



A Carolina coed finds the front of the Playmaker's Theatre a unique and quiet place to catch up on her studying.

Staff photo by Howard Shepherd

Black Greeks prosper here

by Vernon Mays
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Although the Greek system at UNC has at times been accused of being too exclusive, the emergency of predominantly black fraternities and sororities offering new opportunities for black students may refute that accusation.

Within the past two years, four such groups have established themselves on campus and are strengthening each year.

Although they participate in a wide variety of social events, the black fraternities and sororities stress service-oriented activities.

The first black Greek organization on campus, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, was chartered in the Fall of 1973. It now has 26 local members.

Omega Psi Phi, nicknamed the Ques, recently collected food baskets for 11 local underprivileged families and held a raffle to buy one of the families a turkey. Que President Leroy Bynum said.

Also a service-oriented group, the Delta Sigma Theta black sorority de-emphasizes the social side of sorority life and advocates service instead, Delta President Cookie Bell said.

The Deltas' main service project has been to adopt a local underprivileged family, providing them with food, clothing and toys for the children. In addition, the sorority members have participated in a program for the elderly at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Multi-Purpose Center, Bell said.

She said her sorority's goals also included "cultural enrichment and academic excellence."

Despite Delta Sigma Theta's official recognition as a campus sorority, it has refrained from becoming active in the Panhellenic Council, the sororities' governing body.

"We don't feel the Panhellenic Council on

this campus will provide any advantages to us," Bell explained, saying she does not see any real similarity between Delta Sigma Theta and the predominantly white sororities on campus. She believes Delta members are more committed to their sorority and have a closer feeling of sisterhood than white sorority members.

Vice President Cerise Wynn of black sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha said her group has also made attempts to help the needy and elderly. The group sponsored a Halloween carnival for children in Chapel Hill and donated canned foods to the Inter-Church Council for distribution to needy families.

Although service is emphasized in the sororities, both Bell and Wynn said social activities are not ignored totally. "We consider ourselves a well-rounded organization," Bell of Delta Sigma Theta said.

Memberships for the two black sororities remain small compared to other sororities. Delta has 32 members and Alpha Kappa Alpha has 33.

A fourth black social group at UNC is Groove Phi Groove, a non-Greek organization with eight members. UNC is the first predominantly white, southern university to charter Groove Phi Groove.

Vice President Donny Smith emphasized the service aspect of the organization, citing

two sickle-cell anemia donation drives and participation in the Upward Bound program as recent projects.

Groove Phi Groove "sets goals that everyone should want to achieve," Smith said. "The organization is very practical."

A major problem the black fraternities and sororities are facing now is a lack of meeting places. None of the four groups has a lodge but meet in members' homes.

The two sororities are working through the office of Student Life to secure a permanent place to hold meetings.

President Bynum said Omega Psi Phi had a meeting room in Mangum dorm but was ousted by the Department of Housing.

In addition to the established organizations, several UNC blacks belong to Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity although no official chapter has been chartered in Chapel Hill, UNC fraternities adviser Roslyn Hartmann said.

Hartmann expressed interest in establishing more black fraternities on campus. "The competition among the groups for membership would be healthy," she said.

She added that two national predominantly black fraternities have inquired about establishing chapters at UNC, but the chartering process is involved and would take at least two years.

Faculty proposals may be examined

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A University committee to scrutinize every proposal the faculty considers — including grade inflation, class scheduling and registration — is under consideration by the Faculty Committee on University Government.

If approved, the proposed Committee on Educational Policy might seek student input and opinions on matters of educational policy, Faculty Chairperson George Taylor said recently. But the proposed committee's future is vague.

Although Taylor submitted a detailed plan for the committee in September, he said his plan was only designed to give the faculty some idea of the organization and responsibility of such a committee.

The committee would not have legislative power, Taylor said, and its efforts to propose academic charges would consist primarily of persuasion and recommendation.

"Such a committee is intended to take the lead in discussion of educational policy and suggest reforms in that policy," he said. "The committee would decide whether our processes are adequate through a detailed review and then make recommendations."

Henry Boren, secretary of the faculty, said the University government committee was scheduled to present a report on the

Educational Policy Committee at the last General Faculty meeting.

However, the University government committee asked for and was granted an extension until February 1976. Final approval or rejection of the proposed committee will hinge on a vote of the General Faculty at its February meeting.

The proposed committee's power would be only persuasive, but Taylor said the committee could still be effective.

"If the committee is properly formed and organized, it could take the initiative to upgrade academics here," he said.

Whether students will provide input into the committee's decisions will not be known until the final plan is submitted and approved, Taylor said. But he added that he thinks a student committee should serve as an advisory body and should be consulted to obtain student opinion in academic issues.

Taylor does not believe students should be given a voting role on the committee because graduation qualifications should be left entirely to the faculty.

"The faculty should be responsive to the students' opinions, but the determination of qualifications for graduation is the sole prerogative of the faculty and that prerogative cannot be shared," Taylor said.

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor said he would not comment on possibilities for student input into the committee since the

plan is still being considered.

The committee, which Faculty Chairperson Taylor proposed in September, would consist of nine elected faculty members, plus the provost, the dean of the graduate school, and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, acting ex officio.

The plan would provide for three-year terms and staggered elections of the committee members.

The committee's responsibility, as stated in Taylor's proposal, is to "review the educational goals, policies, standards, procedures, arrangements and resources of the Division of Academic Affairs." It would also review "the adequacy and balance of the graduate and undergraduate programs and formulate whatever proposals and recommendations on these matters that it considers advisable."

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