‘Loving’ star visits sorority
‘Buck’ from soap attends Greek Week activities

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The women of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority got some “Loving” Friday and Saturday when a star from an ABC soap opera visited their house.

Philip Brown, who plays Buck Houston in the soap “Loving,” came to campus as part of an ABC promotion for the series. Alpha Gamma Delta was chosen from hundreds of contestants who wrote essays for the contest, “Is Your Sorority Ready for a Loving Man?” said Katie Williamson, a member of the sorority and author of the winning essay.

The topic of the essay was to plan an itinerary for a “Loving” star if he came to visit for the weekend, said Suzy Joiner, a spokeswoman for ABC. Joiner said the essays were judged on creativity, sensitivity and feasibility.

Joiner said Alpha Gamma Delta’s entry was chosen because two of the events listed were attendance at the Greek Week variety show on Friday night and the Greek games on Saturday afternoon.

“We felt that they were an excellent tie-in to the Ohio State Greek system as a whole,” Joiner said.

Williamson said members of Alpha Gamma Delta found out they won the contest early Winter Quarter. The sorority members chose Brown to come for the weekend visit.

Brown arrived at the Alpha Gamma Delta house for a reception Friday afternoon and later took the members of the house out to dinner at Flying Tomato restaurant.

“This is nice,” Brown said during an interview at the Flying Tomato. “I haven’t seen that much of the city (Columbus), but right now, I’m enjoying the company of all of these ladies.”

Friday evening, Brown attended the Greek Week variety show at the Newport Music Hall with sorority members.

Since Saturday’s Greek Games were cancelled, Brown took members of the sorority out to lunch at Schmidt’s in German Village, Williamson said. She said he later came back to the sorority house to sign autographs.

“We had a great time,” Williamson said. “He was very nice. He wasn’t at all what I expected.”
Cleanin' house

Jennifer Sulitis, Jennifer Mayer and Ellen Galli of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority clean up the front steps of their house.