

our charter on December 12 at the Phi Delta Chapter of Chi Phi at a

# Greek societies must forsake 'social club' image

by Ion Weston

The recent experience of Davidson College should serve as an example of what can happen when a significant segment of the student body becomes disenchanted with a fraternal system. When the negative aspects of restrictive membership begin to outweigh the positive contributions of service to the individual member and the community, the system is in trouble.

As you know, the Board of Trustees of Davidson has voted to eliminate fraternities and replace them with a non-restrictive voluntary membership supper club system. My personal belief is that this decision was a bit rash. It seems to me that a better solution would have been to replace some of the fraternities who are in financial difficulty with voluntary supper clubs because this would have provided some non-restrictive organization for those who did not desire to join, or were not invited to join, a fraternity. Thus the fraternity system would have been preserved and, at the same time, everyone would be assured of the opportunity to join some club.

If UNCC is to avoid a fate similar to what happened to Davidson's fraternities, we must realize one thing: Being a social club with only social activities in mind is a guarantee of ultimate failure. Fraternities and sororities today must offer something more than just fun. Brotherhood and sisterhood have a deeper meaning which should be understood by all fraternal group members before they are initiated. The organizational ritual tells you what the organization stands for and explains the heritage it was built upon, but it is what is between the lines that is most important—the tradition of service to others e.g. to the community, to the University, and to your fraternal brothers or sisters. This means the development of an unselfish attitude which is something many of us seem to

have forgotten in recent years.

In summary, I believe there is a place for fraternities and sororities on the college campus if the goals of these organizations are the same as those which the founders intended. Here at UNCC we have a fraternal system which is just beginning to blossom. It will be what we make of it and it will only be outdated if its members make it that way.

For the record, as of October 21, there is only one officially recognized national social fraternity on this campus—Kappa Alpha Psi. Two others, Chi Phi and Kappa Sigma, expect to receive official recognition in November. Theta Psi is seeking affiliation with Lambda Chi Alpha and this will probably be discussed at the next meeting of the Student Legislature. Two sororities, Beta Pi and Delta Phi Zeta, were granted permission on October 21 to affiliate with and subsequently become chapters of Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Zeta. At this time, Delta Delta Sorority and Soul Phi Soul Sorority do not contemplate national affiliation.

Any locally chartered fraternal group which desires to explore the possibility of becoming a chapter of a national fraternity or sorority should first consult with the Student Activities Committee and the Dean of Students Office

concerning groups which could be contacted. The Dean's office has a complete file on national organizations with constitutions of most organizations included. Only by exploring several

nationals carefully can a local group really be sure they are choosing the right one. The next step is to have the Judicial Committee of the Student Legislature approve the constitution of the national organization chosen for affiliation. Subsequently, the Student Legislature as a whole makes their recommendation to the Student Activities Committee. The SAC then studies the national constitution and recommends approval or disapproval to Miss Cone. At this stage, a national representative from the executive staff of the fraternity or sorority must set up a meeting with Miss Cone to thoroughly discuss the goals and policies of the organization. If Miss Cone is satisfied with this meeting, she will recommend approval of affiliation to Chancellor Colvard who has the final authority to allow a local group to affiliate with a national organization. There has been some confusion about the aforementioned procedure in the past so I felt it was necessary to put it in print for all the see.

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## Love, Honor, and respect

by James Cuthbertson

Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities is an high honor that many students work hard to obtain for prestige and one that many others obtain naturally. Most of the people that were chosen this year certainly deserve it, but there was, however, a gross oversight. A young lady who has given all that she has to improve conditions was not selected or even one of the nominees that were sent to the national. Miss Marlene Whitley, who presently has a 3.4 here at UNCC certainly deserved to make Who's Who.

During her freshman year, she worked with the Carolina Journal and played on an intramural football "Wilburn's Wheelers." Her sophomore year proved to be much more active. She was sophomore class Vice-President, recorder of the Student Court, and she worked with the Journal and the tourguides, and also served on the Elections, Judicial, and Ways and Means Committees. Marlene's junior year looks even more promising. She is Junior Class Vice President, on the Social Committee, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee that has led the fight against parking meters and for a postal box at the dorms, on the Tate-Culbertson Scholarship Committee, and is presently serving on the board of directors for the newly formed Cooperative Christian Ministry and Higher Education Committee.

A fellow junior says that Marlene is one of the most enthusiastic people on campus. She was the power behind the new school flag that was sponsored by the Class of '72, and she is a perfectionist in everything that she does.

Yes, Marlene Whitley is a perfectionist. In studies she has made the Chancellor's List 4 times and in race relations she has listened sympathetically and tried to bridge the troubled waters that exist on our campus. Starting Monday, Marlene will be a volunteer at the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital tutoring a 10 year old deaf boy.

Marlene, was not selected to Who's Who but I'm sure that this is only because she was not nominated. She may not have made Who's Who but we all know that it was not because she didn't deserve it.

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