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The members of BROTHERS discuss their backgrounds at their Nov. 2 meeting

## Black males receive support, discussion forum in new group

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Black fraternities are not the only place black males at UNC can become brothers. At BROTHERS, a new weekly discussion and support group established through the University Counseling Center, black male students have the chance to discuss issues unique to the African-American male, said Clifford Charles, counselor and coordinator of minority programs at the University Counseling Center. Charles is the group's founder and facilitator.

BROTHERS began its Thursday night meetings on Sept. 21 and consists of approximately 12 members, Charles said. "It's a group for and about black male students at UNC," he said.

Charles said he started BROTHERS because of the lack of programs at UNC geared solely toward the psychological well-being of the black male student. "I looked around and saw that of white males, black males, white females and black females, black male enrollment is decreasing, and they have the lowest graduation rate. Something needed to be done to counteract this problem," he said.

Yet the aim of BROTHERS is not limited to psychological support. The group also focuses on social support, cultural affirmation and educational programs. "Each week the group explores a different topic through discussions, guest speakers and short films," Charles said.

Past topics have included stress management, racism on campus, roles of black men on campus and drug abuse.

Guest speakers, such as lecturer Harold Woodard from the Afro-American Studies Department at UNC, and Bill Riddick, substance abuse coordinator at Student Health Service, add a lot to BROTHERS. "It is important that black males see that there are prominent blacks on campus outside of athletics," Charles said.

Michael Barnes, a freshman business major from Rocky Mount and a member of the group, said, "I really enjoy the guest speakers, especially Dr. Woodard. He gave me a feeling for what the black man's roots really are."

The unique structure of BROTHERS often allows members to share things with the group that they wouldn't talk about elsewhere. "You can talk about things that are on your mind besides casual conversation and jokes," said Lionel Williams, a freshman pharmacy major from Jackson Springs. According to Barnes, "I can talk

about stuff at BROTHERS that can't be talked about with my white friends. There are just some issues — like racism — that if you haven't experienced them firsthand, it's hard to relate to."

In addition, members said that they like the positive feedback they receive from other members of the group. "You can get some really good ideas about how to handle touchy situations since everyone, at one time or another, has been there before," Williams said.

The open exchanges on current issues offer members a positive outlet for their problems, said Nigel Long, a freshman business major from Charlotte. "I come away with a different perspective on issues we talk about, and sometimes I discover a new way to cope with things," he said.

"BROTHERS and the friends I've made through the group, has helped make my adjustment to UNC much easier," Williams said.

The group hopes to expand its membership and invites any interested black male students either to attend the next meeting or to call University Counseling Services at 962-2175 for more information. Meetings are held every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Upendo Lounge on the second floor of Chase Hall.

## Students brighten days at convalescent center

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In a world in which people sometimes point accusing fingers at college students for being selfish and unconcerned about others, some students are proving them wrong.

About 25 UNC students volunteer a couple of hours each week at the Hillhaven Convalescent Center on Franklin Street, and to the elderly patients there, they are "like a ray of light," said Ellen Mlekush, Hillhaven activities director.

Volunteers help out in several different ways at Hillhaven, including working in the arts area, pushing wheelchairs and reading to residents, Mlekush said.

"I am just amazed. They aren't afraid to tackle anything."

As for the residents' reaction to their young, energetic visitors, Mlekush said, "It makes their day."

For most of the residents, the best part of having the students around them is the contact with people from outside the center.

"Just having somebody there to talk to is very welcoming," said volunteer Jenny Dugas, a sophomore psychology major from Charlotte. "It's a break from the loneliness and the monotony."

Mlekush said many of Hillhaven's residents have expressed appreciation of the volunteers. One resident told her, she said, that "they (the volunteers) come here and they don't have to, but they come here to visit us."

