

Oldest black fraternity celebrates 72nd year

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The Mu Zeta chapter of UNC's Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity is celebrating its founding at the University with "Back to Basics" week. Two of the fraternity's major concerns in the week are to raise money for its scholarship program and for the United Negro College Fund.

Alpha Phi Alpha was established at UNC on April 15, 1906. Founded at Cornell University in 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha is the oldest black fraternity in the country. Kenneth Hill, the Mu Zeta chapter's president, said, "Back in 1906, the birth of our fraternity was an important event in black history in this country." Originally boasting a membership of only seven men, the fraternity today has more than 80,000 members worldwide.

"We have over 254 college chapters and 256 alumni chapters," Hill said. "Our fraternity has chapters throughout the United States as well as Europe, the West Indies, Vietnam and the Virgin Islands."

"One of our fraternity's goals for this year is to raise a million dollars for the United Negro College Fund. The proceeds from a party our chapter held last Friday night went to the fund."

Hill said in a meeting last Sunday, one of the most important projects the brothers agreed on was to continue their aid to the fund. Also at the meeting the brothers decided to continue to encourage full voting registration in the spring as they have this term.

Last Friday, a banquet and reception was attended by the chapter's graduate school members and sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. "Other than deciding what we wanted to do for the rest of the semester," Hill said, "the point of the evening was to commemorate 72 years of scholarship, leadership and service. Our chapter funds two students every year; one is a sophomore and the other is a high school senior."

Hill said the chapter visits high schools in Orange County and talks to their guidance counselors. "Once the students have been accepted somewhere, then their case goes before our scholarship review board," Hill said. "As far as the sophomore scholarship, we go to the office of Student Affairs, Dean (Hayden B.) Renwick's office and Student Aid. Then we can decide whom to award the scholarship to."

The Mu Zeta chapter has been involved in a number of social service



APA pledges play with kids at area day care center

projects as well. "We have been active in the local Big Brotherhood program, Outward Bound and have participated in blood drives and walks for the needy," Hill said.

Today, in the Carolina Union,

brothers of the fraternity will be setting up booths to collect money for the United Negro College Fund. "And on Thursday," Hill said, "we will begin our Christmas project of raising money for needy families."

OWASA considers sending 4 proposals to General Assembly

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The Orange Water and Sewer Authority is considering sending a legislative package of four items to the General Assembly for approval after it convenes Jan. 10, 1979.

OWASA Chairperson Flo Garrett said the authority's Board of Directors still needs to meet with the local delegation to discuss the contemplated legislation.

The four pieces of legislation the board is considering are:

- Placing a time limit on the Environmental Management Commission in its process of granting permits to obtain land by eminent domain (condemnation).
- Enabling OWASA to assess property owners for water or sewer lines that pass in front of their homes but are not currently servicing the homes.
- Enabling OWASA to get its sales tax refunded as do counties.
- Defining service regulations.

The authority applied last December to the EMC for a permit to obtain land by eminent domain to enable it to build a reservoir on Cane Creek. The EMC will meet in February to consider the record from its hearings on the proposed reservoir, but may not reach a decision then.

OWASA board member David Moreau said last Thursday that regardless of which alternative the authority pursues for a water supply, it still will have to go to the EMC to exercise eminent domain for water and sewer service. Brenda Foreman of the Office of Enforcement of the EMC said. The time lag in the process has to do with the administrative rights of the parties, she said.

In considering whether to grant the authority's petition for eminent domain, the EMC will consider seven items, Foreman said. The EMC will consider:

- The necessity of the proposed project.
- The increase in storage capacity and conservation of water from the proposed project.
- The extent of probable detriment to beneficial uses of water in the watershed and damages to users in the watershed.
- The extent of probable detriment to potentially beneficial uses of water on the watershed.
- The feasibility of alternative sources of supply and their comparative costs.
- The extent of probable detriment caused by alternative sources of supply to present and potential beneficial use of water on watersheds affected by alternatives.
- All other factors the board considers important.

