PUBLIC OPINION IS VITAL FACTOR IN RACE PROBLEM

—SAYS LUCIUS MEGHEE

Newspapers Must Not Be Unfair to Colored Race, Convocation

Speaker Declares.

Large Headlines and Untrue Articles Used to Prejudice People Against

Negro, He States.

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"If this problem now before America is to be solved, if the present unrest is to be transformed and transferred into peace, one fundamental thing must be changed," said the speaker, "and that thing is public opinion. And the great functional element in molding public opinion is the American press."

Says Press is Unfair

In illustrating his contention that the newspapers have not been fair to the colored people, Mr. McGhee said: "it is almost impossible to find the authority for the authenticity of the various articles published which pertain to the negro. Absolutely no attempt at accuracy is made. The American public, too busy to think or to solve its own problems, buye a newspaper for two cents, on which it depends to give accurate information, and which, I think, fails in this respect.

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Headlines Are "Malicious"

Then the headlines, which determine our attitude of reception of any article, are in almost every case misleading, according to the speaker. He declared that sensational headlines are always used for stories of negre violence, while small headlines are invariably used for informational articles. In support of his statement, Mr. McGhee cited 10 instances of false headlines, three of which he characterized as "deliberately malicious."

Mr. McGhee said that another aspect of the tendency to mold public opinion through the press is the fargrant misrepresentation of negro quotations.

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the newspapers of his people seem to have an idea that they must combat the white press, that they must seize upon minor details and enlarge upon them in order to hold their own in the struggle.

Solution Up to Press

In conclusion, the speaker said: "If the problem is to be solved, if these two peoples are to live together in harmony under one flag, public opinion, through the press, must be changed about a people which comprises one-tenth of our population. We need an attitude which shall make for the onward going toward humanity regardless of the color of a man's face."

Piano and vocal solos comprised the musical program which opened and closed the meeting, which was arranged by Alpha Phi Alpha in the interest of the colored students on the campus.

Alpha Phi Alpha, colored students' fraternity, had full charge of University Convocation May 5, with Lucius L. McGhee, of the University of Chicago, as the principal speaker. McGhee discussed the so-called race problem, blaming the American press largely for its difficulties. He pleaded for economic equality between negroes and white people.

The date and year of this article are unknown. The reference in the alumni magazine index is not correct. It says June, 1920, page 43. An African-American fraternity that appears to have been founded earlier at OSU than Alpha Phi Alpha was found by a researcher in March 2012. Please see the **Pi Gamma Omicron** folder for details.

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FORM COLORED FRATERNITY

Local Chapter of Alpha Pi Alpha Has 17 Active Members.

The Ohio State chapter of Alpha Pi Alpha, national colored fraternity, with 17 active and several honorary and alumni members, has recently been organized. The national head-quarters of the fraternity are at Howard University, Washington. At present the local chapter has no house, but is holding its meetings in the Spring-street branch of the Y. M. C. A.

The acting officers of the fraternity are as follows: President, Emmet B. Saunders, senior agriculture; vice-president, John W. Dunbar, senior dentistry; secretary, Albert S. Hand, junior arts; corresponding secretary, Albert S. Beckham, graduate student; editor of the Sphinx, Clarence E. Thompson, junior homeopathic medicine; sergeant-at-arms, Ralph L. Farrow, sophomore engineering; treasurer, Carl E. Barnett, senior engineering.

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ERROR IN FRATERNITY NAME

Mistake Maile in Lantern Concerning Colored Organization.

An error was made yesterday in the item about the formation in the University of a chapter of the national fraternity of colored men. The name is Alpha Phi Alpha, and not Alpha Pi Alpha. Several members of the chapter are in service, including Lieutenant Wayne Hopkins, Dan L. Ferguson, Cecil Dunlan and William A. Mason, the latter being a Y. M. C. A. secretary at Camp Sherman.

To complete the roster of officers printed yesterday, the following are given: Corresponding secretary, Albert S. Beckham, graduate school; editor to the Sphinx, Clarence E. Thompson, junior comeopathic medicine.

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OSU black queen selected

By Suzette Martin
10-26-79
Senior Jill McMillan from Akron was chosen black Homecoming queen Wednesday at a pageant sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

"If I could choose to be anyone in the world, I would choose myself. Then I wouldn't have to reflect on anyone's past or deal with their problems.

