

A rebuttal to "black greeks and apathy"

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Guest Writer

In the article "Black Greeks and Apathy" in the March 16 edition of *Black Ink*, F. Socrates Douglas stated, "to non-greeks it seems as if black greeks are only concerned about having a good time and not about uplifting the race."

Well, Socrates, many black greek organizations do not publicize all the service that they give the black community, since some of these organizations contribute for non-superficial reasons. Therefore, I, as president of the Xi Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., feel the strong need to refute your opinion about all black greeks on UNC's campus, namely Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

First of all, I am sure that you are aware that we annually raise over \$1,000 for the North Carolina Memorial Hospital Sickle Cell Anemia Fund. We do not contribute to this project because we want recognition or glory but because we, the brothers, have a personal desire to donate our time as well as money, and this will hopefully lead to the cure of the disease that affects 10% of the black population.

We are very sincere and dedicated to helping the black community. As a result, we often come up with new ideas that allow us to educate and improve the black community.

For example, when our chapter was founded, the brothers decided to commit to the Upward Bound tutorial program.

This program is designed to tutor and counsel high school underprivileged minorities.

In October of 1987, we held a Minority Health Profession Symposium, in which we introduced college students to various black health professionals in the field of dentistry, medicine, and nursing.

Later in that semester, we raised over 300 pounds of canned food for the Carrboro Community Kitchen.

In January of 1988, we raised approximately \$1,100 for the Sickle Cell Anemia Fund by selling raffle tickets.

Also, Douglas, I must add that each year we, the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma, take money out of our pockets and award a \$200 scholarship to an outstanding second-semester freshman.

Finally, I would like to close by asking, did you know that many of our black leaders on this campus are greeks? For example, Kenneth Perry (Black Student Movement President) and Wilton Hyman (newly elected Chairman of the Student Honor Court) are both men of Sigma?

Therefore, how can you say that greeks are not contributing to the welfare of the black community, when the majority of the black leaders on UNC's campus are in fraternal organizations? I sincerely believe that you owe the black fraternal organizations an apology.

In the future, I hope that you investigate the issues before you make another pompous statement.

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Socrates wouldn't even agree with your philosophy

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I am very disappointed in the views of F. Socrates Douglas which appeared in the last issue of *Black Ink*. I am further disappointed to know that you are a fellow greek, Douglas.

You are entitled to your opinion, and what you have written is probably your interpretation of your observances. However, your accusations were not supported by facts.

You probably have seen conflicts between black students, and they may be members of black greek organizations, but it is unfair for you to categorize the entire black greek system for those actions.

I am a proud member of my sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and we work hard to maintain the intentions and accomplishments of our founders. One such intention is to promote black unity.

I see the other black sororities and fraternities working for that same goal

through everyday activities as well as special events on campus.

You, as a greek, should know that the money raised at parties, as you've mentioned, goes back out to the community.

The fact that you disguised yourself shows that you need to be willing to discuss openly problems you may see. In the future, your support, instead of your criticism, will aid in the continuation of implementing ideas and support among all black students.

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