



Amanda Jones/Old Gold and Black

Light unto my path

Members of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity lit luminaries surrounding the Quad as students and people in the community gathered for the annual lovefeast.

Run

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figure out the best route. "It was very difficult to actually map out an itinerary without actually seeing the roads. We stayed on mostly back roads and managed to only make one wrong turn," Anders said.

Along the way, the members ran through the campuses of Duke University, Elon College and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

A highlight of the trip for the participants was seeing the old campus, their starting point for the run.

"It was good to see the old campus. None of us realized how beautiful and big it really is," Anders said.

The main towns the Kappa Sigs passed through along the way included Durham, Burlington, Elon College, Greensboro and Winston-Salem.

According to sophomore Alan Susi, two vans of Kappa Sigs kept pace with the runners and played music while they cheered each other on.

Several local businesses, including Four Seasons Café, Adams Mark Hotel, Breaktime Billiards, the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Courtyard Marriott, Village Tavern, El Sombrero and La Carreta, sponsored the

Kappa Sigs, helping them to earn the \$2,000, which Ford described as "a significant amount."

"This being their first effort in doing an event, they've done very well... It speaks well of their chapter organization's commitment to service and the internal energy in the membership."

"It makes us feel good that we can come back on campus and really stake claim among the fraternities," Susi said.

Sophomore Chris Schneider, who ran his portion through downtown Greensboro, says he hopes this will help improve the fraternity's image here on campus after its three-year absence.

"I hope it helps our reputation because we have a stigma attached to our name after having been thrown off campus," Schneider said.

Several of the brothers agreed that the best part of the run was getting to hang out with each other while raising money for a good cause.

"All in all we had a good time being together and doing something to help other people," Schneider said.

"I think it's a good chance to get our name out there and to get a fresh start on things to show that we're dedicated to being a real fraternity, to doing what it takes to be a successful fraternity, and that includes community service," Anders said.

Lounge

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Davis.

Lounges are leased to student organizations for a ten-month period encompassing the academic year. The rent for this year was \$1.90 per square foot of lounge space, plus additional cable television fees. Fees have not yet been set for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The Student Life Committee, composed of students, faculty members and administrators, is responsible for the lounge assigning process. All interested student organizations were invited to participate in a formal application process for the Davis lounge.

"The process of reviewing applications is based on groups' adherence to rules of standard lease lounges if they already have a lounge. If they don't have a lounge, it is based on what kind of good citizenship they represent in the university," said Sarah Watts, the chairwoman of the Student Life Committee and an associate professor of history.

If a group with an existing lease lounge receives the new space, they will be forced to give up their old lounge, creating an additional vacancy. If a Greek organization receives the lease, they would be subject to filling block-housing requirements of 20 beds, which may or may not be located by the lounge.

Sophomore Jeff Saltzman, the vice president of Kappa Sig, views securing the lounge space as a way to renew the Kappa Sigs' presence on campus after its nearly three year absence. Lacking a lounge space has forced the group to resort to apartments and residence halls to hold their meetings. "We want to restore the history Kappa Sigma has had on campus and having a lounge will allow us to do this," Saltzman said.

Junior Mason Matthews, the president of Lambda Chi, hopes to be awarded the lounge space because of its proximity to the group's block housing.

"The biggest reason why we want this space is to increase our exposure on campus. Our letters are above the lounge space, as is our block housing, but our lounge is actually by the Sundry Shop," Matthews said. He added that their current lounge also lacks a patio space, which makes cookouts and parties more difficult.

Matthews believes that the organization's clean lounge lease record will work in its favor during the application process. "Our substance-free status as well as our lounge lease history, including no trashing violations, should be foremost in the minds of the committee," Matthews said.

Sophomore Vishak John, the president of ASIA, hopes to secure the lounge as a space for the group's 40 members. "Our main reason for requesting lounge space is so it can serve as a cultural and social center for Asian students, as well as those interested in Asia," he said.

According to Watts, the committee hopes to release its decision sometime next week.

Charity

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help some kids have a better Christmas," Kelly said.

One student gave back to the community in a way that, initially, seems strange. Junior Jackie Shock donated one and a half feet of her hair to an organization called Locks of Love. According to its web-site, "Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children across the U.S. under the age of eighteen suffering from long-term medical hair loss."

When asked what inspired her to donate her hair, Shock said, "I had been planning on cutting my hair anyway and a friend of mine told me about this organization that used hair to make wigs for financially disadvantaged children and I thought that it would be a good idea."

A custom made hairpiece normally costs approximately \$3,000, but through Locks of Love, children are able to get hairpieces for little or no money. One hairpiece requires a dozen 10-inch ponytails

or braids of hair. Financial gifts are also welcome by Locks of Love. The Volunteer Service Corps has gotten into the holiday spirit with their annual Angel Tree. The Angel tree is set up in the lobby of the Benson University Center and has cards on it with the names of disadvantaged children from the Winston-Salem area. People choose a child's card off the tree and buy a gift for that child. Cards are turned into the VSC, who then deliver them to the children.

The VSC has sponsored this event for the past five years. VSC works in cooperation with Big Brothers and Sisters of America and other organizations in this endeavor. This year about 130 names were put on the tree.

"The number of names has gone up every year, which is really exciting," Elisa Burton, an administrative assistant in student development, said. "Last year we only had about 112 names."

This year, the names seemed to quickly disappear from the tree, as various students and faculty members participated in this charity. If there are no more names on the Angel Tree, students and faculty members who are interested in participating in this project, are advised to contact Burton or Paige Wilbanks, the associate director of student development. The gifts should be turned in on Dec. 15 and will be delivered on Dec. 18.



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Junior Jackie Shock cut her hair to donate it to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for children with cancer.

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