I could better deal with my own," McMillan said. First runner-up was Denise Gaines, a sophomore from Bellefontaine majoring in criminology.

The contestants were judged on poise, talent, swimsuit and gown competition and their response to questions, said Booker Smith, a senior from Cleveland and coordinator of the pageant.

"The purpose of the pageant was to promote the achievements of black women on campus and to raise money for the United Negro College Fund

The queen and the first and second runner-up will be featured at the Homecoming rally at 7:30 p.m. Friday and at the pre-game activities Satur-

Fraternities fight during evening pledge walk

By Allie Roe
Lantern staff writer 4-2

4-26-82

A fraternity pledge walk between Lincoln and Morrill towers Thursday night broke into a fight at midnight, according to OSU police.

About 150 people gathered between the towers for what was supposed to have been a walk for the Phi Beta

Sigma and Alpha Phi Alpha frater-

Police officers who were called to the scene ordered the crowd by public address system to disperse. No arrests were made, and the crowd disbanded; however, another fight broke out on the east side of Morrill Tower, police said.

Three people were treated in the

University Hospital emergency room after they reported having mace sprayed in their faces, police said.

One student who wished to remain unidentified said fraternity members had mace in their possession. The fight occurred after a regular Thursday night dance in Drake Union.

There was a disagreement between the two fraternities, he added

Approximately 100 people that were to participate in the walk were involved in egging the lawn around the towers, a police report said.

Both fraternities are registered student organizations with OSU post office boxes listed as addresses, but with no listed phone numbers, a spokesperson for the Student Life Office said. By Steve Goble 9-29-82

Lantern staff writer

Lack of funds and virtually no access to housing are the chief problems faced by black greek organizations, said Calvin C. Waters, a senior from Dayton and a three-year member of Phi Beta Sigma.

Many black greeks look at the fraternity and sorority houses on East 15th Avenue and wonder, "Why not us?"

Phi Beta Sigma is the only one of OSU's nine black greek organizations to own a house, Waters said. The house, on East 16th Avenue, was purchased through the members' hard work, said Greg Rutland, a senior from Cleveland.

Greek organizations are funded privately through membership dues, alumni support and fundraising events, according to John E. Dickhaut, a graduate administrative associate in the Office of Greek Affairs.

Black greeks, however, do not have these revenue sources, said Robert C. Ragins, a senior from Akron and former president of Alpha Phi Alpha. "We have no big memberships or alumni," he said. "Financially, we are on different grounds."

"Contrary to myth," OSU does not subsidize fraternity or sorority housing, said Dean of Student Life Mitchel D. Livingston.

Because alumni support for black greeks is small and university financial support is non-existent, black greeks' best fundraising method is to sponsor dances, but that is difficult because of lack of money and space.

"We have no big houses so we use the ballrooms in the Ohio Union for dances and parties . . ., but prices keep going up, and we're being priced out," Ragins said.

Ohio Union ballrooms rent for \$200 a day, ac-



Calvin Waters

cording to the Ohio Union Business Office staff. And groups must also have police security, which is costly, Livingston said.

Ragins said a few "bad nights" can mean losses of \$1,000 or more. "A black greek organization can't replace a loss like that," he said.

Because of OSU budget cutbacks, the Ohio Union must pass on its overhead costs to student groups using the facilities, Livingston said.

Another problem with using the Ohio and Drake unions is limited access, leading to "fierce competition" for the ballrooms, Ragins said.

Last year there were "outright physical conflicts" between two groups that wanted to use the facilities, Livingston said. One such conflict occurred last spring in front of Drake Union and ended in several arrests by OSU police.

Livingston sees all these problems as the result of a more basic problem: a lack of unity among OSU's black greek organizations.

Black greeks need to organize themselves, he said. Through organization, the black fraternities and sororities could improve their images and become more attractive to prospective members, which eventually would help combat their financial obstacles, Livingston added.

Funds, housing

chief problems

of black greeks

Black greeks also should become active in the Interfraternity Council and the Women's Panhellenic Association, groups that promote relations and coordinate events among greek organizations, he said. Although black greeks have been members of these organizations in the past, no black greeks currently are represented in either group.

"They (black greeks) just aren't interested in joining," said Interfraternity Council President Alan J. Brown. Brown, a senior from Grove City, said black greeks seem to feel that the



Mitchel D. Livingston groups cannot serve their needs.

