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Our intensified efforts to recruit black students will primarily include admissions staff and faculty members' visits to predominantly black high schools and the use of all available resources for identifying qualified black students.

We have firm plans to visit predominantly black schools in Philadelphia, Richmond, Washington, D. C., and Norfolk in October and other visits to follow in cities where we will have assistance in identifying qualified black students through alumni and programs such as Project Access and the National Scholarship Services and Fund for Negro Students.

Project Access is an Educational Testing Service program which through the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests and a brief questionnaire attempts to identify underprivileged school students who demonstrate potential for college. We have this information available for hundreds of students in poverty area schools in Chicago, Washington, Atlanta, and Dallas.

The National Scholarship Services and Fund for Negro Students is a national program which identifies black students with college potential in their junior year in secondary school and acts primarily as a referral service to participating colleges. The University is a participant in NSSFNS and Dean John will visit with the Director in New York this fall.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is, in effect, a black National Merit Testing program. We receive, at a charge, the names and addresses of commended students, on the basis of their test results, and we correspond with hundreds of these students each year. Two black students over the past two years applied to us from this effort. Both confirmed their acceptance with us, but during the summer before enrolling wrote us that they would attend elsewhere (Harvard and the U. S. Military Academy).

Opportunity Project for Education Now is a program in Washington, D. C., which identifies young men demonstrating college potential in the inner city schools and arranges interviews between candidate and college representative at their offices. We participate in OPEN, and I will spend a day with them in October.

The College Entrance Examination Board Test Fee Waiver Program has been established by the Board and colleges wishing to participate and will help in identifying economically disadvantaged students and waive the expensive College Board Test fees. Washington and Lee continues to waive the ten dollar application fee for students in this category.

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