

'New' fraternity attempts to build its own traditions

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On a campus where tradition is the cornerstone of nearly every house on Fraternity Court, one organization is intent upon building its brotherhood from the ground up.

Billed as "the new fraternity," Phi Sigma Kappa has no rules, no traditions, no image. It also has no members. But every day more Carolina men are stopping by the table in front of the Union to find out how they can "build their own group."

As a representative of the national chapter of the fraternity, C. David Crouch has been answering the questions from those who stop. Crouch, who graduated from UNC in 1979, calls Phi Sigma Kappa a "new concept in the fraternity world."

"There is no Hell Week, no Hell Night—nothing like that," he said. "There is no hazing...no personal harassment, humiliation or embarrassment. Rather, the program is designed to develop the already inherent abilities...of each individual."

Instead of being treated as a unit—a pledge class—"each person is treated individually," Crouch said. "If someone can't meet all the criteria of initiation, such as maintaining a 2.5 grade point average, the entire group won't be held back, he said."

The program replacing the pledge system will emphasize the development of individual interests and learning about the fraternity, the University and the Greek system so each man will "emerge better prepared to take on an active role."

But with so much concentration on the men as individuals, from what will the great spirit of brotherhood arise?

"Although that old program does develop that feel

of devotion and 'God-I'm-going-to-do-this', the same camaraderie will grow from building a fraternity from scratch," Crouch said. And a buddy system, which will offer each pledge (or associate) a special friend, will be instituted, he said.

An entire eight-week learning process, complete with seminars and socials, will begin for about 30 men after Sept. 12. By that time, Crouch will have interviewed those who have expressed interest in making the rules and setting the dues. So far, there have been quite a few interested men, he said.

Among them are Phillip McGuinn, a junior RTVMP major, who said he was attracted to the challenge because "I can help mold something that I can leave after I graduate." After 10 years, he will be able to look back and see how the fraternity has grown, he said.

Although Crouch said he was proposing an alternative to pledge programming, he added he does not intend to put it down. For five years ago, he was involved at UNC with his own pledge class at none other than the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

After becoming Phi Sigma Kappa president in 1978, hazing was voted out, he said. "But we didn't know what to put in its place. Basically, what we had was worse then a hazing program—we had no program."

Once a graduate, Crouch accepted a position with the national chapter. Meanwhile at UNC, the situation got progressively worse for the Phi Sigs. A lack of manpower, and subsequently, of funds, were two of the main reasons the national chapter closed the doors of the house on 212 Finley Road last fall. Yet another reason was the plan for a new type of fraternity, based on the concept of building up its members. This is a trend presently sweeping Greek systems nationwide Crouch said. "We're not changing tradition—we're starting one," he said.



Phi Sigma Kappa changing tradition...offering UNC men an alternative

Some N.C. rats found to be immune to poison

RALEIGH (AP)—Thinking of a nickname for your favorite school? How about naming it the Rats?

They're as ornery and mean as any ram, wolf or pirate is. And they're proven survivors.

And North Carolina rats may be harder than most.

In at least three counties, rats have developed a resistance to several widely used poisons, says Dr. Charles Apperson of the North Carolina State University Extension Service.

According to Apperson, researchers in 1972 found rats in Mecklenburg, Wake and Johnston counties that survived after eating blood-thinning poisons that killed their cousins. Checks are being made in other counties to determine if rats elsewhere survive doses of corn meal laced with poison. Apperson says only North Carolina rats appear resistant to the poisons.

The state's interest in controlling rats is indicated by U.S. Public Health Service statistics showing they destroy \$10 million worth of crops in the state each year.

"If someone would come up with a

way to kill rats they'd solve world starvation," said a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill professor who says the rat's reproductive capability "makes the rabbit look like a piker."

For this reason, city, county and federal governments are striving to control rats—rather than eliminating them. And last year, the federal government spent about \$14 million on this effort through the Center for Animal Disease Control in Atlanta.

"Rat killing is not the answer. Sanitation is," said Harvey Davis, who heads the Atlanta-based center.

Even so, some health departments in the state furnish interested property owners with rat bait—usually a poison mixed with corn meal. To make the mixture safer for children and pets, a low dosage is used so that rats must eat the mixture for several days before it kills them.

"They're a lot like people," said Malcolm Blalock, Alamance County health director. "They're smart, lazy and after a free meal. They can roam up to a quarter mile to find food, but usually build a nest within a couple hundred yards of their feeding place."

Toronto Exchange begins year by sponsoring 'Canadian Night'

The Toronto Exchange will kick off this year's activities tonight with "Canadian Night," an informative meeting, at 7 in 111 Murphey Hall.

Coordinators Cece Lippitt, Buddy Burniske and Patti Purvis will answer questions, and Dr. Christopher Armitage, faculty adviser, also will make a presentation. Interested students are invited to attend.

The Toronto Exchange is a social-cultural exchange between students at UNC and the University of Toronto.