OWASA and its witnesses testified that the Cane Creek water is pristine and that the Jordan water would be bad for users' health, while the Cane Creek Conservation Authority (which formed two years ago to fight the reservoir) and its witnesses testified that the Jordan was drinkable and downplayed the high quality of Cane Creek, Foreman said.

The EMC wrote a position paper after the hearings which said the Cane Creek water was not pristine, and the Jordan water was drinkable, Foreman said.

Trish Hunt of the 17th House District said although she has not yet officially been approached by the authority about the time limit, she has no quarrel with putting a time limit on the EMC, as long as it is a "reasonable" time limit. "I don't know what a reasonable time is," she said.

Mike Teer, CCCA president, said of the proposed time limit, "It sounds to me like they (OWASA) think they're in trouble. The more time they (EMC) take to study the evidence, the more I think they will make a decision in our favor."

SCAU publishes guide to cameras, stereos

By CHUCK BURNS
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Just in time for the Christmas rush, the Student Consumer Action Union has come out with "Sight and Sound," a camera and stereo guide to help shoppers make those important and expensive gift decisions.

The guide is split into two sections with the first being on cameras and the second on stereos. Both sections have a preface to introduce the reader to the items and tell him what to look for, how to buy, stores and their services, guarantees that can be expected and store hours. The guide covers stores in the Chapel Hill area, some in Durham and a few in Raleigh.

"The booklet is a technical guide as well as a physical guide," said Dan Coleman, vice chairperson of SCAU. "It's a guide to compare stores as well as items and components."

The camera section emphasizes information on 35mm cameras, because, Coleman said, due to student interest there is a greater need for information on the 35mm camera than any other camera.

In the stereo section, components of stereo systems are emphasized instead of modular systems. One reason for this is so that students can shop around for better buys on the different components. Another reason, Coleman says, is that "Students are buying more stereo systems than before. And not only are they buying more stereos, they're buying more

expensive ones." The guide's usefulness ranges from educating the novice who doesn't know anything about cameras or stereos to pointing out the best buys and service plans to those well versed in the technical aspects of the equipment.

"The focus is on the beginner level to bring (them) up to the intermediate level," Coleman said. "Through the use of this manual, the novice can gain a grasp of certain technical aspects."

But the guide is not only for the unknowledgeable, said Sharon Parker, a member of the special projects committee. "The guide is also for students who know what they want, but don't know where to buy it."

The guide is available beginning today.

Distribution points are the Carolina Union information desk, Undergraduate Library, Y-Court, law building, Chase Hall, the South Campus dorms, a few North Campus dorms, near the box outside the DTH offices, the Health Sciences Library and the SCAU offices. About 7,500 copies of the guide will be distributed.

The guide is better than last year's "Stereo Shopper," Parker said. "We changed the viewpoint to give knowledge of how to make a good buy, where to go, what questions to ask and where to go for more information."

Good sales prompt \$2 'Yack' refunds

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Stand in line to get money? Subscribers to the 1977-78 *Yackery* had the chance Tuesday to get a \$2 refund because of a budget surplus of \$10,000.

"Usually, yearbook budgets are real tight and you go over," said Betsey Burke, last year's managing editor. "The surplus was due to good management and good sales."

Classes Editor Phyllis Clawson said the 1976-77 budget ran over and they had to borrow money from the '77-78 budget.

At 3 p.m. Tuesday, approximately 1,000 students had picked up their refunds, or about one-fourth of the persons who had bought yearbook subscriptions, Clawson said.

"We've had people to come to pick up their money who haven't even picked up their books yet," Burke said.

In a random survey taken Tuesday afternoon, most students said they thought the refund was a great idea, but said they were surprised the *Yack* was giving it.

"It's very unusual to get a refund on anything," said senior Phillip King.

"I think I'd do it (stand in line for money) anytime," said sophomore Tim Burgess. "I'll probably use it to put a down payment on a new car."

Ted Kyle, editor of the book said even if the staff offered the refunds for a month, not everybody would pick them up. "Any money left over will go to next year's budget."

Although the refunds were available for only one day, Kyle said students who received their yearbooks by mail have until Jan. 31 to write in to have their money sent to them.

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