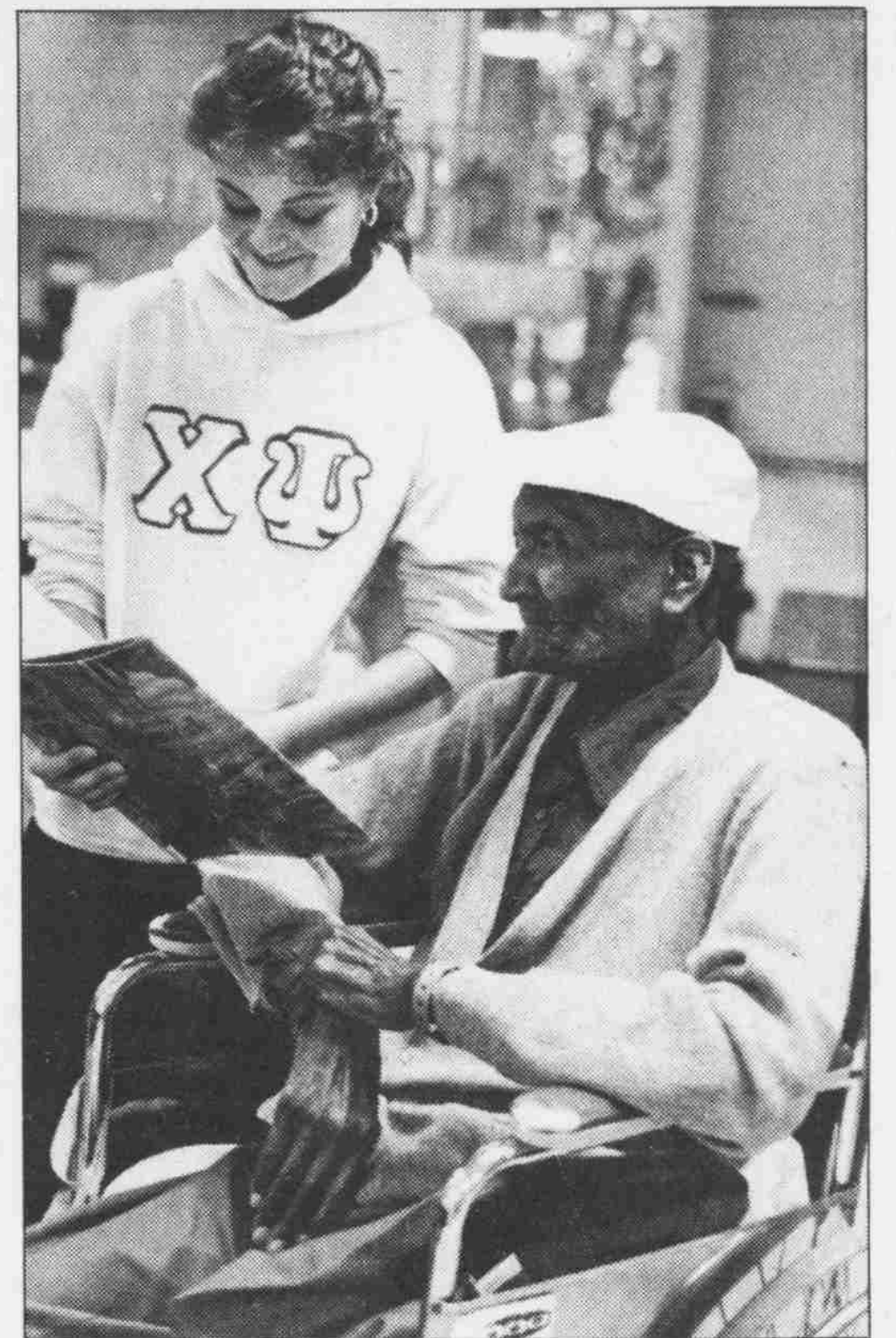
A number of residents, as well as staff members and residents' families, have made similar comments to her, Mlekush said.

"It's sort of just snowballing. Everybody is being touched by the love they are demonstrating."

Robin Lee, a junior psychology major from Thomasville, has been volunteering at Hillhaven since the beginning of the semester. She helps with bingo, makes calendars and posters to announce special activities, and helps with parties.

"I like working with the elderly. I think they need a lot more attention than they're getting," Lee said. "People are going to have to get involved since the elderly population is growing so much."

Mlekush agreed. "People are living longer so we have a greater elderly population." There will be a need for more volunteers to meet these



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Susan Sodano reads to Hillhaven resident Rufus Lassiter

new demands, she said.

Paige Carter, a senior psychology major from Fayetteville, uses charcoal art when working with a woman with Alzheimer's disease. The patient, who used to be a painter, draws outlines of objects, such as animals, flowers and houses, she has noticed in other pictures, Carter said.

Carter then asks her to describe what she has drawn.

"You can communicate with her that way," she said. "Before she wouldn't say anything."

This also helps the woman to use her memory, which is important for

Alzheimer's patients, Carter said. More people should get involved in volunteering, Carter said.

Lory Beth Thompson, a sophomore biology major from Asheboro, brings her guitar to Hillhaven. She plays and sings for the residents who are unable to leave their rooms.

