

the Habitat for Humanity Walk. In addition, they actively support a Girl Scout Troop and officiate Black Health Awareness programs which strive to enhance the self-esteem of Black women, and educate about clinical depression and breast cancer. Donating time, as well as money, all proceeds from the Delta Gent Calendar help fund the Travis Cooper Memorial Scholarship and all money from the Delta Sweetheart Ball aids the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center Building Fund.



The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated are not the only Greeks whose organization stands out. First place winners, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated captivated the audience with a skit about royalty. Smoke filled the stage as Johnny Graham emerged clothed in a King's robe and crown. Originality abounded as the step-master, Dominique Hill, created the theatrical ambiance of their performance with the assistance of his brothers. Practicing twice a week for three hours each day, these brothers refused to be upstaged in this year's Step Show. Their primary motivation for producing an incredibly original, creative performance was their fervid yearning to uphold the crowd's high expectations of them due to their arousing, first-place winning performance last year.

A sense of pride surfaced for the men of the Xi Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, as they proved that they are not only the most academically inclined with the highest GPA of all black fraternities, but that they can overpower any competitor in the social arena as well. Hill proudly proclaims, "We are about excellence in whatever we do." Holding true to his word, these brothers excel in community service as they volunteer monthly at Emmanuel Temple Seventh Day Adventist's soup kitchen in Durham, and mentor students at East Chapel Hill High via their Sigma Beta Club National High School Affiliation Organization. Likewise, they refuse to limit Black history to the shortest, coldest month of the year, thus they sponsor Black History Year which informs the

campus about prominent African Americans bi-weekly, and Black Student Awareness Week which invites professors to discuss prevalent Black issues.

Under all the positive elements of the Greek community, however, there still lies questions regarding the supposedly intense friction between various sororities and fraternities. The competitive nature of this event has been known to overwhelm some organizations, spurring tension and occasionally, direct confrontations. Contrary to popular belief, step-masters dispel such myths. According to Janora McDuffie, the people will recognize the excellence of any group without that organization broadcasting it. "If your organization is tight, it shows without saying." Hill agrees that degrading another Greek organization leads nowhere. "It leads to a lot of problems because most people don't take it as a joke. [I am about] building my fraternity up, not tearing others down." Despite rumors of rivalry among Black sororities and fraternities, the Step Show leaves a lasting impression of a unified Greek community.

The Black Ink also congratulates second-place winners Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated on a job well-done and commends the president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Kendra Lawrence and the program committee chairs, Chris Walker and Tori Overton. ☀

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