

NEWS

Delta's celebrate 67 years of public service

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Staff Writer

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrated Founder's Week on January 13-18 in commemoration of its 67th year as a public service organization. The sorority, according to member Rochelle Riley, emphasizes "public service, scholastic achievement, and sisterhood" and has a "rich history of working for human concerns . . ."

Kappa Omicron, the UNC Chapter, also contributed to the organization's "history of service." Last semester the chapter stressed fund raising. The sorority's projects for fund raising included bake sales, a doughnut sale, and two discos, one in conjunction with the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Proceeds from the projects were dispersed towards scholarship funds.

According to Riley, the Kappa Omicron Chapter also held many public service activities. The activities included volunteer work with the Durham Election Board, trick or treating for UNICEF with the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity brothers, work

with the Mental Health Center, raffle tickets for an Earth, Wind and Fire concert (money from this project helped purchase an air conditioner for the Golden Age Happy Circle, a community center for senior citizens), and donations for Delta Upsilon's drive for the United Negro College Fund and the American Cancer Society.

Cassandra Yongue, a Delta Sigma Theta alumni from Durham who attended the Rededication Service and the Black Awareness Cultural Program said, "I enjoyed both events and I think that the Founder's Week observance is a good way to renew and affirm black awareness plus set new goals for ourselves."

Finally, Delta Sigma Theta President, Vanessa Washington, cheerfully added, "I have had a good time! For us this is the biggest thing . . . we've tried to pull off. I'm pretty satisfied."

Activities during Founder's Week included an open house and rededication service, a Black Awareness cultural program, a film entitled, "Is There Life After Undergrad?", a bake sale, a cancer information booth and a party. All proceeds went to the American Cancer Society.

Blacks and whites discuss stereotyping, communications

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The Human Relations Committee of the Carolina Union chose 12 persons (six blacks and six whites) to participate in a six-week black-white discussion groups to be held every other Tuesday evening from Jan. 22 through Feb. 26.

Committee Chairperson Jennifer Weiss said the committee selected people with diverse backgrounds and ideas and desire to meet with people at an interpersonal level. The committee wants the participants to have a commitment to the discussion groups.

The discussion group was formed to promote personal growth through focusing on such topics as individual similarities and differences, communication skills and stereotyping. Weiss stated "It will be up to the group to determine what they want to discuss."

The group will be talking on a personal level. "We want to have a bond of trust among the 12 people," she said. The committee wants the discus-

sion groups to raise the consciousness of the people in the group, and to get rid of misconceptions some people may have about others. "Those misconceptions just don't go away, you have to confront yourself," Weiss said.

Denise Barnes, from the Student Mental Health Center, will act as facilitator for the group.

"I think it's a good to allow people the opportunity to sit down with somebody and talk and grow," Weiss said.

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Students to attend conference at Howard

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Minority students representing the School of Journalism, Minorities in Mass Media and the department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will attend the 9th Annual Communications Conference February 15-18 at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

The conference was started by Tony Brown whose BLACK JOURNAL was a popular PBS television shows. Its purpose is to provide panel discussions, forums, luncheons and career exposure for participating students.

Prospective employers will attend the conference to meet and interview the minority students throughout the three-day conference. The employers are providing summer jobs and internships for juniors and full-time employment for seniors.

PPHS to host reception

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A major goal of the Pre-professional Health Society (PPHS) is to bring more freshmen into the organization. "We need to start getting more freshmen out to the meetings, because many freshmen are interested in the health field," said Barbi Welch, president of the organization.

The Pre-professional Health Society is open to all minorities who are interested in the field of health," Welch said. "We want to be able to tell them 'hey, you're not in this alone' and go from there."

The preamble of PPHS says its goals are uniting, alerting and encouraging minority students pursuing

health careers. "We are all about learning, growing and sharing," Welch said.

This year the PPHS is sponsoring a reception for all minority students with an average of 3.0 or better. "This reception is to honor our minority students and to show that we're proud of them," Welch said. She added that minority students are competing equally with white students at UNC.

Topics to be discussed at upcoming PPHS meetings include summer internships, the need for blacks in health fields, and speech pathology.

For further information concerning the Pre-professional Health Society, contact the PPHS office in 303 Venable, Barbi Welch (841 Morrison) or Janet Johnson (441 Morrison).

BEOG awards incorrect

(CPS) — More than half the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOGS) given out in 1978-79 were awarded in the wrong amounts to students. A U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) report has found that 55 percent of the awards were either overpaid or underpaid, and that the major reason was that the BEOG application forms were so complicated.

Among the two million students who par-

ticipated in the BEOG program, about 720,000 got an average of \$397 more financial aid than they were entitled to. About 380,000 students were underpaid by an average \$255 each.

Most of the errors could be traced to "problems encountered by students and institutions in filling out and handling a complicated application form." Most of the errors, moreover, concerned estimates of families' financial status.

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