

Black Greek Council members compete to the beat

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Stepping out takes on a new meaning when the Black Greek Council decides to put on a stepshow.

A few weeks ago, the council held its annual All Greek Stepshow, with seven black Greek organizations carrying on the step tradition, which represents fraternity loyalty and entertains those who view the performance as well.

"Stepping is a good way of getting together and having a good time," says Phillip Graham, a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. "It's something to give to the public."

All of the seven member organizations of the Black Greek Council

participate in the stepshow in the fall. The proceeds from this event go to the United Negro College Fund. In addition, each organization has its own stepshow in the spring, which is open to the general public.

"Stepping in the spring is a lot different," says Zeta Phi Beta member Carla Marlin. "The shows are much longer, lasting about one and a half to two hours. Also, the shows in the spring are a lot more competitive between the sororities."

"We step at our semiformal ball, and there's a district stepshow between the different chapters of Omega Psi Phi," Graham says.

"We also step in the summer for Project Uplift," says Kappa Alpha

Psi member Cleveland Lewis. "Most of the fraternities do this."

Stepshows originated at the start of the century, with the formation of the fraternities. They were primarily a form of entertainment. The shows have remained a strong tradition in most organizations. Each chapter decides if they want to step or not, but most decide they want to.

"It was a way to display themselves," says Lewis. "When you step, you tell the world, 'hey, look at us.' It's fun."

A lot of work and rehearsal goes into preparing a stepshow. Most organizations start practicing a couple of months before the big stepshows in the spring.

"Preparing for a stepshow is time-

consuming," says Marlin. "There's so much practicing, and you do it over months. I really enjoy it when I have the time."

Each of the longer stepshows has two halves. The first half is designed to show skill and precision. After an intermission, the second half focuses on "cracking," in which the organizations get a bit more competitive.

"Cracking is done to amuse the audience, and it's all in fun," says Marlin. "And sororities don't deal with fraternities, or fraternities with sororities."

Each of the organizations has their own distinct style of stepping and reputation. The creation of the dances usually involves some traditional steps, steps obtained from

chapters at other schools and new steps. There is one member in charge of coordinating the show.

"We grade steps with other schools," says Graham. "And the stepmaster, who is usually the person who steps the best, sometimes adds variations to steps we already know."

Maan said, "In Zeta Phi Beta we let everyone contribute a bit, but there's one girl who's in charge."

"There are a lot of groups which use cats for one or two steps," Lewis says. "But the Kappas use primarily canes. It's tradition."

Muc is often used as the group stepping comes out, but after that the members usually chant the phrase they step to. These chants

are established by creating a beat and then putting words to it. Some steps don't involve any chants.

"The guys step a little differently because they are more physical, and do more hitting," says Marlin. "Women are also not quite as suggestive. We try to keep up a lady-like composure."

"Stepping can get kind of nasty," says Graham. "It involves precision, and a lot of the steps involve a lot of gyrating."

Whether stepping is for fun or entertainment, those who step enjoy the activity.

"Stepping brings togetherness, a sense of brotherhood. There's a sense of pride, because if you do it good, people like it," says Lewis.

Student Government recruits volunteers for employment service

By CHARLA PRICE
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In an effort to aid students looking for part-time jobs, Student Government is trying to reorganize the Student Part-Time Employment Service (SPTES), according to Erika Birg, co-chairman of the Student Job Creation Committee.

Since the SPTES student director resigned recently, the program is in danger of being dissolved. To keep that from happening, the committee is recruiting student volunteers.

If the number of applications for the director and staff positions is low, Birg said she and co-chairman Steve Tepper will recommend that the program be dissolved.

SPTES acts as a bridge between employers and students searching

for part-time jobs. The service is free to both employers and students, Birg said.

"SPTES offers a valuable service in that it allows employers a place to list jobs and gives students one place to look for a job without all of the legwork," she said.

Many of the jobs listed with SPTES are campus or local jobs geared to students, Birg said.

So far, Birg said she has received only three applications, but she hopes student interest will increase so SPTES can continue operating.

"I would like to see SPTES continued," said Birg. "It is a good program for those students looking for job."

Anyone interested in SPTES should contact Birg or Tepper in the Student Government office in the Student Union before Nov. 3.

