

# Bad publicity threatens Greek life nationwide

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Some college students view media coverage of controversies surrounding Greek life as inaccurate. Sororities and fraternities around the country have been accused of misconduct including racism, sexual assault and hazing.

UNC Asheville Senior Ross Adams said the stigma attached to Greek life is different between schools because of a lack of diversity at some institutions.

"At Chapel Hill, there is a problem with racism because almost 75 percent of the students are white," Adams said. "When that happens it almost becomes a cultural norm. The diversity and stigma attached to Greek Life depends on the school."

UNCA has four Greek life chapters, two fraternities, and two sororities, compared to a UNC Chapel Hill report of 3,300 students involved in the campus' 56 chapters. Chapel Hill officials said 18 percent of the undergraduate class is involved in Greek life on the campus.

Adams said the stigma surrounding Greek life has become worse because of the advance in



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Nelson Leonard, Ben McClure, Christopher Cowart, Louie Edelstein, Andrew Lee, Cody Marosz, and Niles Reinhardt assist in packaging food for school lunches.

social media. "I think with social media we are getting more of an inside look at what happens in some Greek life, and so it is easier for news stories to gain traction when everyone has a phone in their hand. I do think things are getting worse," he said. "Al-

though, I think our school is getting more progressive, tolerant and racially aware."

Sigma Nu President Timothy Daniel said Greek life receives negative attention because it makes a good story and sells papers.

"I think the problem is they

use a small sample size to generalize a large population, he said. "It's generalizing a very large group of people."

Jay Cutspec, the academic adviser for Alpha Sigma Phi, said Greek life makes the news because of the media focus on sexual assault.

"There is a national focus on sexual assault on college campuses, and I think many times the fraternity folks are involved in that," Cutspec said.

Cutspec said sexually suggestive signs hung by the Sigma Nu chapter at Old Dominion University in Virginia hurt the

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## Biofeedback provides alternative treatment to neurological disorders

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Biofeedback - An Alternative Treatment to Neurological Disorders

As diagnosis rates for mental disorders such as autism and ADHD are continuing to rise, alternative medical treatments are becoming a popular method to treat patients without medication.

"I believe that all noninvasive therapies and modalities should be tried first, before reaching for medications or other more noninvasive treatments that

always, eventually, have side effects," said Dr. Jojo Yonce, owner of Asheville Brain Training, when explaining why he believes biofeedback should be at least tried, due to the treatment's flexibility.

Biofeedback, Yonce said, is a process in which the patient's brain is able to consciously become aware of bodily functions, such as heart rate, and begin to change them in response.

"Sensors applied to the trainee's scalp record the brain waves, which are converted into feedback signals by a human/machine interface using advanced computer software."

said Dr. Ashley Stewart of the Human Performance Institute in Asheville.

Dr. Barry Sterman of UC-Los Angeles discovered the treatment in 1965, before other doctors used it to treat seizures in epileptic patients. The recent increase in technology has allowed for more precise medical equipment to be used, a point Stewart said was definitely a strength in the field.

She said biofeedback can be used as an alternative treatment, but can also be used as a complementary method of treatment alongside other methods such

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## HAPPENINGS

**Wednesday, Sept. 23**  
Early Human Populations  
in the New World  
A Biased Perspective  
Sherrill Center 417  
Mountain View Room  
7:30 - 9 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 24**  
Moral Challenges Series  
Ambassador Johnnie Carson  
Humanities Lecture Hall  
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Opening Reception  
with Daniel Nevin  
With a Mighty Hand: Torah  
Paintings + Abstraction  
Owen Hall 101 - S. Tucker  
Cooke Gallery  
6 - 8 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 25**  
Fab Friday Lecture  
Alice Sebrell  
on Black Mountain College

Reuter Center 102  
The Manheimer Room  
11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 26**  
Goodman Lecture Series  
Pulitzer Prize Winner Rick  
Bragg  
Sherrill Center 417  
Mountain View Room  
3 - 5 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 29**  
STEM Lecture  
Oulipo: Mathematics  
and Creative Writing  
Reuter Center 102  
The Manheimer Room  
4:30 - 6 p.m.

Quraysh Ali Lansana, Poetry  
Across the Fields  
Karpen Hall 139 - Laurel  
Forum  
7 - 9 p.m.