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Hazing?

Line Walking Precludes Sororities Admission To Panhellenic

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The rhythmic chanting and three-steps ahead, two-back cadence of black women pledging into UNCC sororities may be an expression of sisterhood but it garners no respect

from an organization of female Greek societies.

Initiation and rushing practices of traditionally Black sororities precludes their admission to the Panhellenic Council, a national organiza-

tion with a chapter at UNCC.

The refusal to accept sororities practicing "walking in a line" for pledges provoked heavy questioning from the Student Legislature when Panhellenic's charter was renewed. Officers answered the queries, saying that a national policy determined that the marching was a form of hazing.

The legislature was not overwhelmingly satisfied. The secondary charter was approved with 17 favoring and 14 opposing it.

For Delta Sigma Theta, one sorority excluded, walking in a line is a national tradition according to president Anita Powell. "They can go to Barber-Scotia or any college that has a chapter and find that they have the same tradition."

Powell stressed that while the line march was an expression of unity among the pledges, "it is their choice to do it or not to." After asking if any pledges who did not march were selected as sisters, she said, "Well, I would not say that we have any members that did not (walk in the line.)"

The Delta Sigma Theta believes the motive for not accepting the groups

that practice walking in a line is that "they really don't want Black sororities on Panhellenic." However, she said she did not want to term the policy as "racist."

Nationally, Delta Sigma Theta is affiliated with another panhellenic organization.

The female Greek organizations comprising the UNCC Panhellenic Council are Delta Zeta, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Delta Pi.

Ruth Palmer, a regional advisor for the Panhellenic Council, explained why the Black sororities were not allowed on the UNCC chapter.

"Our rules clearly state that there will be no hazing. It is childish and dangerous. We will not have any part of it."

Pressed for a response to charges of racial prejudice, Palmer said: "I'm sure that if you talked with the national presidents of these (black Greek) organizations, they would tell you they feel the way we do (concerning line march initiation.)"

"We have more important things to do than to have girls making fools out of themselves in front of everybody."



Photo by Debbie Miller

Pledges of one of UNCC's black sororities express sisterhood but lack support from Panhellenic.

Resident Students Petition PFM Service

By Teresa Skipper
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Several students have banded together trying to get as many dorm students as possible to sign a petition against Professional Food Management (PFM).

The group plans to get all dorm students within two percent to sign the petition. After the signatures are obtained the petition will be presented to Chancellor Fretwell.

The students behind the petition think PFM holds a monopoly on campus. If the new cafeteria near Phase III and IV is operated by PFM it will make the sixth on campus. There is a rule, however, against having more than one food service on campus. And PFM has recently renegotiated their contract which will extend through May of 1984.

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Maxwell Loses Bid

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Bertha Maxwell, Director of Afro-American and African Studies at UNCC, lost her bid to be the first black woman elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in the

November 6 elections.

In a close race, Maxwell finished ninth with only eight positions open.

Maxwell has been a member of the UNCC faculty for 11 years, and was responsible for the development of the Af-

ro-American and African Studies program.

Maxwell said she decided to run for the office because "there is a missing dimension in the structure of the delegation." She cited the fact

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