

Delta Sigs revamp organization's image

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The Delta Sigma Phi fraternity is not dead, according to president junior Brian Goolsby.

A reorganization by the national fraternity organization has dropped the membership to eight active brothers, but Goolsby remains positive about the future of Delta Sig.

"I think we're going to come back strong," he said.

The national organization intervened for two reasons. A group of brothers was dissatisfied with the direction of Delta Sig. Also, many things that needed to get done simply were not addressed. For example, the annual Pig Pickin' event for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund, which Delta Sig is responsible for, did not take place last year.

"We started realizing that we had a lot of problems that we didn't know how to fix. . . . They stepped in to get us back on track," Goolsby said.

The national organization briefly took control of the local chapter. Each brother was subjected to an interview process in which it was made clear that remaining in the fraternity was going to require a large time commitment. For their own various reasons, many brothers chose to leave the fraternity.

The remaining brothers are strongly committed to the future of Delta Sig and have planned a number of ambitious projects.

They expect to increase their involvement in community service and fund raisers and also want to get more in touch with the university community. Recently, they worked to renovate the fraternity house, working on the bar and the pool table among other things.

Delta Sig also is piloting the Edge program, which the national fraternity plans to offer as a way for brothers to initiate personal development. It is a very detailed, individual program which

offers members the opportunity to choose seminars on 21 topics, such as time management, cultural awareness and scholarship.

"It's basically a way for a person to enrich himself. Each person tailors it to himself and his needs," Goolsby said of the program.

One of the concerns of everyone in Delta Sig is what its new direction should be.

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Goolsby expressed some concerns about how Delta Sig's old image will affect their Rush.

"We're not about business as usual anymore. We have moved away from a lot of our old Rush habits. Obviously Rush is the lifeblood of any fraternity. I feel we have a lot to offer right now," he said.

"We're looking for people to commit to something that will give them something back. . . . We want to offer not only the social aspect but also community service (and) the Edge program," he said.

Events planned include a Homecoming party Saturday with the band Skellingtons and a party Nov. 1 which has Daddy Catfish scheduled.

Also, Delta Sig will hold a pool tournament Friday night with no entry fee and a \$20 prize.

The brothers of Delta Sig foresee a bright future.

"We're all very positive about this. We think we can make this work," Goolsby said.

they could receive for their offenses. Under the current system, students must wait up to two weeks to find out the punishment that they could receive.

The judiciary committee has formed an education subcommittee to devise plans for furthering students' education about the honor system. So far, they have formed tentative short-term and long-term plans.

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The subcommittee suggested that students be broken down into small focus groups with knowledgeable individuals, so that they could discuss their rights in small group settings. The focus groups would resemble those that are used in Policy Group for Rape Education Prevention and Response (PREPAR), the campus rape awareness group.

The long-term plan provides for a mandatory interdepartmental class addressing the history of honor and its relation to the university.

The class would resemble the Health and Exercise Science requirement classes, in that it would be a one credit class offered for seven and a half weeks.

The academic committee also discussed the possibility of a new class to be offered at their Tuesday committee meeting.

According to junior Scott Plumridge, the chairman of the committee, a student came to their meeting proposing her plan for sign language to be offered as an alternative to the foreign language requirement.

The committee will be speaking with members from the faculty and administration to see if this plan will be supported.

The committee also looked into the suggestion that was raised at the recent President's Leadership Conference regarding the need for more ethnic studies in the curriculum. Throughout the semester, committee members will be getting in contact with administration and faculty members to investigate ways in which these studies can be integrated into the curriculum.

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At their Tuesday meeting, the SG judicial committee continued discussion on the proposed student bill of rights. According to sophomore Ryan Opel, a co-chairman of the committee, the committee would like to commission a task force to formulate ideas for the bill of rights.

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"We are interested in recruiting authority figures such as Dean Harold Holmes (an associate vice president and the dean of student services), Clay Hipp (the judicial advisor) and representatives from Residence Life and Housing to work with students.

"We need people who have a vested interest in students rights to make the plan work," Opel said.

Before the committee forms a task force they will be interviewing resident advisers, students and hall directors to demonstrate that there is a need for a bill of rights. They will be examining problems with the current system that addresses offenses of the honor code on the judicial level.

