

## GREEK CORNER

# Show Dispels Rumors, Myths

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The popular "Student Talk," hosted by Guy Parks, was held recently in the lecture hall of the Communications Building. The topic was Greekdom: Myth and Rumor. All eight organizations of the national Pan-Hellenic Council were represented, as well as the newly formed Kappa Theta Chi Service Fraternity.

The show broke some of the myths, rumors, and stereotypes of Greekdom. One main issue that appeared frequently during the show was the new membership intake process. The majority of the Greeks felt that "no pledging" would affect the brotherhood or sisterhood of the organization by the division of members who pledged prior to the new pledge ruling, and those who are inducted by the new intake process. Tegan Fraites, member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., simply stated that "the pledge process shouldn't affect the unity of the organization...these are new times and sometimes changes are needed."

"It's hard to understand some things when you are on the outside looking in," said Jeanie Barrett of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.. This comment was made in reference to people (nongreeks) understanding Greekdom. For example, is it Christian or Christ-like to pledge? The Greek panelist made sure that the audience was not misled. Greeks, as far as sororities and fraternities are concerned, do not worship any gods, such as their plots, letters, or paraphernalia. Greek organizations were founded on Christian principles and values. The Greek letters they wear simply represent the name of their organization. The plots are symbols for their organizations and a place for social gatherings. The paraphernalia worn by Greeks are like any other item of clothing representing an organization like a football jacket or a band jacket classifying your musical section like "Brass Monkey--Fall 1988" or "Stone Funk--1990." Nevertheless, if pledging weakens your Christianity, then your faith was not strong to

begin with. One Greek stated, "I was a Christian before I pledged and I am still one. I worship no god and no sorority. I worship the only God, God Almighty."

Greeks made the distinction between "hazing" and "pledging." Hazing is any mental or physical abuse incurred while on line, or during the pledging process. Pledging is the learning process where history is learned, discipline is taught, and unity is enforced. Many nongreeks mistake the two to go hand-in-hand. Each organization admitted it is against any type of hazing, and that there are laws enforcing no hazing; however, individuals of these organizations nationwide have committed the crime of hazing individuals.

WSSU Greeks broke some of the myths and rumors of Greekdom at Student Talk, but some of the rituals, ceremonies, and information will remain secretive. Some Greeks said, "It will be secretive until you make the commitment to join us...we're a family, and we do not tell our family business."

## Human Rights Upheld

Shawn Hutton  
Omega Psi Phi

It has long been recognized that your character is reminiscent of the great African matriarchs: Queen Cleopatra, Queen Nephertiti, and Queen Sheba.

The OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY Inc. would like to take time to honor those African American women who have continuously struggled to create a better life for all people-- women like Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, and Betty Shabazz.

Even though the struggle still continues we rest assured that young Black girls are being born who will follow the footsteps of the African American woman of the past. OMEGA PSI PHI salutes African American women for having the mental fortitude and the physical tenacity that it takes to accomplish the freedom from oppression for the masses of people. It is our great pleasure to thank you African-American women for your contribution and letting you know that your efforts are not in vain.

## Leadership Conference Scheduled for March

The National Pan-Hellenic Council recently announced it will conduct a National Undergraduate Leadership Conference for Greeks and Non-Greek students March 8-10 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

The Theme, "Back To The Future: The Struggle Is In Our Hands," will feature several topics of interest to undergraduates as they prepare to enter the workforce and

to establish a forum by which they can address issues that are essential to their future and careers. Among topics to be presented in the workshops will be: Corporate Etiquette, Interviewing Techniques, Financial Management and Planning, Public Speaking, Computer Literacy, and How to succeed in the Work Place.

A key feature of the conference will be a "Job Fair" where several major corporations have been asked

to set up exhibit booths, and to conduct interviews for positions in their companies.

Several national leaders such as Rev. Jesse Jackson, Colonel Charles Bolden (Astronaut), Rev. Tyrone Crider (PUSH), Dr. Benjamin Hooks (NAACP), Gov. Douglas Wilder of Virginia, Mayor Carl Officer of East St. Louis, Missouri, Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon of Washington, DC, Julian Bond, and members of the Congressional Black Caucus are

expected to be in attendance at either the Public Meeting on Friday, March 8th or the Undergraduate Luncheon on Saturday, March 9th.

