

Greeks honored for achievements

IFC swears in newly elected officers

By Will Johnson
Contributing Reporter

Fraternities were rewarded this week for their accomplishments during the past year. A recognition dinner was held Dec. 3 in the Magnolia room of Reynolda Hall to commend the achievements of outstanding chapters during the 1996-97 academic year. Administrators, faculty and Greek officers issued the several awards. With the highest fraternity average of 3.25, the Scholastic Leadership Award went to Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity received the Scholastic Achievement Award for the most improved chapter grade point average, a .181 increase to 2.82 for 1996-97.

For its leading community involvement and service, The Community Service Award went to Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Kappa Sigma fraternity raised the greatest sum of money for the Piccolo Cancer Fund and received the Brian Piccolo Achievement Award for the 1996-97 academic year.

Two fraternity advisers were also recognized for their commitment and service. Phil Gasaway, the adviser of Sigma Chi fraternity, was honored with the Chi Rho Award for his dedication. Charles Lewis, the adviser for Chi Psi fraternity and a professor of philosophy, was awarded the Mark Reece Award.

The banquet speaker, David Hughes '74, addressed the issue of "The Role of the College Fraternity in Providing Leadership and Service to the Campus and Community." Hughes is the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and former president of Sigma Chi.

Newly elected officers to the Interfraternity Council were sworn in by senior Matt Kerr, the outgoing IFC President.

The new officers are junior Eli Salatch of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity as president, junior Taylor Stanfield of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity as vice president, junior Jamie Green of Sigma Phi fraternity as secretary, junior David Zazworsky of Kappa Alpha fraternity as treasurer, sophomore Brent Cann of Sigma Nu fraternity as special events chairman, sophomore Brian White of Chi Psi as publications chairman and sophomore Nathan Kerr of Sigma Chi as academic chairman.

White expressed his goals for the newly elected Interfraternity Council. "As publication chairman, I hope to increase the visibility of the Greek organizations on campus and help dispel some of the negative myths surrounding them," White said.

He also has a new vision of the direction

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Junior

that the IFC should take, he said.

"I think that the IFC should help promote greater involvement within the Winston-Salem community," he said.

White's final assessment of the newly formed IFC was optimistic. "I'm excited about serving on the IFC and I think this will be a dynamic year for us," he said.

Green indicated his hopes of a strong Rush next semester.

"One of my objectives is to inform as many freshmen and sophomores about the whole process of Rush and to try to get as many of them as possible to attend Rush," Green said.

He indicated an important contribution of his would be to have a "strong Rush" and to play a supportive role in functions of the IFC.

Zazworsky said, "A major goal of the IFC will be to regain some of the lost trust in light of all the negative events that have occurred."

Stanfield expressed his desire to improve the Greeks' image on campus.

"I hope to maintain and increase relations with the faculty and try to demonstrate the positive aspects of and contributions that fraternity life has here at Wake," Stanfield said.

As Chairman of the Brian Piccolo Foundation, Stanfield said he hopes to increase the amount of money raised every year by the foundation. He said that the IFC has room for "improvement."

Salatch said that the university needs to remember the important positive influence Greeks have on campus life.

"Considering the recent negative events surrounding Greek life both nationwide and here on campus I feel it is important to highlight the positive aspects of fraternity life such as brotherhood, academics, and community service. Continuing a positive and interactive relationship with the administration and faculty is necessary for the achievement of this goal," he said.



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Here we go a-caroling

Members of the Resident Student Association sing their own version of "White Christmas" during the Holiday festival Dec. 2 in Benson 401. This Friday, an interdenominational group of students will be caroling around campus after 8 p.m.

New study-abroad program offers opportunities in Cuba

By David Cunningham
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Beginning this summer, students will have the opportunity to study in Cuba as part of a six-week program.

Students will receive eight credits for taking two out of these three courses: Cuban literature, history of Afro-Caribbean religions and advanced Spanish grammar.

Linda Howe, an associate professor of Romance languages, is organizing the program and will serve as the leader of the trip. She currently resides in Cuba on a year's sabbatical leave.

According to Richard Sears, a professor and the director of international studies, Howe started the idea to have a Cuba program.

She said she suggested the idea to the Latin American Studies committee early last year and it was given further examination.

"We realized that we could have a program that was up to Wake Forest's standards in Cuba," Sears said.