"We see no reason to pay them \$150 a year when they can't do anything for us," said Waters. Membership dues are \$50 per quarter and are used to maintain the office and publish information, Brown said.

Dickhaut said the belief among black greeks that membership in these bodies has nothing to offer is untrue. The two groups can help coordinate social calendars, increase rush exposure and organize community service projects, he Publication: Ohio State Lantern; Date: Feb 12, 1926; Section: Front page; Page: 1



Kappa Alpha Psi Wins ' Debate on "Prohibition"

Kappa Alpha Psi, defending the affirmative side, won the annual Interfraternity debate from Alpha Phi Alpha at the Spring Street Y. M. C. A. last Wednesday. Both are colored fraternities.

The subject was, "Resolved, that the Prohibition Amendment Be Repealed." Kappa Alpha Psi was represented by L. A. Ransom, D. T. Murray, and L. M. Hunter. Ralph W. Findley, W. C. Pyant, and Charles Warfield debated for Alpha Phi Alpha. Decision was unanimous.

Alphas, Ohio State committee dispute homecoming activities plans, promises

10-12-84

By Darryl J Feldmeyer Lantern staff writer

The Alpha Phi Alpha Black Homecoming is not getting the support the fraternity thought it would, and it is angry.

promised to advertise the Black Homecoming events as part of the OSU Homecoming, according to Rick Bradley, president of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Bradley, a junior from Dayton, said the Alphas promised to move their crowning of the Black Homecoming Queen from Saturday to Friday, in return for the recognition and advertising.

But no promises were made, according to Tracy Bradford, a senior from Springfield and homecoming chairwoman; and Stephanie Peters, a junior from Akron and assistant chairwoman.

"We don't sponsor any event for a certain sector of the university community," Bradford said.

"We never promised, or made

any move, to ever incorporate their events they have during the week with homecoming," she said.

Bradley also said he was approached by Ezetta Murray, the minority liaison for the committee and a junior from Cincinnati, to The Homecoming Committee hold minority events for the homecoming. He said he told her it would only be possible if the committee funded the events.

Bradley said he suggested a "dating game," but Murray rejected his request for funding in a letter she sent him in August.

"We are not conducting activities which would polarize or fragment the student body," the letter said.

She also wrote that the committee seeks "to involve all students in Homecoming festivities. An activity oriented to minority students conflicts with our inclusive approach."

Bob Rodda, committee adviser, said it was the committee's decision whether to incorporate the events suggested by the Alphas.

The committee met spring

quarter with Black Homecoming chairman Keith Herron, a junior from Shaker Heights, Bradford said. At the meeting, she asked Herron to drop the word "OSU" from the title "OSU Black Homecoming." This was to avoid mistaking the event for an OSU function, Bradford said.

"A lot of things were suggested (during the meeting)," Bradford

One of these suggestions was the funding for the Alpha Phi Alpha activities, according to Peters, who called the meeting a brainstorming session. She said nothing was decided, however, since Bradley was not present.

"Keith (Herron) really didn't know what his fraternity wanted," Peters said.

Herron was unavailable for comment.

No one at the meeting suggested that the Alpha crowning be moved, according to Peters, since it would conflict with the Pep Rally.

"Of course, they (the Alphas) were thinking something else, or we wouldn't have this conflict," she said.

Bradford speculated that someone took the suggestions about funding to heart although they were just tentative ideas.

OSU Royalty

Alpha Phi Alpha crowns black homecoming queen

By Ruthie Litvin 11-3-82

Lantern staff writer

There will be two OSU homecoming queens this year, each chosen for different reasons.

The traditional homecoming queen was crowned during pre-game ceremonies Saturday afternoon. But Shelby Thurman, a junior from Atlanta, Ga., was selected as 1982 Miss Black OSU Homecoming Queen Saturday night.

The competition was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha, a black OSU

fraternity.

Gerald Prophett, fraternity vice president, said the contest's purpose was to give black women the "opportunity to demonstrate their school spirit as well as their racial pride."

Lamont Moore, social chairman of Alpha Phi Alpha, said the black homecoming queen was chosen on the basis of the fraternity's ideals — knowledge and achievement.

"I'm very proud to represent OSU and blacks as a whole," Thurman said. One of her personal goals as queen is to unite OSU students.

Prophett said many black women have been overlooked in previous homecoming selections, and those who were selected were not representative of "black culture."

