

LETTERS

An afternoon exploring Makola Market

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many of the items far from delectable. For example, there were dead bats, dried fish with flies all around and dried grass cutter (a rodent-type animal).

Some familiar foods were black-eyed peas, spinach, lettuce, cucumbers, egg plant, grains and dried beans of all kinds. Some of the Ghanaian foods were plantain, cassava, ground nuts, palm oil and white yams. All foods are sold either fresh or dried.

There are no prepackaged, heat n' serve foods in Makola.

After I had spent a couple of hours exploring Makola market, the hot sun began to take its toll, so I decided to call it a day and return to campus.

It took me two hours to get transportation back to the campus. In my next letter I will discuss the problems of transportation in Ghana.

Sondra D. McCurry

Dear Editor:

On April 15, the Mu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., will celebrate its first anniversary. Since its inception in the Spring of '76, the chapter has sought to initiate and promote programs and projects geared toward the enlightenment of the surrounding communities. The following is a composite of activities the chapter has been instrumental in:

The Mu Zeta constitution was completed in mid-September. It was personally complimented by the State Director. Fall '76 saw the initiation of six men into the ranks of Alphadom. During Homecoming weekend, the chapter manned a hospitality room in the Student Union to acquaint visiting and returning students with the workings of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Responding to the needs of one of the oldest Black organizations, the NAACP, the chapter and its pledge line manned tables for the distribution of handouts and the collection of monies in the Student Union and along Franklin Street. Another major service project was the Big Brother/Little Brother Program. In this program,

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disadvantaged young boys in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area were assigned to different Brothers in the chapter to better acquaint these youth with strong male figures. These boys were taken to movies, dinners, and to the State Fair in Raleigh.

To commemorate December 4, 1906, the founding date of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Mu Zeta sponsored a disco at the Champagne Club in Hillsborough. This disco was accompanied by a buffet-style dinner.

Mu Zeta made flyers announcing the times and places of tutorial services being offered at UNC in hope that more students would utilize these vital services. The chapter has also been instrumental in tutoring for the Upward Bound Program. Recently, it embarked on

the "Walk for Humanity."

Mu Zeta gave its first annual G. Ronald Tillman Scholarship to Jeannie Mask on January 31. The criteria for selection was based on scholastic ability, extra-curricular activities, and financial need. Another scholarship will be awarded to a deserving high school senior in the Chapel Hill School system at the close of the school year.

Mu Zeta sponsored several parties throughout the semester, the most significant being a "Going Over" party for its new brothers. This particular party was also sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for their new initiates. This joint effort proved that fraternities could work together. Basketball games were also held in competition with Omega Psi Phi and the Scroller Club of Kappa Alpha Psi

Fraternity, Inc.

The brothers of Mu Zeta are currently participating in UNC's intramural program for basketball in the fraternity division.

At a recent state convention, Mu Zeta was third runner-up for Chapter of the Year.

To celebrate its first anniversary, the Mu Zeta chapter will host its first annual "Black and Gold Ball", entitled, "AN EVENING WITH US". This affair will be held in Great Hall from 10 until 2 on Friday, April 15, featuring the sounds of "Brief Encounter".

Throughout this academic year, not only has the Chapter sought to render to the community its services as a whole, but many of the Brothers have given much of their time and energies in campus and community involvement.

Kenneth Hill

Senior reflections

Is our Black awareness dwindling?

May 15, 1977 rapidly approaches, ending a four-year experience for some, projecting us into a more realistic world than college.

For others, high school seniors bound for UNC as members of the class of 1981, the date marks a period of heightening excitement as they make plans to enter their college years. Remember how excited you were?

Yet with each graduating class we seem to lose a bit more of the awareness of what it means to be Black on a predominantly white campus. We take our rights for granted and live obliviously while these rights slowly, slyly and surely slip through our open fingers.

Students of the seventies rarely think of how hard Black students and parents fought in the fifties and sixties demanding the right to attend any school they chose. We forget, if we ever knew, the marches, sit-ins, cries of anger and pain and finality of death of those who struggled in the streets and behind the closed doors of conference rooms.

Twenty years ago, Black students were not at UNC. A former student, now an instructor here, looks at students of today and remembers when he attended the University as an undergraduate.

"Whenever something happened, e.g., a white girl was raped in the arboretum, they immediately rounded up all the Black males for questioning."

This is not a story from somewhere in Alabama, but right here in Chapel Hill.

Members of the Class of '77 can recall coming to Pre-Orientation and listening to BSM Chairperson Willie Mebane as he scared us half to death in his concern over our being aware of racism on this campus. Now freshmen, sophomores and some upperclassmen chuckle and pass of lightly Dean H.B. Renwick as he, in his own way, warns of UNC's "crackers and

rednecks."