Cuba does not have diplomatic relations with the United States and anyone traveling there has to obtain a special license from the treasury department six

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to eight weeks before he or she plans to travel.

Other schools such as Tulane University currently have programs in Cuba, according to Sears, and it is possible for student groups to obtain licenses.

One of Sears' initial concerns, he said, was the availability of health care in Cuba in case a student becomes ill.

"There is a two-tier medical system," Sears said. "If you have dollars you can get top-of-the-line medical care."

Sears will travel to Cuba, probably in early February, to finalize plans for this summer and to make sure that the program is coming together.

It was not difficult to obtain administrative support for the program, according to Sears.

"Dean Paul Escott wants to be reassured that this is going to be a safe and

productive program and if he's reassured that it is it would have his blessing," said Sears.

The program can accommodate a maximum of 15 to 20 students, according to Sears, and eight to 10 students is the minimum.

Besides advertising at this university, Sears said the opportunity is being offered to students of other schools.

The program in Cuba represents an attempt on the part of both the international studies and the Romance language departments to expand the opportunities for students to study in Latin America, Sears said. Currently, there is an exchange program for one student to study in Bogota, Colombia.

The Latin American Studies committee has discussed the possibility of offering abroad programs in Mexico and Chile, and the Romance languages department is currently working to set up a summer institute for intensive Spanish study in Ecuador.

The cost of the Cuba program is \$2,900. Although this does not include airfare, it includes the two courses, lodging with two meals a day, health insurance and class-related excursions. Interested students should contact Sears at 759-2867.



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The spirit of giving

This angel tree stands in the third floor of the Benson University Center. Students are invited to pick an angel from the tree and purchase a gift for the needy child whose name appears on the angel. The project is sponsored by VSC.

BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to news@ogb.wfu.edu, faxing to 910-758-4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

Student-made catalog created to raise awareness

Discovering the Avant-Garde, the freshman seminar taught by David Finn, a visiting assistant professor of art, conducted a project from Nov. 30 to today.

The project, titled "W. Crew," is a mock clothing catalog, parodying J. Crew, a brand of dress popular among students.

The catalog is designed to raise awareness among the student body of such issues as homogeneity, racial tension, homophobia and gender relations.

The class will post pages of the catalog in the form of flyers around campus and will advertise a web site where students may view the entire catalog.

Students contributing to this project are freshmen Andrea Arco, Christen Balady, Amy Beresky, Courtney Chaffin, Ellen Davis, Charles Greenwood, Lauren Mueller, Kirsten Nantz, Bailey Pham, David Redding, Charlotte Smith, Ian Stevens, Matthew Verga and Adam Wells.

CARE needs volunteers to help with Santa Saturday

Community Awareness through Response and Education will host Santa Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 in Benson 401.

CARE expects approximately 150 children from ages three to 10 to participate in the event, which will include wrapping presents for their families, watching cartoons and decorating cookies.

The group is seeking volunteers who will participate with the children and look after them. Anyone who is interested may call freshman James Han at Ext. 6823.

Museum to sell holiday gifts from foreign cultures

The Museum of Anthropology will hold its annual holiday sale Dec. 1-24 in the museum shop.

Handcrafted jewels, toys, masks, dolls and other unusual holiday gifts will be available at a 10 percent discount.

The discount will be offered on purchases totaling \$5 or more, and gift certificates will be available.

The museum will give a free mug to customers who spend more than \$15.

For the sale, the museum has extended its hours, which will be 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 Friday and Saturday.

University Press plans Irish festival, needs volunteers

The Wake Forest University Press, which publishes Irish poetry, and other groups are looking for Irish students or students interested in Irish film, music or poetry to help plan the first-ever Irish Festival.

The festival will include a film festival, poetry readings, traditional Irish music and a St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Shorty's.

Anyone interested should call coordinator Susan Murphy at 722-8018 for more information.

Student organizations will celebrate non-violence

The Student Government Race Relations Committee and Black Student Alliance are

sponsoring an evening of celebration and reflection to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. and the Season for Non-violence.

The event will be held at 8 p.m. Jan. 19 in Brendle Recital Hall in the Scales Fine Arts Center.

If you would like to participate by sharing your poetry, music, dance, etc., call senior Tiffany O'Neal at Ext. 1814.

All are welcome to attend and take part in the celebration.

Correction

In the Nov. 20 edition, the photo credit for the Freakin' Deacons picture on page A1 was incorrect. Matthew Smith-Kennedy took the photo.

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