Greek Week goals include improving race relations

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"Greeks . . . Building Bridges" is the theme of this year's Greek Week, which begins Monday.

"We're building ties between male and female Greeks, blacks and whites, Greeks and non-Greeks," said junior Mark Moser, IFC co-chairperson for Greek Week and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Greek Week is an annual activity run by the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council designed to increase contact between non-affiliated students and Greeks, said Ellen Rue of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Rue is Panhel co-chairperson for Greek Week with Moser and senior Faye Hardy of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Greek Week also provides fraternities and sororities with an opportunity to raise money for philanthropic purposes, Rue said.

"We try to do something which will help the University in a specific, direct way," she said.

This year funds raised through Greek Week activities will be donated to the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund, Rue said. The fund needs about $5,000 for the scholarship, which is given to the junior who has done the most for civil rights at UNC, Rue said. The money raised will form a pool from which interest can accumulate, thus ensuring the continued life of the scholarship, she added.

Funds for the scholarship will come from donations from Greeks and other students interested in making contributions, Rue said. Greeks are also being asked to give up their dinner Friday and donate the saved money to the fund.

Greek Week also serves to bring Greeks closer together and to increase their sense of community, said junior Brian Hunnicutt, IFC president and Zeta Beta Tau fraternity member.

"Greek Week workshops will be concentrating on stressing the leadership opportunities fraternities provide and explaining the responsibilities Greeks have to their members, the school and the campus," Hunnicutt said.

Race relations will be stressed during the week, Hunnicutt said. "Black fraternities and white fraternities are not alike, but it is important to realize that both exist," he said.

The keynote speaker for the week is Bob Leach, vice president of Student Affairs at Florida State University. He will speak to Greeks on race relations Monday at 6:15 p.m. at the Carolina Inn.

Other planned activities include a step show at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Great Hall featuring both black and white Greeks and a party in the Pit for all students with cake and Coke 10 a.m. Tuesday.

There will also be a reception Tuesday in the Di Phi Chambers in New East for Greeks and non-Greeks to participate in discussion. Greek Games will be held on Ehringhaus field at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Granville West floors may become coed

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Several floors of all-male Granville West may become coed next year because of the large number of female applicants for space in Granville Residence College.

Female residents will take up approximately 60 percent of the total available spaces next year, said Melvyn Rinfret, general manager of Granville Towers. Rinfret said that Granville would have to provide spaces for at least 50 to 60 more women next year.

Other options to the space shortage besides coed floors in Granville West are an all-female floor in West or several coed floors in Granville South becoming all-female, Rinfret said.

Rinfret said that the need for spaces was based upon the number of applications but that nothing definite could be decided until the management receives an exact lease count next week.

Student reaction to the switch has been mixed, Rinfret said. "We've had some letters (from hall presidents) that don't want a coed situation and some letters that do," he said.

At a forum in Granville Cafeteria Monday night, residents were given the chance to air their views about the problem. Some residents of Granville West spoke at the meeting in opposition to West turning coed, said Bret Thompson, assistant tower manager of Granville West and adviser to GRC.

"The guys (in Granville West) are very invested in the status quo — they have almost built fraternities in the halls. Their hall unity and their IM sports programs are very important to them," Thompson said last week.

On March 16, the management of Granville Residence College sent a questionnaire to all Granville residents asking residents' opinions on the potential coed situation. About 38 percent of returning Granville residents completed the questionnaire, one-half of whom opposed the switch, Rinfret said.

Thompson said that several hall presidents were sending the management letters with petitions signed by their hall residents opposing the change in West but that other halls were indifferent.

Bill Whitley, 8th floor president in Granville West, said he was opposed to West becoming coed. "The residents in West were given the opportunity to live in coed halls when they signed their contracts, so we think management should be responsible to the students," he said.

Scott Bray, a senior Granville West resident, said he understood management's position. "There are no bad feelings — Rinfret will do what's best for business, and he is looking for input from students," he said.

Lucky walker may get free dinners

The Hotel Europa has announced that it will award two free dinners worth up to $50 to that participant in the Campus Y's Walk for Humanity who collects the most pledges. Pledge cards are available at the Campus Y for the walk, which begins Saturday at the Y Building between 8 and 10 a.m.

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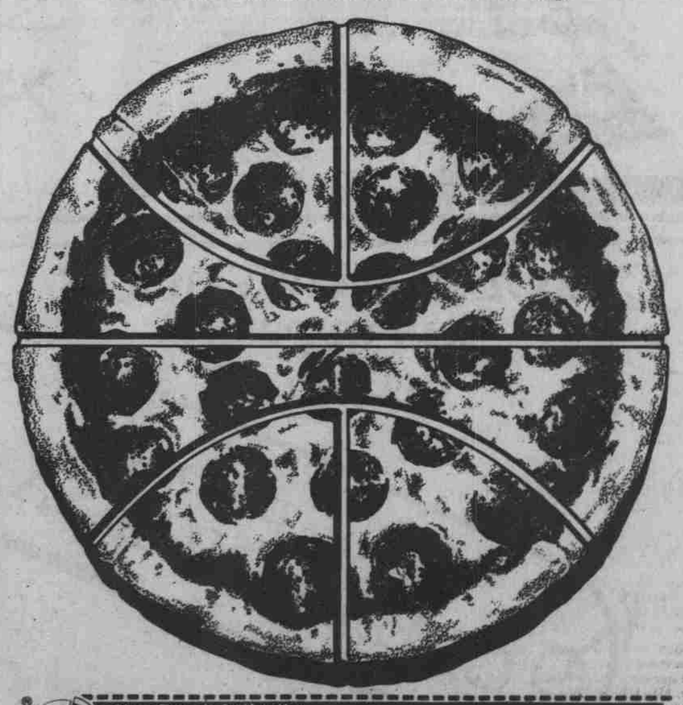

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