We sit idly by, jamming hard, sleeping long, "getting over" while University officials collect data on the ever increasing number of Blacks who are admitted but never graduate.

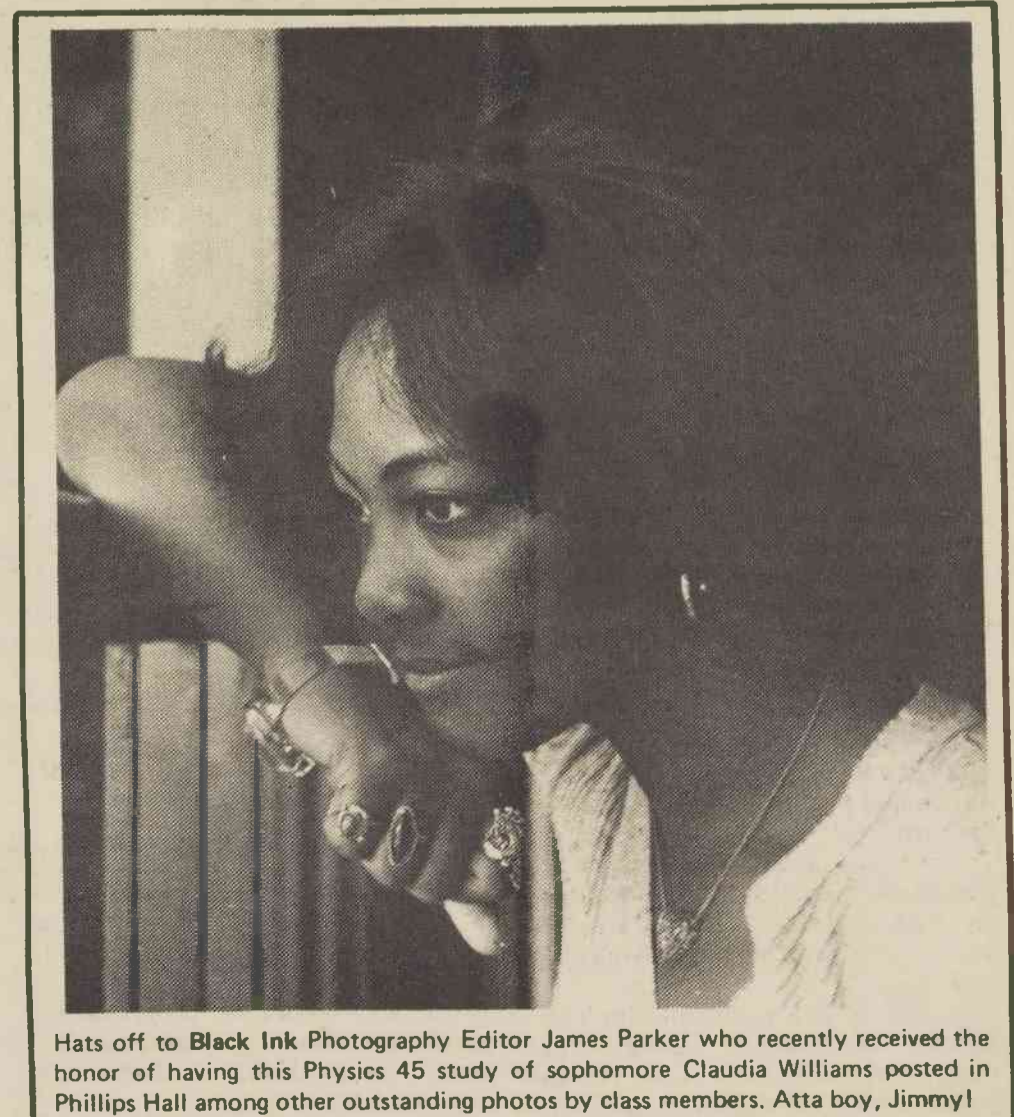
"We gave the niggers a chance and they showed that they cannot cope with a University such as this," they say. And, we're giving them the statistics to support this long-formulated theory that Black folks are not intelligent enough to make it here.

It concerns me that each successive class gets further and further from the ideals of those

leaders who struggled so hard to get us here. We don't know who founded the BSM or who pushed to get an admissions policy for minorities. We don't even know when Blacks came here. Maybe we've always been here. And maybe we'll always be here . . . UNC forever!

Not likely, with our present attitude of ease. Individually and collectively we must stop day-dreaming. We must become aware of how we made it in and where we're headed so the same rights can be assured for those to follow.

Don't be caught sleeping.



Hats off to Black Ink Photography Editor James Parker who recently received the honor of having this Physics 45 study of sophomore Claudia Williams posted in Phillips Hall among other outstanding photos by class members. Atta boy, Jimmy!