

Students strong in academics and extra-curricular activities

by Laurie Denise Willis
Editor

Some students attend classes and that is the extent of their college experience. Others, however, get the most out of college by active involvement in various campus organizations.

Melody Charisse Barnes and Robert Nathaniel Willis both exemplify the kind of student who lets academics assume rightful priority and participates in extra-curricular activities.

Barnes is a resident assistant in Joyner dormitory, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and immediate past president of the Theta Pi chapter, a N.C. Leadership Fellow, a Carolina Union forum committee member, a student coordinator for the Black's Women's Leadership Symposium and a student in the history department honors degree program.

The senior history major from Richmond, Va., was co-coordinator with Frederick Evans for the Black Student Movement and Black Greek Council's voter registration drive last year, was a co-chairman of the publicity committee for the Campus YMCA her sophomore year, was on the Department of Housing Program Activities Board her junior year and also interned at the National Urban League in Washington, D.C. the summer after her junior year where she worked as a personal assistant for Public Policy Analyst Sara Moran.

Willis, a senior industrial relations and Afro American history major from Charlotte, is a member of the BSM and has been active with that organization. He has also been active with the Campus Y and participated in the Walk For Humanity sponsored by the Y during the spring of 1985. That fall, he was volunteer for the Crafts Bazaar.

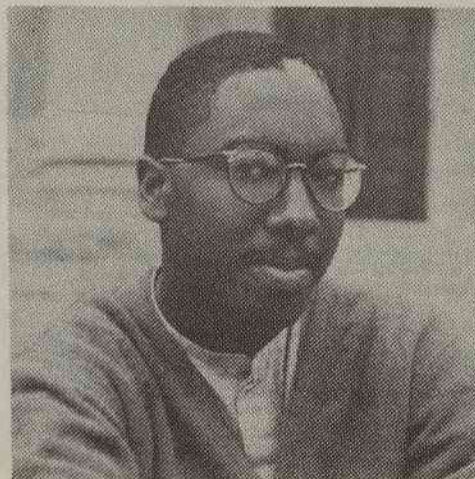
He is a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity and president of the Psi Delta chapter. In the spring of 1985, Willis received a recognition award based on his leadership qualities from the BGC.

Both he and Barnes said they put academics at the top of their list when they came here as freshmen.

"I think it's easy to come here (UNC) and get intimidated... if you don't come here with the attitude that you can succeed academically, you get lost in a shuffle and become part of a big group rather than a unique individual," Barnes said.



Melody Barnes Photo by Tammy Font



Robert Willis Photo by Tammy Font

She said academics was definitely important, but "for me academics being my number one priority also ties in with other things such as being actively involved in campus organizations."

Willis said UNC has been challenging academically and in order to succeed, "I've had to keep myself motivated."

He said that while he had been active in extra-curricular activities, he doesn't think he took full advantage of all the opportunities here. "If I had it to do over again, I'd participate in the Minority Advising tutorial program and Student Government."

Barnes, too, said she felt that she could have done more. "I feel I've taken advantage of many opportunities but at the same time I feel like there's a lot more I could have done."

She said blacks don't take advantage of the support systems such as the MA tutorials, reading program and writing program. And she said blacks often hesitated to join groups because there weren't many blacks already in those groups.

AKA calendar

by Nancy Harrington
Staff Writer

A calendar consisting of 14 male UNC students entitled "Object of Your Desire" has been published and is now on sale by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority on campus.

"A lot of the white greek fraternities have calendars," said Tammy Gilliam, a member of AKA. "Ours is nothing new to the campus, just to the black community."

Originally, 120 calendars were printed and sold for five dollars each. Another 100 was ordered due to the demand of the student body.

According to Wanda Surgeon, another member of AKA, proceeds from the calendar will benefit the Veteran's Memorial Highway and will also act as a pledge to support an African village.

The idea of the calendar came from the Alpha Kappa Alpha chapter on the campus of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. It had been very successful there, according to Gilliam.

"It's a nice calendar because it's something that we can relate to because the faces are familiar," said Voncyle Lewis, a freshman business administration major from Raleigh.

Penny Armstrong, a freshman psychology major from Pinehurst, said she had been curious to what the calendars would look like and after viewing them, decided to buy one.

"The calendar is very interesting" Armstrong said.

Ray Wallington, a junior foreign affairs major from Madison said that reactions to the calendar were favorable, although many students wished that the calendars had been in color. Wallington posed for the cover.

An autographing session was planned with the models but some of them were unable to attend. Members of the football team who modeled were asked not to participate by officials on the UNC football team because of an incident involving some members of an athletic team at the University of Indiana who posed for a similar calendar.

Brad Sullivan, a sophomore industrial relations major from Durham, who is on the football team, said that he doubted if their posing would affect the team in any way. The models were not paid.

The calendars are presently on sale and can be bought from any AKA member.

BSM holds forum

By Suzanne Jeffries
Staff Writer

Candidates for student body president, residence hall association and *Daily Tar Heel* editor, presented their platforms and campaign goals to almost 50 students at the Black Student Movement Candidates forum in Upendo lounge on Jan. 29.

David Brady, Ryke Longest, Jimmy Greene, Jack Zemp, Billy Wharton and Bryan Hassel—candidates for student body president—were all present.

RHA candidates, H.F. Watts, John Fanny and Ray Jones were also present.

DTH editor candidates Jim Zook, Guy Lucas and co-candidates Catherine Cowan and Jim Greenhill also participated.

The BSM central committee asked numerous questions of the candidates and questions from the audience were also entertained.

The candidates forum focused on

the Black Cultural Center, more black representation on the *DTH* staff, divestment from South Africa, the Unitas program and other concerns of black students on campus.

Before the candidates forum, a panel discussion concerning minority students on campus and the further recruitment of minority students to UNC was held.

Students George Wilson and Camille Roddy gave their views on what needed to be done for the black student currently on campus. They also talked about methods for recruiting more minority students to the University.

Also appearing on the panel was Dean Hayden B. Renwick from the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor Audrey Johnson from the University's School of Social Work. Both Renwick and Johnson talked about the effects of racism on students who must also adapt to college life on an academically demanding campus.