

Steppin' For Shaw

Four fraternities and three sororities of the Black Greek Council joined their talents together to raise \$1,600 for Shaw University in Raleigh.

As part of Black Awareness Week, members from Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma and Omega Psi Phi fraternities, along with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta sororities performed during a step show Friday, Oct. 1, at the Great Hall, which quickly became standing-room-only.

The Black Greek Council and Black Student Movement sponsored the event, which was organized by Tammy Gilliam, Black Awareness Week Coordinator.

Alpha Phi Alpha member, Rick McDugal gave the audience information on the birth of the step show.

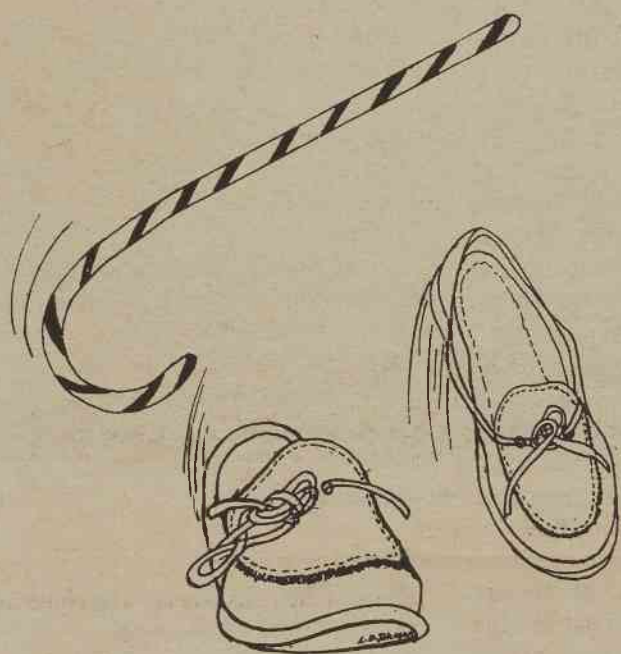
Camille Roddy, Black Student Movement President, spoke at the event on the importance of majority-black educational institutions.

Roddy reminded the audience that many of the black professors teaching at majority white institutions, including UNC, came from black universities such as North Carolina Central University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and Shaw University.

Roddy said that efforts should be continued to keep black universities thriving and producing well-educated graduates.

Shaw University is now in the process of building itself out of recent financial problems.

Representatives and alumni from Shaw were in attendance at the step show.



BSM Central Committee Works to Improve Black Relations

The Black Student Movement Central Committee met Wednesday, October 29, to discuss membership, a racism awareness workshop and ways to strengthen association among blacks on campus.

BSM President Camille Roddy announced the appointment of Lisa Jones, a sophomore from Fayetteville, N.C. as BSM North Campus Coordinator.

Jones will help disseminate information to blacks on North Campus about the BSM and will organize activities for these students, according to Roddy.

Roddy said that she hopes the appointment of a coordinator will strengthen association between blacks on North campus and the BSM.

BSM Membership Chairman Tab Hunter, announced that the BSM membership had increased to 206 after a membership drive held in the pit two weeks ago.

The group normally averages about 500 members each year, and plans to continue building membership through recruiting at functions sponsored by the BSM and its sub-groups.

Roddy also spoke on the Racism Awareness Workshop to be sponsored by the Campus Y. The workshop's date of November 22 has not yet been confirmed, Roddy stated.

Roddy said that she hoped this year's workshop would be different from workshops in the past.

Roddy said that past workshops only discussed how receptive one race should be of the other.

She called the workshops "unfruitful" and said that she hopes this year it will deal with racism between organizations and racism within some organizations themselves.

Roddy also announced the dates of Human Rights Week which will begin November 9 and will end November 12.

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Strengthening Ourselves through Unity

Professor Reminds Group of Sisterhood

Assistant Journalism Professor Regina Sherard called for strength and unity among black females Sunday afternoon, Oct. 12 in the Upendo Lounge as she addressed the issue of black female unity.

She spoke at a three-way reception, last of the Black Awareness Week activities, which was hosted by the University's three black sororities.

"In our quest to achieve and compete, we lose sight of the fact that we are sisters," Sherard said.

Whether one wears the colors of blue and white, pink and green or red and white, we should share in each other's trials, she said.

"We share a bond nurtured through strength and unity," Sherard said.

"Through good times and bad times, we have had to maintain the vision and not be led astray by fool's gold."

According to Sherard, black women have endured despite the negative reception they have received from society, including from the black male.

"They see us as too aggressive and bossy," Sherard said. "And made us feel as though we should be ashamed of the type of women that we are."

Men who have often criticized black women for their clothes and make-up and gone to date white women, Sherard said,

have developed the tendency of "talking black and sleeping white."

Sherard said the black woman has played a very important role in holding the family together despite the problems thrust on blacks throughout history.

"Black women have been blessed with strength," she said. "They have carried the whole load on their shoulders, but did not break and will not break," she said.

Sherard stresses for black females to strive for excellence, not be satisfied with mediocrity and to be comfortable with themselves.

"We should find comfort in knowing that we are who we are and what the past has made us and not what society has tried to make us," she said.

Sherard received her bachelors degree in journalism from Fisk University in Tennessee, her masters degree from Michigan State University and her doctorate, with an emphasis in mass communication from the University of Missouri.

She was listed in the book of *Outstanding Women in America* in 1984 and is presently in her third year of teaching journalism with the UNC School of Journalism.

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Sorors Share Solutions

Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta Sororities, Inc. joined together before an audience of 35 females

and two black males to discuss black female issues and to bring Black Awareness Week to a close.

The group discussed sorority separation, interracial dating and other topics Sunday, October 3, after the conclusion of a speech on black female unity by Assistant Journalism Professor Regina Sherard.

According to Michelle Smith, black sororities try to contribute to black unity on campus.

"We promote womanhood for all black women," she said. "We've just dedicated ourselves to a particular organization."

Sonja Gantt, of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a senior broadcast journalism major, called for sororities to reach out to other students on campus and not to be so "cliquish," although, she said it is almost unavoidable on the UNC campus.

The discussion panel and audience cited several reasons for the lack of unity among black females on the campus.

"We become 'me' oriented," said Tammy Gilliam, of AKA, "And this leads to disunity."

Black Student Movement President Camille Roddy expressed concern about the lack of underclassmen that were getting involved in campus organizations.

"Most of the people that I see are juniors and seniors," she said. "And it's time for us to get the heck out of dodge."

The panel also discussed the role black men play in the problems of black female unity.

"Men have made us feel insecure about each other," said Gilliam. "They can get over on us because we don't stick together and respect each other's territory," she said.

Carrie Davis, of Zeta Phi Beta, said that no men are perfect. "Although some of the time they are the problem, it is often our fault," she said. "We have to give a little too."

Sherard joined into the discussion saying that black females need to establish priorities and know what is important.

She said that females should not settle for relationships that do not live up to their expectations.

"If you sell yourself short," she said, "you may sell yourself down the river in the long run."

She also said that women cannot define themselves in terms of a man."

Delta Sigma Theta member Crystal Redding and AKA member Lori Baker objected against interracial relationships, stating that they were superficial.

According to Sherard, black females spend too much time agonizing over interracial relationships.

The reception ended with members of the audience sharing suggestions for keeping a bond between black females and for maintaining black unity on campus all year round, and closing remarks by AKA member Wanda.

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