"They love to have someone to talk to, someone to listen, someone to help take their mind away from where they are," she said.

"They're helping in so many areas," Mlekush said. "They're like the sun — they bring sunshine into the rooms."

## Sports

# It's that time again: Soccer begins tournament play

By SCOTT GOLD

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The football team lost to Clemson.

Bill Cosby's son is pregnant. Jane Fonda's new workout tape is coming out. Vany's collectible's is selling a

Dick Vitale "Dickie Doll," hand molded in Italy. Fortunately, the thing looks more like Fish from "Barney Miller," so it's okay to give your little brother one. He won't be scared.

Oh, by the way, the UNC women's soccer team is in the NCAA tournament again and will start things off Sunday at 1 p.m. against the University of Hartford on Finley Field.

Mind you, this apparent rambling is not meant to take anything away from

the Tar Heels, just to give this year's berth a little context.

You see, with a team like North Carolina, which is in the tournament every year and wins it nearly every year, people tend to look back on events occurring around the same time to keep all the years straight.

Actually, a win in this year's NCAA tournament could be the sweetest ever, which says quite a bit, considering UNC has won the last three NCAA titles and

seven of the last eight, losing only the 1985 championship match to George Mason.

"I'm excited," said senior forward Julie Guarnotta. "I'm not too nervous now, but I'll get there before the game."

This season, the Tar Heels have not only upheld their top ranking but have also continued their perpetual winning ways, upping their streak without a loss to 92 games with a win over sixth-ranked N.C. State Oct. 29 in the finals of the ACC tournament.

UNC's barrage on nationally ranked teams has been especially intense this season. The Tar Heels have faced 13 ranked opponents in the 1989 season, posting a 12-0-1 record against them. Only Stanford, ranked No. 20, pulled off an upset tie to etch a blemish in an otherwise perfect record.

In fact, the Tar Heels have already squared off against seven of the tournament's twelve original teams: Connecticut, George Mason, N.C. State, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Virginia and Colorado College.

Hartford, ranked 10th, is an unexpected guest in the tournament after upsetting Connecticut in the first round with a 4-3 win on penalty kicks to cruise on in to Chapel Hill.

Sunday's game will mark the much-awaited return of midfielder Tracy Bates, the spark plug of the Tar Heels for the past five years, though she has missed nearly two years now with injuries. The NCAA's will close out her career, but she should waltz back into the lineup and mesh immediately with the team.

Though most expect the Tar Heels

to cage the Hawks with relative ease, Hartford has shown some pop in recent weeks, winning 13 of its last 14 matches en route to a 17-3 overall record. The squad's three losses have all come to respectable teams, including William and Mary, Massachusetts and Connecticut. All three are in this year's NCAA's.

To make up for those three tough losses, the Hawks have proved themselves against some more-than-decent teams, starting with the first game of the season, when they squeezed by George Mason, 1-0. A month ago, midfielder Regina Ronan led the team past N.C. State, 2-1, with an early goal and an assist on the game-winner.

Sunday's game will provoke some interesting matchups between the two squads. To match UNC's pair of Phumming Phorward Phreshman Phenoms, Kristine Lilly and Mia Hamm, Hartford's first and third-ranked scorers are first-year players Kim LeMere, who leads the team with 13 goals and 33 points, and Donna Hornish, a transfer from Connecticut who stands her ground with 11 goals and 6 assists for 28 points.

Though posting near Hammian and Lillian stats, there is a good chance LeMere and Hornish will not be able to keep up with UNC's potent forward combo. The two have chalked up almost identical numbers this season: Hamm has 18 goals and four assists to lead the team and rank second in the conference with 40 points, while Lilly has 17 goals and five assists and ranks third with 39 points.

Another one of Hartford's freshmen (the team starts four), goalkeeper Karen Romero, has anchored a swooping and swarming Hawk defense that has allowed only 18 goals in 20 matches. She sports a 0.77 goals-against average, a .890 save percentage and eight shut-outs.

Romero will be pitted against UNC's Lori Walker, who took over as keeper of the strings nine games into the season and has responded with eight shut-outs, a 0.31 goals-against average and a .929 save percentage, all of which lead the ACC.

In front of Walker, backs Emily Rice, Laura Boone, Carla Werden, and Stacy Blazo will roam the wild country as they have done all season. The fearsome foursome have come together since the beginning of the year, and instead of individual sparkling plays, the players work more as a unit to quell any threats.

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