But some black students disagree with Prophett.

Bertie Adams, president of Zeta Phi Beta, a black sorority, said a separate contest is unnecessary.

Black students need to

get involved in different student organizations, instead of limiting themselves to black ones, Adams said. This would better prepare black women to serve as OSU homecoming queen, she said.

Prophett and Moore said the contest provides equality and does not separate blacks from the rest of the student community.

Thurman said the competition should not be considered separate from the other homecoming activities. Prophett said he understands it is difficult for OSU to "cater to the black minority." For this reason, the fraternity sponsored the competition.

Thurman, an international communications major, is secretary of the Council of Black Students in Business Administration and a staff writer for its newspaper. She is a member of the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the 1982 black homecoming committee.

Black Greek system supports minorities

By Steve Jefferis

Lantern staff writer 5-30-85

Black students say they join fraternities and sororities which are primarily black because they feel outnumbered at a predominately white school such as Ohio State.

There are four black fraternities and three black sororities at Ohio State, and all are affiliated with national organizations.

The four fraternities are Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma. The sororities are Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Theta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta.

Like other Greek-letter social organizations, these fraternities were founded with common virtues such as scholarship, fellowship and community service, said Barbie Tootle, coordinator of Greek Affairs in the Office of Student Life.

She said the difference between them and other Greek organizations is that they were founded by black men and women in the early part of the century to cater to the needs of black college students.

"Blacks were not welcome in many organizations at that time and for those reasons their fraternities are deeply entrenched in black culture," Tootle said.

Tootle said it is likely that most prominent black leaders were or are black Greeks. She mentioned the late Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. Jesse Jackson as examples. King was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and Jackson is a member of Omega Psi Phi.

"Black Greek tradition is heavily involved in community service and their alumni are very active in that regard," Tootle said.

Sylvia Lawrence, president of Zeta Phi Beta, said her sorority sponsors at least one community service project each quarter. She said past projects have included a Halloween party for underprivileged preschool children and a Valen"It's very important to seek out people who are like yourself and share the same backgrounds, values and traditions," Tootle said.

Tootle said there are also fraternities and sororities which are predominately Jewish or agricultural for the same reason.

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----- Barbie Tootle, coordinator of Greek Affairs

tine's Day party for mentally retarded children.

Lawrence Rasberry, president of Kappa Alpha Psi, said his fraternity's favorite community service is the "Adopt a School" program where members go to the local high schools and offer tutorial services for poor students.

"Community service is one of the main objectives of our fraternity and we're proud of that," Rasberry said

Tootle said OSU black fraternities and sororities are usually limited to black membership, but added that they all probably have white members in their national organizations.

She said one reason for the segregation might be because the black students feel outnumbered at a school such as OSU and "are looking for a support group with people who have similar interests as themselves."

"Being a black at Ohio State made me realize there was a necessity to become a part of an organization. I felt there were limited opportunities for blacks in most student organizations so I decided a black fraternity was the way to go," Rasberry said.

Roger Q. Ball, a member of Omega Psi Phi, said he joined his fraternity because he felt it had a good reputation for community service.

"I have always had an interest in public service for people — in particular black people — and those less fortunate than myself, and Omega Psi Phi is a vehicle for me to accomplish those goals for myself," Ball said.

Nearly all the black Greek organizations at OSU have between eight to 20 members, making them small chapters compared to most of OSU's other fraternities and sororities. Tootle said the small chapters are one of the biggest weaknesses of OSU's black Greek system because "it puts too much responsibility on individual members."

Robert Kuecler, president of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, said he felt the reason for the small chapters was because there is a declining number of black students at OSU. He also said the small numbers are deceiving because "there are a lot of brothers walking around campus who are not presently active members."

Lawrence said she has the same problems with her sorority.

"We have a lot of inactive sorority sisters and we are trying to get, them back into it. We really need them to help us grow," Lawrence said.

Rasberry said another reason for the small chapters is because there is a bad reputation for stiff membership requirements and "that can scare away prospective members."

Rasberry also said some people may choose not to join because they fear being physically branded by having the fraternity's symbol or letters burned into their skin.

"All black fraternities brand. No doubt, about it," Rasberry said, "But it is not mandatory, it is a free choice. I think a lot of people think we make them do it."

"I have a brand and I'm going to wear it as a symbol to show everyone how much I love my fraternity," Rasberry said.

