

Black fraternities stress service

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Jesse Jackson. George Washington Carver. Thurgood Marshall. Andrew Young. Martin Luther King. Duke Ellington. Wilt Chamberlain. Arthur Ashe.

What do all of these men have in common? Each one belonged to a chapter of one of the four black fraternities also found here on campus. The fraternities Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Phi Beta Sigma are not only known for the famous names that they have produced, but also for the services that they do for the community, and their traditions.

The fraternities were started for the same specific reason. George Perry, the president of Phi Beta Sigma said, "the black man needed a support system in an oppressive society. He realized that he had to be unified in order to compete."

Former president of Kappa Alpha Psi, Kevin Jones, said that "the beginning of black fraternities was a quest to deal with a system that was not responsive to

blacks." But the black Greek fraternity system was not started only as an answer to oppression. They were also formed to help serve the needs of the community.

The black fraternities consider themselves both service and social fraternities. However, John Murphy, president of Omega Psi Phi said, "our primary goal is service."

Perry said, "the social functions are set to give the black community an outlet. There is indeed no place that provides social events for black people."

The emphasis at these events is not, like at some fraternities, alcohol, but more musically oriented, Chuck Wallington, president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity said. "In fact, very rarely is alcohol served at the black fraternity functions."

The parties do serve as more than just an outlet. Jones said, "These parties are our number one source of finance."

The fraternities raise money through fund drives, parties and dues. They are not overly supported by alumni, because most of the black Greek organizations are less than 15 years old, Wallington said,

and alumni are just getting established and beginning to make money.

The step shows, although a form of entertainment, are also a tradition. Perry said, "stepping started about the same time as the black fraternities. Stepping is important to the fraternities because it shows the unity and brotherhood that exists within the fraternity."

The pledging process is also very traditional; it is serious, and it adheres to ritual. There is no "rush" system, as in other fraternities, but pledging a black fraternity is a tough process.

Jones said being a member of a black fraternity is a life-long commitment, and it remains an important part of the members' lives.

This unity does not just apply within the particular fraternities themselves. "There is a very good amount of unity between all of the black fraternities, even though they are in competition for the best young men," Perry said.

Not only do the black fraternities do projects together, but they have also worked with the white fraternities. Murphy said the mutual projects are just showing a way the two Greek systems can work together. "I'm glad to see this occurring," Jones said. "In the next one or two years, we should see more dual organization."

In the future the majority of fraternity presidents would like to see a black fraternity house on campus. Wallington predicts that "there will be a lot of growth in the established fraternities."

Bell now a jack-of-all-trades

By MIKE SCHOOR
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out where to play — learn the hitters. Fielding the ball on the left side was the only big adjustment I had to make."

Hitting collegiate pitching hasn't been nearly as huge an adjustment. Bell is batting .310 and has 21 RBIs in 36 games.

"The pitching is a lot faster," Bell said. "It was a little hard at first with the timing. I've been pretty fortunate. The team gave me lots of incentive."

Knowing there are a slew of .300 hitters on the bench has surely helped Bell concentrate during every precious at-bat.

"With the type of team we have, we encourage one another," he said.

"If you're not hitting real well (on a particular day) Coach Roberts will pinch hit for you. I don't mind getting pinch hit for. It's good to have a versatile team."

The Roberts' system shuns individual glory in favor of team success. Offensively, the Tar Heels field an ever-changing lineup, shuffling role players like Bell around the diamond and around the batting order.

"We're not trying for individual stuff," Bell said. "We're pulling together and trying to get men in. All the way through the lineup we have power. Our seventh, eighth, and ninth-place hitters hit home runs. Coach could start anybody."

Bell has become one of Roberts' semi-regular "anybodies" because of a knack for getting key base hits and breaking games open.

"He's relaxed and when you are relaxed you tend to do better," Roberts said. "The coaching staff has confidence in him."

"There's no time to be nervous," Bell said. "I don't get uptight. I want us to win and any way I can bring the guy in from third, I'll do it."

Mention the College World Series in Omaha and Bell's eyes sparkle.

"I've never been on a championship team," he said. "I want to win the World Series. When we play to our potential we are one of the best teams."

How does Bell see UNC's recovery from the unexpected loss of starting pitchers Greg Karpuk and Brad Powell?

"We had to have confidence that we could win without them," he said. "(Yet) starting pitching is a small problem. We have to do our best no matter who's starting."

Team unity is quite important to Bell. Equally as important is his religious commitment.

"My dream is to be a success and an example to people," Bell said. "I'm a pretty religious guy and I asked God to help me a lot. I also pray for our togetherness as a team."



Devy Bell

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and allowed an Emmett Walsh single and a David Couch fly ball to make the score 5-3.

North Carolina responded in its half of the sixth. Weiss singled to complete a 4-for-4 game, stole second and scored on a Todd Wilkinson single. Mitch McCleney's second home run of the year in the eighth iced the victory.

Mulligan pitched the final five innings for his second win of the season, striking out seven Deacons while allowing only one run.

Surhoff summed up the mood of the team after the meeting.

"I'm glad we won," Surhoff said. "Maybe we woke up after the game."

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