

# Features



## 10th annual 'American Black Achievement Awards' to be telecast through February

PRESS RELEASE

Saluting black excellence in several fields of endeavor, the annual "American Black Achievement Awards" celebrates its 10th anniversary show in a special photo editorial in

the January issue of EBONY magazine.

The 1988 extravaganza honors the year's top black achievers in the categories of fine arts, education, religion, music, public service, dramatic arts, athletics, business and the pro-

fessions, trailblazer and lifetime achievement.

This year's award recipients, who included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, TV talk show host Oprah Winfrey, musician Lionel Hampton and NFL star Doug Williams, were selected by a distinguished panel of judges comprised of

EBONY's "100 Most Influential Black Americans."

The "American Black Achievement Awards" will be telecast in 100 markets through February.

## THE GREEK CORNER: Letter organizations stay busy with service projects, interest meetings

PRESS RELEASE

During the fall school semester the Pan Hellenic Council participated in a variety of service programs. Here is a listing of some of the programs that were carried out:

**SEPTEMBER:** Donation to the Friends of the Library: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Phi Beta Sigma and Omega Psi.

**OCTOBER:** CROP Walk for Hunger: Deltas, Ques, Sigmas, Pledges of Sigma Gamma Rho  
Retinitis Pigmentosa Walkathon: Alpha Phi Alpha and Pledges of Sigma Gamma Rho  
Halloween Party for the Elderly: Alpha Phi Alpha

**NOVEMBER:** Holiday food Drive: All eight groups

**DECEMBER:** Holiday and Disaster Relief Food and Clothing Drive: All eight groups.

Christmas Caroling: Alpha Kappa Alpha and Alpha Phi Alpha.

The president of the council is Andre Evans.

### Spring Interest Meeting

By Avis Bond

The sorors of Zeta Phi Beta sponsored their annual spring interest meeting in December. The social gathering consisted of many undergraduate and graduate Zetas, brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and women interested in becoming members of Zeta.

These young women asked questions about the sorority's membership requirements. At the same time, questions were asked of the women as to why they were interested in Zeta Phi Beta.

The sisters were very pleased with the turnout and expressed their appreciation by offering refreshments at the end of the meeting. There was also an elaborate display table for those who wanted to view the various paraphernalia of the first official Greek letter sister and brother organizations.

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### Christmas Cheer

By Avis Bond

Many people may think that Christmas is only for the young. But the happy festivities of the Christmas holiday can be enjoyed by all. Some of these festivities include the exchanging of gifts or singing Christmas carols.

On Dec. 10, such Christmas cheer was shared with the residents of Turner's Nursing Home located on New Walkertown Road. Members of the graduate and undergraduate chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority spread their holiday cheer by singing Christmas carols. The sorors were accompanied by the applause of the elderly, and afterwards kits were distributed to the 21 residents by the sorority. These kits included various toiletries and lotions, Christmas candy, and beauty aids for both men and women.

The gifts were a small token of how much Zeta Phi Beta appreciates the aged and their wisdom and knowledge.

By Wilton Donnell

From the outside, being a member of a Greek letter organization is a big show. Everyone is accus-

tomed to seeing the members sporting their letters and colors, conducting the often hilarious pledge periods, and sponsoring dances and step shows.

It is a highly visible position and often appears to be a big party. However, there is a lot more to being a Greek than having fun.

The pledge process is a rigorous learning process. The basics of these programs are to orient the pledge to organization history, to develop brotherhood/sisterhood, and to learn about yourself.

After initiation, the work really begins.

Each organization has national affiliations, and the campus chapter is an extension of the national body that is responsible for maintaining necessary paperwork and payment of dues, which are essential to remain active. Aside from that, the organizations are responsible for community service projects, some of which are national.

Being a Greek can be a lot of fun and is highly educational, but it also involves a lot of work. The organizations themselves have set lofty standards, and it's up to the members to maintain them.

To sum it up, the organization, other than name recognition, can give you only what you put into it.