Kuecler said he had a brand and "if I could do it again, I wouldn't: Your love and appreciation for your fraternity should be in your heart not just in the brand."

Black fraternity joins city's march for King

By Lydia Hill

Lantern staff writer

A campus organization of 25 black men intends to show its commitment to brotherhood by participating in one of the city's activities honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will honor King, their fraternity brother and slain civil rights leader, by participating in Monday's march, funded by City Council.

The march, which will begin at 6 p.m., will start at City Hall and will go through downtown to the Ohio Theater. Following the march, Martin Luther King III will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the theater.

"It's a way to let people know that we, Alpha Phi Alpha, didn't forget what Dr. Martin Luther King has done for us," said Eric Dozier, fraternity president.

King's struggle for equality made it possible for a "black fraternity to exist on a predominatly white campus," said Dozier.

The Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha was founded January 13, 1911, making it the first black fraternity to become organized on the OSU campus and the first black fraternity in Ohio.

Roland Usborn, a cousin or King's and member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said the march is an act of remembrance.

"We want to let white America know that we remember the ordeal we went through," he said.

In 1983, the fraternity took 300

In 1983, the fraternity took 300 students to Washington D.C. to march on the Capitol.

7 arrested in brawl at party by fraternity

By Tim Doulin Dispatch Staff Reporter

At least seven arrests were made after a brawl involving up to 100 people erupted early Saturday at a fraternity dance at The Ohio State University's Ohio Union.

Police used chemical mace to disperse the crowd after fighting spilled onto the lawn outside the building, police said.

One OSU police officer was injured trying to break up a fight.

Those arrested face charges

Those arrested face charges ranging from disorderly conduct to failure to disperse. At least one of those arrested was an OSU student.

"We have had problems periodically with the dances but none of this scale. This was a little larger than normal," said Deputy Chief Richard P. Harp of the OSU police.

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity sponsored the dance, which was attended by about 300 people. But police blamed the disturbance on two rival fraternities, Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Problems began about 1:30 a.m. when a member of each fraternity got into a fight in the West Ballroom where the dance was being held.

An angry crowd gathered when OSU officers arrested one of the participants in the fight and attempted to remove him from the ballroom, Harp said.

"Some people were threatening the police officers and crowding them into a corner," Harp said.

When more fights broke out, the officers radioed for assistance from other campus police and Columbus officers, Harp said. It took police about an hour to control the disturbance.

However, Dewayne Robinson, president of Kappa Alpha Psi, said a rivalry does not exist between his fraternity and Alpha Phi Alpha. He blamed police for mishandling the situation.

"What happened is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and one of our members got into a fight," Robinson said.

He said that there might have been a few other altercations involving members of the two fraternities, but "police overdid it."

"The mere presence of police will stop fights at Ohio State. They came in and started throwing mace ... that is when a lot of the fights started breaking out."

Basketball winner

The big winner of the fifth annual fraternity basketball tournament between Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma was the United

Negro College Fund.
The game attracted more than 150 spectators at Larkins Hall on

Friday.

About \$200 will be donated to the UNCF as a result of the competition, an event organizer said. Donations came from participants and spectators.

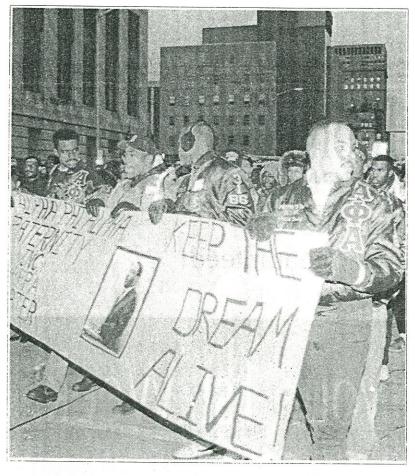
People who attended the game gave contributions to the UNCF in lieu of admission.

"Each team gave a donation fee of \$40 and we don't ask spectators for a set admission, but however much people want to give is accepted. It all benefits the UNCF," said James Shorts, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

The four fraternities participating in this year's tournament were Iota Phi Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Phi

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., was the champion of this year's tournament.

Thousands join to honor King



Mark Gsellman/the Lantern

Members of the OSU Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity help celebrate Martin Luther King Day in a Monday night march in downtown Columbus.

