Behind Every Great Frat

LBG's: Alpha's Priceless Commodity

Formed here at UNC in 1976, the Ladies of Black and Gold are an auxillary to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

These 39 ladies lend their support to the Alpha's with their various service projects such as the Red Cross Bloodmobile Drive, the Martin Luther King Celebration, and social projects such as parties, stepshows, the Black and Gold Ball and the annual Alpha convention.

The LBG's perform their own projects. Their largest project is the donation of candy, toys and other goodies to the children of the Center for Battered Women during the holiday seasons. Other projects include bake sales, Easter-Egg O-Grams, hostesses

for various seminars and fairs, and ushers during the BSM Gospel Choir's concerts.

The Ladies of Black and Gold are involved in many aspects of campus life. LBG's play an active role in the Minority Advisory Program, Resident Assistant Program, Union Activities Board, Student Government, Sweet Carolinas, the Black Student Movement and its subgroups, Student Television and various academic, professinal and social organizations.

Future plans for this group include seminars, fundraisers and more community service.



Ladies of Black and Gold

(photo by Reubena Whitted)

Carla Edwards, Guest Writer

Doves Soar High



Sigma Doves

(photo by Reubena Whitted)

When you hear the sound, "Cootie-Hoot," it's much more than a call done on the yard. It's part of a dedicated, auxiliary organization and symbolizes the standards of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., hard work, and family loyalty.

The Sigma Dove Sweetheart Court, founded on April 23, 1983, consisted of 13 young ladies who served as sweethearts to the Phi Beta Sigma pledge line.

Over the years, the now 31-member court has taken a more active service role in assisting the brothers and publicizing the Sigma motto, "Culture for Service, Service for Culture."

Whatever charities, programs, dances or goals the brothers plan to carry out, the Doves are right beside them. "I've always enjoyed working with something where the dedication pays off, and being on the court gives me constant examples that it's really worth it," says Social Committee Chair Sherry Haith, a dental hygiene major from Graham, N.C.

The Doves also uphold the Sigma's academic standards by helping with the

Upward Bound and Northwood High School Tutorial Programs.

And even though it calls for a lot of time — like any organization — Denene Cooper, 1986 Miss Phi Beta Sigma, says, "I feel that being a Sigma Sweetheart — or for that matter, a member of any sweetheart court — requires a great deal of work. If it didn't, I wouldn't be involved."

Family loyalty between the Doves and the Sigmas is immense — equally immense as the respect for each other. That's the key to why the Doves work so effortlessly for the brothers.

"Not only is being a Dove fun," says Dove President Karen Joyner, a nursing major from Faison, N.C., "it's also a way to help our brothers and show how much we care."

The Dove's main goal this year? "More structure," says Joyner. "We want to be the best Dove Court ever and do what we can to assist Phi Beta Sigma in attaining their goals."

Mia Davis, Staff Writer

Black Writers Group Offers Insights

Any writers, poets, or novelists looking for insight into or criticism of their work may find just what they need in the Black Writers Group.

The Black Writers Group is a group of 10 students who meet every Tuesday for the purpose of providing support to the Black students of the group by critiquing each other's work.

Now fully recognized as a school organization, the group was first coordinated in February 1986 by Kenneth Smith, a senior comparative literature/pre-law major from Charlotte.

Later in the semester, the group plans to have guest speakers, lectures and workshops for its members.

Students writing short stories, essays.

poetry and novels are welcomed to join the group.

The group members will have a reading of their creative work Nov. 11. Further details will be announced later.

Diana Lowery

Dancer to Teach Class

The Edison Johnson Recreation Center in Durham has managed to lure one of the country's outstanding young dancers to the Triangle to share her talents at two dance classes Nov. 8 and 15.

Former New York City Dance Theater of Harlem student and demonstrator at Alvin Ailey's American Dance Center, Lisa Marie Powell, will teach a Jazz and Modern Dance workshop for intermediate and advanced dancers at the recreation center on 600 W. Murray Avenue.

Powell, a choreographer, teacher and dancer, danced in an off-Broadway musical and a television documentary on professional performing students.

Powell also danced with the Alpha Omega Dance Company at Lincoln Center and the Gian Carlo Menottis Italian American Opera Company.

The classes, which will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 3 p.m., will cost \$7.50 each.

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