According to Opel, the problems that the committee recognizes so far are the need for resident advisors to identify themselves to students visiting other residences so that students will be aware when they are in the presence of an RA, the need for students to remain truthful when they are being charged for an offense, and the necessity of students being promptly notified about punishments



Senior Chris O'Neal and junior Catherine Kendrick study outside Benson.

SU sponsors contra dancing

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The word "contra" usually brings to mind military factions from Central America, but Tuesday night in the Benson University Center rotunda, several students were introduced to the much more peaceful art of contra dancing.

"Contra dancing is a New England-style social dance," said Annemarie Walter, the caller for the event. Walter's job was to lead and instruct the dancers in the various moves.

According to Walter, contra dancing is derived from English and Scottish country dancing and is similar to American country dancing and square dancing.

Approximately 20 students participated in the event that was sponsored by the Student Union social hours and short courses committees. Some of the students had planned on attending, while others were just passers-by who were drawn to the action.

"We were pleased (with the attendance)," said Elizabeth Lenox, the chairwoman of the SU short courses committee.

"We're used to an apathetic audience," said junior Amanda Kennedy, the chairwoman of the SU social hours committee.

Kennedy's friendship with one of the band members is what led to the event.

"In Chapel Hill there's a weekly dance that draws about 200," Walter said. "There is something about a college community that attracts contra dancing."

"A contra dance is done in long lines,"

Walter said. Due to the small number of people, however, Walter led the students in circle dancing. When attendance was at its peak at the end of the two hour period, she taught them some contra dancing.

The dances in which Walter led the students were relatively simple. "Most dances have set moves, but tonight I've really improvised a lot," Walter said. Most of the participants said they did not have a hard time learning the steps.

The music was provided by a band consisting of a banjo, guitar, fiddle and string bass. According to Rayna Gellert, the fiddle player in the band, the music they played was traditional Appalachian music.

This event was the first time that the band had played together, according to Gellert, who has been playing the violin for approximately 10 years. "It's nothing regular," she said.

The first dance began with the participants holding hands in a circle. They walked to the left for eight steps and then took another eight steps to the right.

In the next step the dancers faced their partner and "dosie-doeed" — they walked around a central point in a circle. They then "dosie-doeed" with the person on their other side.

They dancers then held hands as if they were arm wrestling and walked around in a circle before changing partners again.

The dance ended with the dancers holding hands again and collapsing the circle and opening it back out again.



Senior Kate Temoney and junior Todd Liu learn to contra dance in Benson Tuesday evening.

The steps in the subsequent dances were very similar to those in the first dance.

SU is hoping to sponsor another contra dance, according to Lenox. "We will, at least probably next year," Lenox said.

Forum in D.C. reaches goal of networking

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As fall break approached, many students shelved their books and traded the three "R's" of school — reading, writing, and 'rithmetic — for the two "R's" of vacation — rest and relaxation. But other students focused on the "R" of the real world.

Sixty students interested in exploring internship and career options attended the Washington D.C. Career Forum Friday. The forum was a joint effort of the Office of Career Services and alumni contacts.

The gathering was the first-ever career forum in Washington D.C. Similar events have been held in New York, Charlotte and Atlanta.

This forum was originally scheduled to take place during winter break last year, but was rescheduled due to a snowstorm.

Like the other career forums, this one allowed students to network with university alumni and to learn about different career paths.

Representatives from 17 industries were on hand to answer questions, give advice and reminisce. Beth Welsh, the student and alumni coordinator, was responsible for stimulating student interest and organizing attendance.

She said the primary goal of the forum was networking, "but I feel that some people will get jobs and internships from the people they met."

Sheila Shaffer, '83, developed the agenda for the event. She was also responsible for recruiting the alumni to speak at and attend the forum. The forum lasted from 2:45—6 p.m. and was divided into four parts.

After a general introduction, students heard from a young alumni panel, followed by a briefing from representatives of different careers.

They then had free time for individual networking. Welsh said Shaffer did a terrific job in designing the forum and encouraging alumni attendance.

The young alumni panel was composed of four recent university graduates

. Using personal narratives, they explained what it is like to live in Washington, D.C. Welsh said she thought the young alumni panel was great because they gave a real flavor for the lifestyle, touching on everything from how to find housing to where to go for fun at night.

Senior Kurt Kissling said the time spent on the young alumni panel could have been better channeled into time for networking.

