

NPHC sponsors awareness week

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Eight UNC sororities and fraternities will come together this week to celebrate awareness of black Greek organizations. Jerry Bright, president of UNC National Pan Hellenic Council and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., said the week was important because it showed the campus community what black Greek letter organizations do and what they stand for.

It is also a time for black sororities and fraternities to come together and reflect on their origin and identity, he said.

The week's events highlight the history of the organizations and their importance.

"People need to understand the context in which black organizations were founded," Bright said.

Most black sororities and fraternities were founded in the early 1900s, he said.

Bryan Winbush, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc., said "(The organizations) were founded for many common principles.

"Their purposes were related to service, to community, brotherhood and sisterhood and scholarship."

Often people think that black fraternities and sororities are only social organizations; this week's events show both the group's social and service aspects, said Candice Wooten, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Inc.

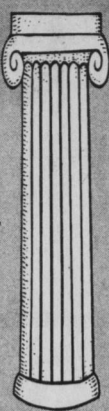
Bright said, "The whole purpose behind black letter organizations is service."

The week's events begin today with a coin drive in the Pit. The money collected will go to a scholarship fund that honors the memory of Travis Cooper, a UNC junior who was killed

Black Greek Awareness Week

The UNC National Pan Hellenic Council is sponsoring a number of events this week.

- Monday**
■ Coin drive, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pit. Money raised will go to the Travis Cooper Memorial Scholarship fund.
- Tuesday**
■ Mixer with black sororities and fraternities, 9 p.m. at Ham's Restaurant.
- Wednesday**
■ Service project at the Seeds of Sheba Cultural Center in Carrboro, time TBA.
- Thursday**
■ Founding Principles of Black Greek Letter Organizations, 7 p.m. in 209 Manning Hall.
- Friday**
■ Unity Step, a step show including all members of participating fraternities and sororities, at noon in the Pit.



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in a drive-by shooting near his hometown of Lumberton during Christmas break. The Black Student Movement created the scholarship in Cooper's name.

Cooper was not a member of a Greek organization. Wooten said this shows that the council does not only care about people who are Greek, but is here to serve non-Greeks as well.

The celebration ends Friday with a step show, Unity Step, at noon in the Pit.

The performance will include members of all sororities and fraternities that are participating in Black Greek Awareness Week.

The step show will be a treat for those who come out and watch, Bright said.

"Stepping has historical roots," he said. "It originated in Africa."

Summer program to sharpen international mediation skills

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Aspiring foreign diplomats, look no further.

The Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution has picked UNC as one of 20 universities worldwide from which students could be selected to attend a summer program in international negotiation.

The month-long program held in The Hague, Netherlands — home to the International Court of Justice — addresses such conflicts as the crisis in the former Yugoslavia and the Israeli-Palestinian dispute.

The IIMCR chooses 50 Americans and 50 students from abroad to participate.

"It is designed for students who are interested in being players on the international scene," said Charles Peterson, spokesman for the Washington-based IIMCR.

Lectures by speakers from Erasmus University in Rotterdam and prominent diplomats form the core component of the program. This summer's schedule includes the president of Portugal and the former prime minister of Norway,

Peterson said.

Intense negotiation training and field trips to European Union and NATO headquarters supplement the formal academics.

Mavis Gragg, a junior from Black Mountain, attended last summer's program and called her experience "an opportunity of a lifetime."

"Our guest speakers were the people who were involved in the conflicts," Gragg said.

She also said some of the program participants had the opportunity to hear testimony from Bosnian war victims at the International War Crimes Tribunal.

"You have to have a real interest in international relations and negotiation," Gragg said. "You have to be willing to learn."

Both Gragg and Peterson said some of the most valuable benefits were the contacts made and the career and graduate school assistance they received.

For more information
visit IIMCR's website at
<http://www.deive.com/IIMCR.html>
Applications due April 15

"Once students have participated, they play a part of the larger IIMCR family," Peterson said.

Peterson called it "a whole network most people don't have access to."

And that network can provide a participant with the chance to parlay potential into tested leadership ability.

"A lot of people need to have the opportunity to live out their dreams," said IIMCR President Cody Shearer.

For the upcoming summer, Peterson said the IIMCR was looking for well-read, self-confident applicants with demonstrated leadership abilities.

While the selection committee looks for academic success, Peterson stressed the importance of networking skills.

"If you're essentially a 4.0 nerd who doesn't go out and interact, then you're going to have trouble," Peterson said. "We're trying to find people who are sociable and well-read."

Tuition averages about \$3,500, which covers food, books, housing and travel expenses while in Europe. Peterson said that more than a quarter of participants receive scholarships.

