

UNC service fraternity wins award

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The UNC Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity won the Blue-Gold Service Award March 29 for the most service hours in a competition with Duke University and N.C. State University.

"We're just happy to have beaten Duke at something," said Vicki Williams, a sophomore member from Raleigh.

The award, set up this semester by the UNC APO Executive Council, grew out of an intra-fraternity competition started in 1978 called Blue and Gold Week. The fraternity divides into two groups and competes for the most service hours.

"We try to use Blue-Gold Week to cram in as many service hours as possible," Williams said.

The newly-created competition, which lasted from Friday, March 18, until Saturday, March 29, is similar, except that it is based on the amount of service hours each school can gather.

APO works with Book Buddies, the Red Cross, Carol Woods Rest Home and the Orange County Literacy Council, among others, to gather service hours, said APO member Curtis Hedgepeth, a junior from Dover.

"We like to go out to local elementary schools and read to kids for an hour after school while they wait for their mothers to pick them up," he said. "This is the Book Buddies Project."

The fraternity also helps other organizations, members said. "APO co-sponsors every blood

drive," Williams said. "We contact other groups to help us out. For instance, the last blood drive was during Greek Week so we contacted the Inter-Fraternity Council to help us out."

Sharon Rock, a junior from Jacksonville, said APO members get a lot of personal satisfaction from the service they do.

"We go to the local animal shelter and take dogs to Carol Woods," Rock said. "The old people can pet the animals. One old lady told us, 'We look so forward to you all coming. We come to wait in the lobby at 11 o'clock, even though you don't come until 3.'"

APO, with 70 active members and 30 pledges, is located in the basement of the Union and is the only service fraternity at UNC.

The UNC organization, which was chartered in 1930, is one of 600 chapters nationwide. It was founded on the Boy Scout principles of community service and charity work, Hedgepeth said. Women were first admitted in 1976.

Another factor that makes APO unique is that it is not as selective as other fraternities, members said. "GPAs don't factor into our decision-making process," Williams said. "We are looking for time commitment and enthusiasm."

The lack of selectiveness is what attracts members, Rock said. "You look at the sororities. They're so picky," she said. "You want to be a part of something, but something that's not so selective. I knew that joining this fraternity would make me feel good about myself."

STV selects new station manager, projects expansion

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Mike Isenhour, a junior RTVMP major from Hickory, has been selected as Student Television's new station manager, and will assume leadership of the station April 12.

Isenhour said he would continue to expand STV's services and increase student involvement in the station.

Purchasing new equipment for the station is the key to STV's growth, Isenhour said. During spring elections, students approved an increase in student fees for the purchase of new equipment.

"When we get the new equipment," Isenhour said, "we should have enough to double our student capacity."

Additional equipment will also help STV add more original shows to its programming schedule, Isenhour said.

Installation of cable television in residence halls is crucial if STV is to expand, Isenhour said. Students would be more aware of the station, and the programs would be broadcast directly to their intended audience, he said.

"Right now, it's hard to tell what our student audience is," he said.

According to outgoing station manager Don Harris, cable in the residence halls would not only be beneficial to STV, but would provide students with another

source of information. "The students are missing out," Harris said. "The University is only spiting itself by not giving the students access to all the information that cable provides."

The last year has been a successful one, despite limited resources, Harris said. The approval of the STV fee increase referendum is evidence of increased student awareness and support of the station, he said.

"The students think of STV as a viable organization," he said.

Harris said he felt Isenhour will do an excellent job as station manager.

"Mike has the respect and admiration of everyone in the organization," Harris said. "If anyone deserves to be station manager, he does."

Isenhour's application was reviewed by STV's Executive Board and then screened by the group's Board of Directors.

STV is just over four years old, and 90 to 100 students are involved with the station. STV members produce three original programs: "Off the Cuff," "Campus Profile," and "General College."

Isenhour said the next year will be a productive one for STV, especially if more students get involved in the station and watch its programs.

"We want people to feel as if this is their campus TV station," he said.

Experts disagree on Panamanian situation

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News Analysis

As opposition to strongman Gen. Manuel Noriega continues to mount in Panama, U.S. foreign policy experts struggle to agree on the role the United States should take in ensuring a solution to the instability.

Noriega, who faces U.S. drug trafficking charges, seized control of Panama in February and has continued to quash opposition to his leadership, often violently. The United States imposed economic sanctions on the Noriega government and is deploying troops today to protect U.S. interests and citizens there. But Noriega has refused to step

down. "Even if Noriega loses power, the drug trade will not be affected, due to other countries such as Haiti and Nicaragua picking up the slack, and it is not a given that Noriega will not be replaced with another military strongman," said William Glade of the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars.

The United States has been too active in Panamanian affairs, Glade said.

"We must consider the disruption

we are causing. The U.S. policy of stringent economic sanctions could cause long-term strife for the people of Panama," he said.

It is not clear if banking, Panama's most important industry, will ever recover from the damage U.S. sanctions have caused, he said.

But Neal Pickett of the Hudson Institute said U.S. actions have not been severe enough. "Stronger sanctions are necessary to increase opposition to the Noriega government," he said.

The United States should not attempt to have normal relations with the Noriega government, because it is the U.S. government's responsibility to help the people of Panama to bring Noriega from power, he said.

There is no reason for military actions as long as Americans are not threatened, but economic sanctions should be increased, and businesses should be encouraged to cease paying the Noriega government taxes, Pickett said.

But if businesses don't pay those taxes, long-term U.S. interests in the region will suffer, Glade said.

While neither Glade nor Pickett thought the U.S. should kidnap Noriega or actively remove him from power, such a policy is currently under U.S. consideration, they said.

The experts agreed that to achieve stability in Panama, the consensus is that "the situation cannot be ignored and a government which better represents the people of Panama must come into power," Pickett said.

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Man sentenced to prison on sexual assault charges

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The man accused of sexually assaulting a UNC sophomore in the basement of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house last November was sentenced to 40 years in prison Thursday.

John Joseph Healy, 24, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering, common law robbery, attempted second-degree rape and second-degree sexual offense in connection

with the incident.

Healy was also wanted for the Nov. 6 robbery of Ken's Quicke Mart at University Square.

According to Capt. Ralph Pendergraph of the Chapel Hill Police Department, Healy's lengthy prior arrest record also includes first-degree burglary, drug possession and assault of a police officer.

While awaiting trial for the November assault at UNC, Healy was released on bond from Orange County jail in mid-February. Two days after his release, Healy was arrested for assaulting a Chapel Hill woman at a Columbia Street residence.

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drop out of school, less likely to be involved in crime, less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol and less likely to get pregnant while still in their teens, he said.

The project will also lobby the legislature for more spending on day-care programs, Segal said.

"Thousands of women in the state, a hundred thousand around the country, want to work but can't without day care," he said.

Gretchen Knight, a sophomore involved in the project, said day care concerns students, despite what they may think.

"Most of us are going to end up with children," she said. "If there is no place to go, we're going to feel the crunch in five to eight years."

Mary Bridgers, director of Victory Village Day Care Center, said day care lets "people who need to work, work."

Day-care programs also help children in many of the same ways preschool programs do, Bridgers said.

"We get kids ready to go to school," she said. "We help them acquire skills."

Day care also keeps families together, Bridgers said.

Segal said he thought the legislature would pass some kind of bill supporting preschool and day care if the lobbying effort was there.

"It's an apple pie issue," he said. "Who doesn't want to help children?"

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