Money is raised by exchange members through doughnut sales, raffles and fund-raising parties. Each person must also pay \$25 to \$50 for the trip.

"Since funding is no longer guaranteed, the commitment to fund raising by the group members will be very important," Burniske said. "We will be looking for people willing to assume some responsibility."

Lippitt and Purvis expressed a concern with changing the focus of the program.

"We want to strive to achieve what the focus of the exchange has always

supposed to have been—a cultural as well as social exchange," Lippitt said.

"The reputation of the exchange has not always been good in the past," Purvis said. "We want to make it more credible. Although it is socially oriented, we want to have more solid programs this year."

Applications will be available at the meeting and at the Union Desk. The application deadline is Sept. 10 and interviews will be held Sept. 7-11.

Eighteen men and 18 women will finally participate in the exchange, Burniske said.

"The group will be based on diversity, but with one characteristic in common—responsibility, both to raise money and to plan activities," he said. A list of those chosen for the exchange will be at the Union desk on Sept. 15.

The Canadian students will visit UNC for a week in late October, and in mid-January, the Carolina group will head for Toronto.

—SARAH WEST

District 17 of CGC now without representative

By ROCHELLE RILEY
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Students who live in Campus Governing Council District 17 will be without a representative until they vote on a new one in an election that probably won't be held until next month.

District 17 CGC Representative Rebekah Radisch will not serve on the council this fall because for academic reasons she did not enroll in school this semester.

Student Body President Bob Saunders has the responsibility for setting the date of the election. He said he hoped to set it the same day as any other referendums that might be held this fall, probably during the first week in October.

Radisch represented students who lived in Estes Park Apartments, Sue Anne Court, Pine Knoll Apartments, Colonial Arms Apartments, Brookside Apartments, University Gardens, Townhouse Apartments, Westall Apartments, North Plaza Apartments,

North Terrace Apartments, Oak Terrace Apartments, Bolinwood Apartments, The Oaks and Debet.

Radisch said she felt that the CGC took up too much time.

"I was much too involved in extracurricular activities," she said. "More than schoolwork."

CGC Speaker Cynthia Currin said that each CGC representative knows when he is elected that his job will be very time consuming.

"It takes 10 to 12 hours every two weeks, maybe more," she said. "But it shouldn't interfere with academics."

APO aids hemophilia program

UNC service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, in cooperation with the North Carolina chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation, has launched a "Donation Dollar" program to help fight one of the nation's costliest diseases.

Hemophilia, or bleeder's disease, affects an estimated 1,000 North Carolinians, said Robert M. Pace, executive director of the foundation. Though recent medical breakthroughs allow hemophiliacs to experience normal life spans, these individuals can expect to pay as much as \$25,000 annually for treatment.

To help provide the necessary patient-support services and to defray costs, the foundation wants students to swap at least \$1 for a Donation Dollar good for

its full value in food at Hardee's restaurants. Hardee's will donate 50 cents to the foundation for every Donation Dollar used.

Donation Dollars are available through Sept. 17 in the APO Book Co-op, upstairs in the Carolina Union and at the APO office in the basement of Smith building, beginning Thursday.

Pace said UNC is the first university to participate in this promotion, but he hopes to expand the project statewide.

"North Carolina has one of the largest concentrations of hemophiliacs due to the fact two of the country's 22 comprehensive hemophilia diagnostic and treatment centers are located here," he said.

—SHARON KESTER

FCC to issue license refunds to many CB, ham radio owners

WASHINGTON (AP)—If you were talking to your "Good Buddies" with a Citizens Band radio between 1970 and 1975—back before it became such a craze—Uncle Sam has some money he wants to return to you.

Almost four years after a federal court struck down its licensing fee schedule, the Federal Communications Commission is ready to refund \$31 million to an estimated 2.4 million CB and ham radio enthusiasts and other special radio users.

The fee refund program stems from a December 1976 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals here, in which the FCC was found to be charging fees that generated more money than it actually cost to process license requests.

The commission already has refunded more than \$50 million to eligible radio and TV stations, common carriers and electronic equipment manufacturers as a result of the court ruling. Now the FCC says it's ready to handle refunds for less expensive licenses granted in the early 1970s, such as those issued to CB and ham radio users.

The fee refund program is going to require some time and effort on the part

of those who think they're due some money. And despite the use of a simplified form and what they consider clear instructions, FCC officials acknowledge the program could generate a fair amount of confusion.

The biggest problem, according to Richard J. Keller, will be making sure that the 13 million to 14 million Americans who received a CB license after March 1, 1975, and who thus paid only \$4, understand they are not eligible for a refund.

Even if the commission succeeds in getting that point across, the agency expects a flood of applications. Private radio chief Carlos V. Roberts estimates there were roughly 1 million CB radio users by early 1975 who could be eligible for a \$17.99 refund just by filling out an FCC form.

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