"The return of that investment is substantially greater in terms of the doors it opens."

'Tempest' performance close to perfect

The high turnout at Company Carolina's production of "The Tempest" in Swain Hall on Saturday night reflected the feverish appreciation for Shakespeare that exists at UNC.

Company Carolina took the action a step further and high-lighted the bard's brilliance with an array of dance, lighting and music that helped to transform the stage into a world of magic and wonder. Casting females to play the male characters of Milan also gave the play a certain uniqueness.

These creative elements complimented the tale of Prospero (Julie Castle), the

ex-Duke of Milan and current ruler of a strangely mystical island.

Prospero uses her magical staff to summon up a tempest which causes a shipwreck and strands her power-usurping sister Antonio (Amy Stewart), the King of Naples Alonso (John Lazzari) and a myriad of other colorful characters on the island. With her powers, Prospero reclaims her title from Antonio and causes her daughter Miranda (Sophie Cathro) to fall in love with Prince Ferdinand (David Azzarello).

Castle brought power to her role as she forcefully controlled her savage slave Caliban (Johnny Knight), who gave a snarling, sinister aspect to the plot. However, some of the finer moments occurred with Miranda and Ferdinand.

Azzarello handled his princely role with wonder while showing great chemistry with the dynamic Cathro. When Trinculo (Jason Lord) and the drunken Stephano (Patrick Gray) swaggared onstage, the scene was replete with wit and humor. The role of Ariel was played by 11 actors dressed in scarlet and doused in red light. As these impish beings slithered across the stage in mischievous fashion, the percussion added a primitive feel. Finally, Castle gave a compelling end to the play as she broke her magic staff, addressed the audience and acknowledged forgiveness had conquered her thoughts of revenge.

As the crowd exited, Prospero's voice echoed in everyone's ears, saying, "We are such stuff as dreams are made on."

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Theater Review
"The Tempest"
Company Carolina

Black History Month spotlight

Ernest Everett Just

Ernest Everett Just attended Kimball Academy in New Hampshire. He received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1907 and his doctorate in Zoology and physiology from the University of Chicago in 1916. He was on the faculty of Howard University after 1907, except for short leaves of absence. Just spent 20 summers at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., in research work, later becoming a member of the ruling board of the laboratory.

His primary interest was the fertilization and experimental parthenogenesis of marine eggs. Just published more than 50 papers in this field between 1912 and 1937. During the 1930s, he did research in institutes and marine laboratories in Berlin, Paris and Naples. Just served as vice president of the American Zoological Society. He also won the Spingarn Medal in 1915.

Campus Calendar

- Monday**
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. — The UNC Equestrian Team is hosting its first horse show at the State Fairgrounds Horse complex.
 - 3:15 p.m. — The University Counseling Center in Nash Hall will conduct a career clinic to help students develop a plan of action for selecting a major or career.
 - 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. — The Lab! Theatre will present "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" by Tennessee Williams. Call 969-7519 for more information.
 - 4:30 p.m. — University Career Services will sponsor "Job Hunt 101: Orientation Workshop" for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes Hall.
 - 5 p.m. — There will be a general body meeting for Karolina Kids in Union 224. This is very important so please try to make it or call Tamesha Keel at 914-2138.
 - 5 p.m., 7 p.m. — Senior Corps will hold information sessions for its works for charity in Union 211. All seniors who walk for the March of Dimes, American Cancer Society or Multiple Sclerosis will receive a free T-shirt.
 - 5:30 p.m. — Red Ribbon of the Campus Y will have a meeting in the Campus Y basement.
- It is important for you to be there, especially if you are planning to cook meals for the House.
- 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. — The interest meeting for the Annual Ms. Black and Gold Pageant will be held in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.
 - For more information contact Keith at 914-2362.
 - 6:45 p.m. — UNC Circle K will hold a meeting in Union 210. Abby Overton from the Rape Crisis Center will be speaking. All are welcome.
 - 7 p.m. — The UNC Scuba Club will meet in 103 Gardner Hall.
 - The meeting will discuss the Florida trip and the Bahamas trip. All students and divers are invited to attend.
 - 7:15 p.m. — N.C. Hillel and the Carolina Union Activities Board Critical Issues Committee will co-sponsor an interest meeting for everyone interested in helping the UNC community learn more about the Holocaust and its aftermath in Union 212.
 - 7:30 p.m. — The Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies will debate "Resolved: Treating Ebonics as a separate language will benefit Oakland, CA" on the third floor of New West. All students and faculty are welcome.
 - 7:30 p.m. — The Women's Issues Network will meet in Union 212. Come learn about the Women's Center, and bring your ideas and energy.

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