

Gospel choir provides 'motivational' concert

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The Black Student Movement Gospel Choir stood in front of a congregation of students, family, alumni and clergy in the Great Hall on its 25th anniversary Sunday, bringing with them a semester's worth of time, love, unity, strength and music.

The small army of more than 110 members energized and motivated a diverse and appreciative crowd.

"This was by far the best concert they've given," said Phylis Ratliff of Raleigh.

Tangy Hoosevrough traveled from Salisbury to see the choir.

"It was very well put together," she said. "They gave a good performance. It was anointed. It was very good."

She said it was inspirational to see young people singing and praising God.

Lura Thompson, a student in the master's of business administration program, came with friends to enjoy the concert. "I thought it was good," she said. "Motivational."

Shaunda Fennell, a junior who has

been in the choir for the last three years, said the concert reinforced the strong ties between the members.

"The choir has grown, and we are each other's strength," Fennell said. "The choir is a blessing to me and encouraging to those who hear us."

Shamiika Queen, a junior choir member, agreed. "I feel a familylike atmosphere," she said. "I can go to anyone of the members when something's bothering me. It makes me feel special."

Sophomore Kristian Herring, who has been directing the choir for a year, said the choir was uplifting. "It's a time when we can get away from studying and come together for a higher purpose."

Nedra Lewis, the president of the choir, said bringing more than 100 voices harmoniously to life on one stage took a lot of work. Lewis said the group practiced two hours every Tuesday and Thursday.

"We've been learning songs all semester," Lewis said.

Courtney Moore, the choir's director, said she hoped all the work was worth it. "Since I have my back to the crowd and can't see them, I just listen to the voices and pray that it goes well with the crowd."



Kristian Herring, Black Student Movement co-director, leads the gospel choir members in a concert Sunday in Great Hall. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the student group.

OWASA asks public for advice

Residents will receive an invitation asking them to participate in a rate study.

BY ROB NELSON
STAFF WRITER

Orange and Water Sewer Authority customers will now have a voice in how fees and charges are implemented when the company launches a six-month rate study this week.

OWASA traditionally conducts rate studies every three to five years, but this year's will be different because of the high level of public participation that is being encouraged, OWASA Executive Director Ed Kerwin said.

"We want to make sure our customers understand their rates and the services we provide," he said. "This study will help to educate them about us and the better educated they are, the more valuable their input will be."

OWASA Board of Directors Chairman Barry Jacob said he was anxious to focus on public opinion. "We know that a lot of people think our rates are high and that's what we want to hear about in this study," he said.

The study will consist of two groups, the Stakeholders' Steering Committee, which will make recommendations directly to the board, and the Stakeholders' Advisory Group, which is open to the public and will forward comments and suggestions to the steering committee.

"The membership on the advisory committee is wide open to as many people who wish to participate," said Kerwin.

By the end of the month customers will receive invitations to the committee along with their regular bills, Kerwin said.

The steering committee includes members from the Board of Directors and representatives from the community, such as Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf.

"I am very excited about taking a comprehensive look at how OWASA determines their charges," Waldorf said. "I commend them for undertaking this study, in which public opinion will play such a major role."

Steering committee member Bruce Runberg, UNC's associate vice chancellor of facilities, will serve as a representative for the University.

Fraternity sponsors concert for Burn Center

Members of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity said their fire motivated the benefit.

BY EVAN MARKFIELD
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A concert to raise money for the Orange County Burn Center sponsored by Phi Gamma Delta fraternity Friday was heralded as a success, said Cat's Cradle owner Frank Heath.

The concert featured the bands Purple Schoolbus and Knocked Down Smiling. Heath said about 400 people attended

the fund-raiser, which was "probably what we expected."

The price of admission to the concert was \$6, but some people contributed even more, said Garrett Perdue, public liaison officer for Phi Gamma Delta.

"We felt that the Burn Center could use a little help, and we felt that we had an opportunity to help," Perdue said.

Perdue said the fire in the Phi Gamma Delta house last spring was a cause for members of the fraternity and Purple Schoolbus to organize the concert.

Five University students died of carbon monoxide poisoning from the smoke caused by the May 12 fire at the house. Three of the victims of the fire, juniors

Mark Briggs Strickland, Robert Joshua Weaver and Anne McBride Smith were from Rocky Mount.

Some members of Purple Schoolbus are also from Rocky Mount, which led to their involvement. "The guys in Purple Schoolbus knew some of the guys in the fire, and it's something (the band) wanted to do," Perdue said.

Bringing together the community was another important result of the concert, Perdue said. "It was good to see the community support an event like this," he said. "This was just our way of helping the community."

Perdue said although the benefit concert was a group decision, the main driving force behind it was Phi Gamma Delta President Rob Young.

Heath said five or six benefit concerts had been held at the Cat's Cradle this fall, and he expects to host even more.

"We generally do a lot of benefits," he said. "Outside parties come up with the idea, and we donate the space."

Perdue said the concert was a great initial step and added that they were planning to make it an annual event.

Campus Calendar

Monday

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - UNC Hospitals is offering information on strokes and free blood pressure screenings for people 55 and over at the Chapel Hill Senior Center, 400 S. Elliot Road.

3:15 p.m. - The University Counseling Center in Nash Hall will hold a career clinic.

4 p.m. - There will be an interest meeting for *Karolina Kids* in Union 211. Community service work will be done with sick or terminally ill children in the hospital. Please bring a \$3 membership fee to the interest meeting.

7 p.m. - Operation Smile will have a meeting in Union 205.

7-9 p.m. - The Office of N.C. Fellows and Leadership Development will present "Diversity: Tapes and Types" featuring Pat Fischer of the Health Policy and Administration Department in the Carmichael Ballroom.

7:15 p.m. - The School of Journalism and Mass Communication will sponsor a lecture featuring Geneva Overholser, ombudsman for the Washington Post and former editor of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Des Moines Register*, at the Hanes Art Center auditorium.

7:30 p.m. - The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies will debate "Resolved: An American ideal of human rights cannot be imposed on China" on the top floor of New West. Guests are welcome.

Items of Interest

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Yackety Yack yearbook portraits are being taken. Seniors call 1-800-836-0558 to schedule an appointment. Underclassmen, drop by Union 213 anytime on Thursday or Friday.

Hillel will be conducting its annual parent phone campaign. Call Rabbi Ed at 942-4057 if you are interested in helping.

The Carolina Indian Circle will present the Third Annual Native American Performing Arts Festival at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 in Memorial Hall.

The Duke Art Museum is having an exhibit titled "Chaika": Preserving the Images of Ideology through Dec. 29 as part of a growing collection of contemporary Russian art. The museum is also sponsoring an "After Hours" with the artist at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the North Gallery.

The Sierra Club will be featuring Richard Franks at a science program for children at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Depot.

The N.C. Crafts Gallery will be sponsoring a show titled "Triangle Weavers" through Nov. 30, featuring works by Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh residents.

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