To obtain registration materials and/or additional information regarding hotel and transportation, contact Valerie Bracey at (502) 228-4441 or write:

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## Origins of Fraternities and Sororities Identified

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded December 4, 1906 at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Alpha Phi Alpha was the first Black Greek organization. This fraternity, incorporated in 1912, believes in serving the black community as stated in its motto: First of all, Servants of all, We Shall Transcend All. These outstanding men wear the proud colors of black and old gold throughout 43 states, the Virgin Islands, Africa, the Bahamas, Germany, Korea, and Bermuda.

Some notable Alphas are Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse Owens, Thurgood Marshall, WSSU Student Government Association President, Barry Johnson, and John A. Little WSNC-FM 90.5 Assistant Sports Director.

Working with the United Negro College Fund, The Boys Club, and sponsoring the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March are a few of the things that keep these fine men busy in our communities.

### ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

This sorority of outstanding young ladies was founded January 15, 1908 at Howard University, Washington, D.C. It was later incorporated in 1913. AKA's wear the colors of salmon pink and apple green. Service to all mankind is the motto of these women. You will see AKA's in 46 states, Washington, D.C., the Virgin Islands,

Africa, Bahamas, and Germany.

Notable women of this organization are Marla Gibbs, Philicia Rashad, Ella Fitzgerald, and President of the Pan-Hellenic-Rondra McMillian.

Their local projects consist of AKA Aid, visiting and educating youth in Daycare centers, and at the Children's Home.

### KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded January 5, 1915 at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. These "pretty-boys" wear the colors of crimson and cream in 42 states, Washington, D.C., Bahamas, Korea, Africa, as well as in Germany. Their motto: "The Fundamental Purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi is Achievement." This organization was incorporated in 1915.

They work in conjunction with the Urban League in sponsoring programs for the community. The Kappas have helped with Voter Registration Drives for Forsyth County, and volunteered their time and talent at the Boys Club.

Tom Bradley, Bill Russell, Carl Stokes, Arthur Ashe, and Student Government Association Vice-President, Elliot Prichett, are only a few of the famous men of Kappa Alpha Psi

Fraternity, Inc.

### PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded on January 9, 1914 at Howard University, Washington, D.C. This fraternity was incorporated in 1920. Sigmas wear the proud colors of royal blue and pure white. Their motto: "Culture for Service, Service for Humanity." You will find these scholarly men in 45 states, Washington, D.C., Africa, Korea, Bahamas, Switzerland, and the Virgin Islands.

They work diligently in their community with such projects as Adopt-A-Highway program and the annual Crop Walk. Sigmas have worked with Voter Registration Drives here in Winston-Salem and they have even sponsored an African baby.

A few famous Sigmas are George Washington Carver, Jerry Rice, Huey P. Newton, and Guy Parks, the host the campus talk show, STUDENT TALK.

### ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC

This organization was founded January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University, Washington, D.C., with the help of two brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Thus, the Zetas and the Sigmas were the first and only "true Blue" Greek brother and sister organizations. They were incorporated in 1923. They wear the colors of royal blue and pure

white in 43 states, Washington, D.C., the Bahamas, and Africa. Their motto: "All is Conquered by Labor."

These ladies have sponsored can food drives for the Soup Kitchen and Homeless shelters. They have sponsored Voter Registration Drives, bloodmobiles, and programs in conjunction with the March of Dimes.

Some famous Zetas are Ester Roll, Jayne Kennedy, Dionne Warwick and Trevia Turner, Vice President of the senior class.

### DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on February 18, 1913 at Howard University and later incorporated in 1930. These prestigious women wear the colors of crimson and cream. You will find these women in 41 states, Washington, D.C., the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Africa, and Germany. Their motto: "Intelligence Is the Touch of Wisdom."

They have sponsored Bloodmobiles and Rap Sessions for incoming freshmen. The Deltas are involved in the Christmas Cheer program by collecting toys for needy children. They have also sponsored Voter Registration Drives here in Winston-Salem.

Notable Deltas are Shirley Chisholm, Selma Burke, Lena Home, and our very own Miss WSSU, Carla Bridges.