Freshman Angela Roles agreed, saying that the panel was not useful for her, as many of the topics were not applicable.

After the panel, approximately 25 alumni gave a short overview of their professions and spoke about their experiences in their trades. Representatives had varied careers, ranging from a self-employed playwright and actress to an economic consultant.

Students then had time to meet alumni and to ask one-on-one questions. Kissling, a biology major with an interest in working in public relations, said the principal objective at the forum was to make contacts.

Therefore, the individual networking portion of the forum was most beneficial for him. "Who knows, down the road I might get a call," he said.

Kissling said the alumni were, for the most part, helpful and knowledgeable. He also said he felt there was a good variety of individuals from many different careers.

Roles said she attended the forum to get a head start on internships for the upcoming year.

As a prospective biology major, Roles said she hoped to meet with individuals from science-oriented fields but was able to find only one representative.

"Because it was in D.C., I expected it to be centered around politics, but I don't think there was a whole lot of diversity. . . . The majority had something to do with law," she said.

Welsh said she is just starting to get feedback from students about the forum.

She said the alumni she spoke with were pleased and impressed by the students they met. In general, comments have been positive, she said.

Other career forums this year will be held in New York and Charlotte.

Information about these events and other events is available at the Office of Career Services, located in Reynolda 8. There are also information sessions held occasionally.



Chillin' on the grass
Freshman Heather Scalf, junior Jenny Harrison, and senior Don Pocock spend an afternoon outside.

International study rewards students

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College is about leaving home, making new friends, living independently . . . and crossing the ocean?

The time is now for students who want to apply for study abroad programs next fall.

According to Nancy Metcalf, an administrative assistant in the Office of International Studies, approximately 10 percent of university undergraduate students are packing their books and their suitcases and heading abroad to study — and not just to Europe.

Increasingly, eastern Europe, Asia and Latin America are opening their doors to American students searching to explore the world that books can only describe.

With the broad selection that the university offers in its programs, the majority of university students who study abroad do so through university-sponsored programs, though many do pool into other programs, Metcalf said.

Most agree that the experience can be rewarding in many different ways. Judith Shannon, the advisor for international studies, said that it can enhance language skills, lend to a better understanding and appreciation for other cultures, and in the long run, can make students more "resourceful, flexible, creative, analytic. . . (and) able to deal with problems in other cultures."

Employers are increasingly looking for such an experience on a resumé because of its tremendous benefits and the communication skills it enhances. "We encourage our students to go abroad, especially as we have an increasing global market," said Appalachian State University's study abroad coordinator, Heather Hutchenson.

With all of the obvious rewards, why aren't more students taking the plunge?

The cost of traveling abroad is, unequivocally, a major deterrent. But with the myriad scholarships available, the Office of International Studies hopes to attract students who would otherwise not consider it be-

cause of financial limitations.

Among the scholarships available now are the Lowell and Anne Tillet Eastern European Scholarships for study in eastern Europe; the Spires Grant for travel expenses; the Peter Bondy Scholarship for study in Latin America; the MacAnderson Scholarship for transportation costs; the Scales Scholarship for postgraduate study; and the NSEP Scholarship for graduate and undergraduate studies.

Metcalf said that applications for these scholarships for next spring are available in the office. Students who want to apply for money should come and pick up applications.

There are currently 117 students studying abroad this semester — more than any one semester since the fall of 1992.

With increasing numbers, the program seems to be spreading, and the number of scholarships will increase in the next couple of years, Metcalf said. And there are more courses being offered abroad.

"We have started to internationalize several courses and to introduce the idea of international study, giving not just students, but faculty, the opportunity to go abroad," she said.

Junior Laura Edwards, who studied at the Casa Artom in Venice last spring, said that she could only consider going because her scholarship money applied to study abroad programs.

"It didn't occur to me that I would ever go (to Italy) until I interviewed for my scholarship. The financial aid director told me that the scholarship would also cover tuition costs abroad," she said.

Returning from the canals of Venice and the ruins of Rome, Edwards said that the experience broadened her view of the world. "I learned so much about other cultures — the people and their ways of living," she said. "It is easy to go about life thinking that your world is the only one that exists."

"It is hard to return to the little world we have inside our gates with our nice policemen to take care of us. There is a whole world out there that many people don't ever get to see or even know about," Edwards said.