for

graduate and professional schools. A collection of occupational and employer brochures from industry and government is also available there. Seniors who register with

this office may have a copy of the 1976 edition of the College Placement Annual free of charge. Ask for your copy of this National Directory of Employees when you register.

Registration with the Placement Office is a requisite for taking interviews with the graduate school and law school admis-

sion representatives and the employer interviewers who come to the campus during the fall and winter months.

ANYONE: Interested in joining the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity on the U. of R. campus, call Stanley Watkins, x6485

PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS WEEKEND

There will be a 'Mellow Madness' Jazz Happening on Saturday, October 18, 1975 from 8-11p.m. A party will follow afterwards in Gannett Lounge. Admission, 50¢ before 10 p.m., \$1.00 after 10 p.m.

BSU Brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 19, 1975 in Hollister Lounge. Special invitations to graduate resident advisers, and faculty. Everyone else welcome, too. Bring your own meal cards.

There'll be a meeting of the Black Student Union on October 19 at 3:00 p.m. in Gannett Lounge.

ADS & PERSONALS

Stereo equipment - all makes - all models at "Unbeatable Prices." Also, 8 Track and Cassette Tapes . . . call Stanley Watkins, x6485.

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Happy Birthday to . . . Feliz Compleanos!

Michael Dunbar
Santiago Rodriguez
Edward Hamada

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Orlando Smith
Shelia Brown

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