OSU members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity carried a banner proclaiming "Keep the Dream Alive"

"Martin Luther King was a brother of ours. He was a member

of Alpha Phi Alpha. So it has a special meaning to us for him to be commemorated in this way," said fraternity member Kevin Cooper.

A young man marching along nearby carries a radio playing one of King's many speeches. He listens intently as King expounds the philosophy that made him one of America's greatest leaders: "Life's most urgent and persistent question is 'What are you doing for others?'"

Jazz Fest brings 'culture' to Park Hall

More than 100 students took part in the "Jazz on 11th" rhythm and blues, poetry and jazz celebration at a coffeehouse style Park Hall on Saturday.

The event gave students an alternative to the bar scene, said Michael Scales, assistant hall director at Park Hall.

Tia Code, a sophomore majoring in pre-med biology, said the event was a big success.

"We offered five different kinds of specialty coffees, four varieties of gourmet cheesecakes, and an assortment of brownies for free," Code said.

"It's really cool to bring culture into the residence halls," said Nik Palmer, a senior in English. "I couldn't stay for the whole performance, but it made a good study break."

The event was sponsored by the Park and Stradley Hall Senate and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

"The hall senate and the resident advisors have worked together on other programs such as movie nights, card parties and casino night, which have also been successful." Scales said.

"Some programs work and some don't," said Jason Elliott, a Park Hall resident adviser. "This is one program we will be sure to do again."

-Thomas Obert



Wendy Luckenbill/the Lantern

The lobby of Park Hall took on the atmosphere of a coffeehouse Thursday, as an ensemble of musicians played for a celebration of jazz and urban poetry.

Homecoming pageants questioned

Any student can participate in either pageant; both are OSU endorsed

By Glenda Morrison

Lantern staff writer

Two separate homecoming pageants have some students saying there's no place like home...depending on where home is.

For the last 15 years both OSU and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. have held their own pageants. The question is why?

The Alpha Phi Alpha pageant was started after fraternity members felt the mainstream pageant was not representative of all groups, particularly blacks, said Ron Parker a coadvisor for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. This pageant was designed to represent the black community on campus.

But anyone is eligible to participate in the pageant process, said Alpha Vice President Michael Walker.

As the pageant progressed into an annual event, the university eventually decided to recognize it, Parker said. The Alpha pageant is currently listed as one of OSU's homecoming activities, he said.

"I think it's a great way to honor Alpha Phi Alpha and show diversity," said Megan Hohenberger, public relations coordinator for the OSU Homecoming Steering Committee.

Planet Buckeye, the theme for

this years pageant, is a play off the popularPlanet Hollywood, Hohenberger said. The theme captures the spirit of tradition, differences and fun. All activities are planned to appeal to a broad audience, she said.

"The pageant is beneficial to the entire university community. We see only mainstream culture



I would like to see more than just African-Americans at the dance."

> — Ron Parker, adviser for Alpha Phi Alpha

represented and a second pageant is an effective and entertaining way to showcase cultural diversity at OSU," said James Calmese, a senior majoring in journalism and black studies.

The steering committee strives for diversity by targeting as many people as possible for pageant participation, Hohenberger said. This process includes taking applications to honors dorms, making them available in the student union and announcing the event to all student organizations.

Anyone with a 2.5 GPA and a minimum of 90 credit hours is eligible to participate, she said.

Some students feel having two separate pageants is a bad idea.

"It's pointless," said Kelly Archer, a junior majoring in English. "It's reverse racism."

The OSU pageant does not exclude black people, but having two pageants leads to more segregation, Archer said.

"There is no element of exclusion, however, a pageant designed for African-Americans, serves to reinforce OSU's commitment to the expression of various viewpoints," Calmese said.

Though the university makes an effort to include the pageant, it seems to be merely a surface effort, Parker said. There could still be more done to reach out, he said.

"I would like to see more than just African-Americans at the dance," Parker said, "They (Caucasian students) should feel comfortable in coming."

It is important to stress that the Alpha pageant is in collaboration with the university activities, Hohenberger said, "It is not us and them. It is more we."

Minority pageant crowns king, queen

By Allison Leigh Bourg Lantern staff writer,

The Ohio State chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity crowned their king and queen during their 18th annual Homecoming Pageant Thursday night.

Jermaine Pettis, a freshman finance major, and Armada Stevens, a junior journalism major, were each awarded a \$1300 scholarship.

