

Coalition Stresses Black Recruitment

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Faculty members at last night's meeting of the Student-Faculty Coalition urged the University to recruit more Black students.

College senior Peter Savitz presided over the meeting whose purpose was to discuss ways to get funds to replace those which the Rockefeller Foundation had given the university to provide scholarships to Negro students.

The coalition decided the real problem was whether the university was actually serious in its efforts to recruit Black students for Emory. The example was pointed out that no one from the Emory Upward Bound program has gone on to be a student at Emory. This has been blamed on the fact that while the university is very willing to accept and administer government and outside funds, they will not commit any of their own funds for scholarships or for recruitment of Black students.

Dean of Men Charles Beall criticized the university for not having "systematic recruitment of Black students," even in the local geographic area of Atlanta. He went on to state that if the university were really committed to the enrollment of Black students, that the university could take the ten students formerly financed by the Rockefeller Foundation and they could be admitted to the college tuition free. It wouldn't cost that much he said, the main problem would be one of accounting and we should "forget the ledger books."

Dr. Lore Metzger of the English Department quoted Dr. Atwood as saying that Emory "will not recruit Black students, but will recruit students." She also pointed to the lack of university commitment by what seems to be a higher priority on new buildings while money for the diversification of the campus is not to be found.

Dr. Jack Boozer of the Religion Department stated that there is no decision made "because the decision doesn't want to be made." The answer then, he stated was that widespread pressure from both the faculty and the college needed to be applied to force a commitment to be made. It was pointed out that there had to be changes somewhere in a college where there are only eleven Blacks out of a total of 644 freshmen.

The coalition asked that a publicity campaign be started to make students and faculty aware of the problem. They called on the Wheel and the Emory magazine to take up the story and make it known. The urgency of the campaign was brought forth when a member of the college admissions committee stated that unless action is taken soon, it will be too late for this year's recruitment efforts.