

Service most important goal

Greeks strive to help others

by Jonny Smith
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A party at Upendo, a party at Great Hall, a step Show at Great Hall, that is probably what the black greeks at UNC are most commonly associated with. Does the average student ever question the real motive and purpose for being in a fraternity or sorority?

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is service oriented. The service projects they have done thus far have demonstrated this. The projects include: scholarship to sophomores and juniors, based upon academic excellence, extra curricular activities and financial need. They held a fashion show and disco with proceeds going to the National Headquarters million dollar fund which aids the United Negro College Fund, the NAACP and the National Urban League. They also organized a can food collection drive for the Orange County Social Service. In the future, the Alphas plan to sponsor a blood drive, work in the Campus Y program for youth and to give a scholarship to high school students.

"It is evident through the service projects that we are more service oriented," said Alpha president Darryl Hart. "We do not do service projects for awards. If one comes it is nice, if it doesn't we don't worry about it."

"The overall goal of the Alphas is service. Everything else is secondary."

Mary Towe basilus of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, said the AKA's attempts to serve the community have been successful and worth while.

"I feel like we are a group of women geared toward academic success and service to the community," Towe said.

The AKA's sponsored a Halloween party for children at the Hargrave Community Center in Carrboro, helped with Minority Career Fair and helped other greeks on campus with their service projects.

Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. takes a different approach to service.

"The brothers try to concentrate their efforts on doing a few service projects at a time, but to do them well," said Michael McIntosh, president of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc.

"When trying to do a lot of service projects at one time, you are not really concentrating your full efforts on either of the projects," Allen Davis, Vice President of the Sigma's said.

The Sigma's are currently involved with the Avenue of Retarded Citizens, the United Negro College Fund, and Big Buddy Program. They are also increasing their charity fund to give to such organizations as, the United Negro College Fund, Big Buddy Program and the Ronald McDonald House.

McIntosh said that the Sigma's social projects deal mainly with working with the youth of the community.

"When given an under privileged kid who has nothing to look forward to in life and when we give him some hope, this makes working with under-privileged youth and doing service projects so rewarding," McIntosh said.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., like their brother fraternity, the Sigma's, also work closely with youth. Annually the Zeta's sponsor a family at Christmas and at Easter an egg hunt for the children at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

The Zeta's will sponsor a Heart Fund Drive, Feb. 17.

In the past, the Zeta's helped the Black Greek Council with the fuel and canned good drive for Carrboro and Chapel Hill residents.

"One of the objectives of the Zetas is service. Even though we do have social events, all proceeds go to a charity," Zeta president Annette Amerson said.

"It is good that they (the BSM) give out the award (BSM Service Award)," she said. "But it's not the real motivating factor. The goodness of service is knowing that you have helped someone," she said.

Omega Psi Phi President Mitchell Vann said service is one of the major aspects of his fraternity because it is one of the priorities stressed during pledge period.

Some of the Que's service projects for this year included: a Halloween trick-or-treat for underprivileged children, Halloween party for parents and kids at St. Paul's A.M.E. Church and a Musical Revue, with proceeds going to Sickle Cell Anemia. The Que's also plan to establish a scholarship fund to Chapel Hill High School students coming to UNC.

Mitchell said that the BSM Service Award is a motivating factor but that service in the community allows an organization to do new things and allows them room to grow.

Faye Hardy, president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. said the fundamental principle that the Delta's were founded was service.

The Deltas have upheld their principles by sponsoring a Hot Dog Sale for Sickle Cell Anemia, giving contributions to UNICEF and to the Hoke of Abused children and holding seminars for child's abuse, and battered women. They also held Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and participated in the Minority Health Fair.

"The social aspects of the sorority is emphasized more than the service in the eye of the public," Hardy said. "It is unintentional on the part of the Delta's but it seems like people want to attend step shows and parties more than public service

projects. The Delta's are trying to get the public more involved in the service aspects, than just the social."

The Kappa's stress the need to be even more outreaching.

"The main concern for social projects is to raise money towards the community, not just on the local level but also nationally," Andre Blount, of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. said.

The Kappa's have participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the Big Buddy Program, Student Revolving Loan and field day for kids at the Hargrove Center. The Kappa's have also made contributions to the Heart Fund, Sickle Cell Foundation, and the United Negro College Fund.

"To the Kappa's, service and achievement through personal growth is what service projects are all about," Blount said.

School of Social Work to get \$1 million grant

by Yvette Robinson
Staff Writer

The School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has received a \$1 million grant from the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation to establish a National Child Welfare Leadership Center.

The center will provide training aimed at improving child welfare programs in the United States. It will offer three basic educational programs in the Triangle area and across the country," Turner said.

The center is co-sponsored by

seven departments or schools within UNC-CH: School of Business Administration; Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center; Institute of Government; School of Medicine; department of political science; School of Public Health; and School of Social Work, and by the Institute of Political Sciences and Public Affairs at Duke University.

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