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Greeks Bid Adieu To Pledging

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The National Pan-Hellenic Council, along with the national bodies of the eight Greek organizations, have decided to ban pledging in Greek organizations nationwide.

Over the past ten years, historically black sororities and fraternities have been hit with a wave of lawsuits for hazing where physical harm has come to those who were pledging.

Perhaps the most recent example of this involves the lawsuit against the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at Morehouse University in Atlanta. Last spring, an Alpha hopeful died as a result of hazing practices by that fraternity.

The words, "no pledging", have caused an uproar throughout Greekdom. No pledging means that pledges may not be dressed alike or march in a uniformed line. Addressing and greeting of big sisters and big brothers will also be obsolete. Closed sessions where special Greek rituals are taught and practiced are no longer

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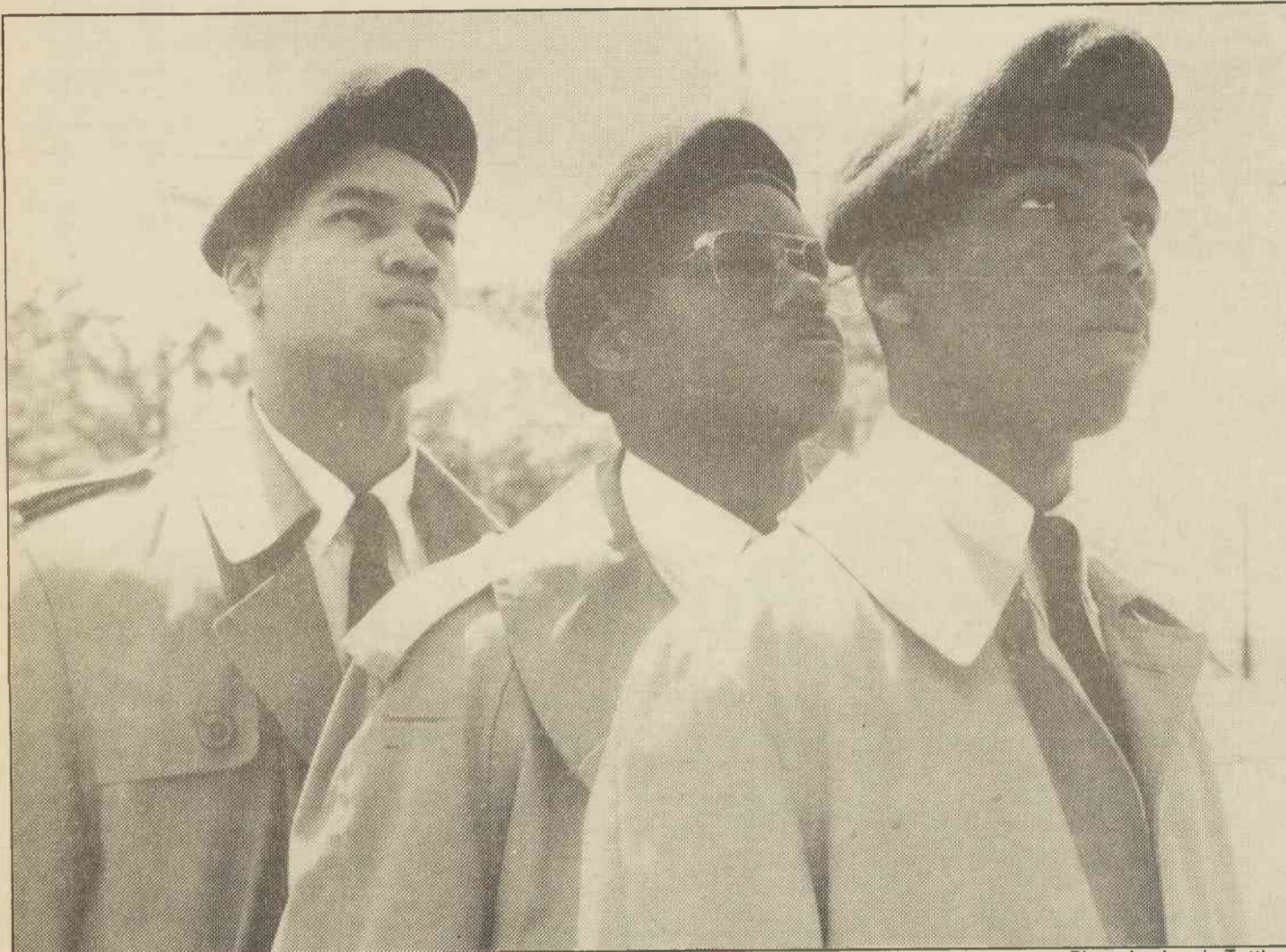


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The spring semester of '90 is likely to be the last signs of the Greek system as we know it.



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StudentTalk Tackles Date Rape

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Women on college campuses have expressed a growing fear about a subject that hasn't been publically debated at great length — date rape.

At Winston-Salem State, a campus-wide forum was held as part of Sexual Awareness Week. StudentTalk, a student-oriented talk show, kicked off its second season on Sept. 13 by encouraging dialogue between young men and women about this problem.

Date rape is no longer considered something that happens every once in a while. FBI statistics from 1987 give women ample reason to be concerned about their safety.

• Among college students, 27.2 percent of all college women have been raped. Of those women, 57.8 percent were raped by their date and projections show



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Date rape has become a prime problem on many college campuses.