McDonald's undergoes renovations

From staff reports

"Big Mac, Filet O' Fish, Quarter Pounder, french fries..." Students craving these fast-food delights will have to wait a few more weeks.

McDonald's on Franklin Street will reopen on Nov. 9 after undergoing extensive renovations, said Mary Kay Eschbach, regional mar-

keting manager for McDonald's.

The 14-year-old store is being remodeled under the fast-food chain's Operation Pride program, which continuously upgrades and improves the older stores, Eschbach said.

All inside areas of the store will be improved.

The kitchen will be upgraded with

the last state-of-the-art equipment, while the dining room will receive a new ceiling, new floor tile, and new wall and seating finishes, she said.

The restaurant will have a new ventilation system, Eschbach added.

Themodeling plans also include outside renovations.

The parking lot will be resurfaced, and if the Chapel Hill Planning Board gives its approval, the exterior of the building will be upgraded, she said.

"We are trying to complete the remodeling quickly so as to be able to service the Chapel Hill public in a new, upgraded McDonald's as soon as possible," Eschbach said.

Franklin Street Taco Bell plans to open next week

From staff reports

Contrary to what the cynics say, Taco Bell will open in Chapel Hill before the year 2000.

Paul Driscoll, district manager for Taco Bell, said the company's new Franklin Street store should open Nov. 5.

Construction crews are cleaning up the restaurant, and operations personnel are beginning to set up the equipment for food preparation, Driscoll said.

Students and residents alike have anticipated the addition of inexpen-

sive, fast Mexican food to Chapel Hill's repertoire of culinary delights since the restaurant chain announced late last year that it would open a store here.

"We know a lot of the students are interested," Driscoll said. "We want to get the word out to other people in town."

The Chapel Hill store will seat more than 100 people, the largest seating capacity of any Taco Bell in the Southeast, and will have 2,400 square feet of operating space.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar appears daily. Announcements will be placed in the box outside The Daily Tar Heel office, 104 Union, by noon one day before — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. The DTH will print announcements from University-recognized campus organizations only.

Thursday

- 9 a.m. Delta Zeta Sorority will hold interviews in 210, 213, and 224 Union until 5 p.m.
- Study Abroad Office will have Amos Booth, from the Institute for American Universities, until 11 a.m. to talk about study opportunities in Aix-en-Provence, Toulons, and Avignon, France.
- 10 a.m. American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Great Hall in the Union until 3:30 p.m.
- 12 p.m. Study Abroad Office will have Dr. Harry Rajak, from King's College, in the basement of Caldwell Hall until 1 p.m. to talk about study opportunities in London.
- 4 p.m. Industrial Relations Association will meet in the film auditorium of the Union. This week's speaker will be Prof. Art Goldsmith, who will discuss the job interview process.
- 4:30 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will sponsor a video presentation by "Business Week Careers" in 210 Hanes.
- Women's Forum will discuss women and AIDS at Gretchen Knight's house. Those needing rides should meet at the Campus Y at this time.
- 5 p.m. GAIA will sponsor a

presentation by Dr. Dietrich Schroerer entitled "Nuclear Winter and the Global Implications" in the lounge of the Campus Y.

Association of International Students will meet in 205 Union. The program will include clogging and ice skating.

5:30 p.m. Campus Y Dinner Discussions will have a Halloween potluck dinner, with speech dept. graduates performing Stephen King and Ann Rice. Sign up at the Campus Y.

5:45 p.m. Carolina Baptist Student Union will meet in the Battle House, 203 Battle Lane.

7 p.m. UNC Outing Club will meet in the Union. Remember money for the Kitty Hawk trip.

Carolina Fever will have a mandatory meeting in 100 Hamilton. This is your last chance to join.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, South Campus, will meet in Hinton James' 1st floor lounge.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Granville/off-campus, will host guest speaker Stephen Haas.

7:30 p.m. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Mid-Campus, will meet in 224 Union.

Items of Interest

UNC Media Board is now accepting applications for business manager. Applications are available at Union desk. Call 929-1952 for info.

Industrial Relations Majors should sign up for departmental preregistration in Hamilton 230 or Steele Bldg. 314 between Oct. 26 and Nov. 6.

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