The pair was chosen out of a group of 17 males and 10 females. This group of contestants were narrowed down to 10 finalists, who were asked the question, "What would you do to make African Americans more unified on campus?"

"Tonight all our hard work paid off," said De'Angelo Durham, president of Alpha Phi Alpha. "It's great to see everyone enjoying themselves."

The pageant, which took place in Hitchcock Hall from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., featured the sounds of the Charles Cooper Jazz Quartet and African-American Voices.

The pageant originated in 1982 because the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha felt that African Americans were not represented as they should be in the Homecoming festivities, according to Marlon Hurd, pageant chairman and Alpha Phi Alpha member.

Tutan Smith, secretary of Alpha Phi Alpha, said that the pageant is an opportunity to "show-case the African-American community in a positive light."

"This is a way to get our best and brightest faces out there," Smith said. "It boosts the morale of minorities on campus."

Smith noted that the majority of pageant participants are freshmen and sophomores.

"It's how they get their name and face out there," Smith said. "It's also easier for them to get more involved when they are younger, before they begin their majors."

Contestants begin preparing for the pageant on the first Sunday of fall quarter, according to Hurd. This is when Alpha Phi Alpha holds its first informational meeting on the pageant. The following Saturday, interested students participate in a walk-a-thon around campus, which is not only a walk for fitness, but a chance to aquaint new students with campus, Smith noted.

In the weeks before the pageant, the contestants are also required to recruit sponsors and to raise \$100 to fund the pageant and the prize scholarship. They accomplish this by soliciting local businesses to place ads in the pageant program.

Contestant Shelina Stingley, a sophomore psychology major, said the community service aspect of the pageant was her favorite part. She decided to participate because of this chance to do community service and "to meet new people in the African-American community."

In preparation for the actual competition, contestants attend a pageantry workshop, where they learn to overcome stage fright and the fear of speaking before an audience.

Finally, the contestants are interviewed by a panel of five judges prior to the pageant.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.



Kappa Chapter

1911-2011

Celebrating 100 years of service at
The Ohio State University



Jazz Ensemble Director, Bro. Dr. William "Ted" McDaniel, Jr. Fraternity Prayer Bro. Terry Dancy Greetings Bro. Jibril Alim Prelude Bro. Terry Snead, Jr. "Celebrating 100 Years of Service" Bro. Prentice Lipsey "Scholars, Trailblazers and Visionaries" Bro. Ronald Parker Centennial Obelisk Award Honorees Bro. Dr. William E. Nelson, Jr. Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr. Mr. Larry K. Williamson, Jr. Remarks Bro. Percy James Lipsey II "A Special Message" from the 33rd General President Bro. Herman "Skip" Mason Jr. **Unveiling of The Obelisk** Fraternity Hymn

A Letter From The Chairman:

Obelisk are symbolic of a monolithic petrified ray (from the sun), and today we honor men who have shed light, to influence and positively impact the students at The Ohio State University.

This year started with a reunion of Kappa Chapter Bros, who shared in the centennial celebration January 13, 2011. As our 2011 class of initiates begin to carry the torch forward, we felt it imperative to create a monument that demonstrates Kappa Chapter's contributions made to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and The Ohio State University since 1911. Today we mark the end of this centennial year by commemorating our 100 years of existence, unveiling a monument to preserve the legacy of our chapter, promoting scholarship, leadership, and unity amongst the National Pan-Hellenic Council here at The Ohio State University.

On December 3rd, 2011, we dedicate this obelisk by honoring the vision of Bro. Dr. William E. Nelson, Jr., celebrating the contributions made by Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., and Larry K. Williamson, Jr. to establish one of the top five Black Cultural Centers in the country. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Kappa Chapter has set out to preserve their legacy as trailblazers, embracing our commitment to move from excellence to eminence at The Ohio State University, and reaffirming to uphold the concepts of our dear fraternity for another century.

In ancient Egyptian like fashion the obelisk we will unveil before you is crafted not only to stand on the aims of our fraternity, it also depicts a symbolic representation of our motto "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All". This monument is a luminescent reminder that we are servants of "The Most High" God; That Alphas are on a quest to become better men, to wear the crown as kings, never losing the common touch. This Obelisk is respectfully dedicated to the youths who march onward and upward toward The Light.

Fraternally,



Vivey James Syssey II,
Percy James Lipsey II,
Chairman

2011 Obelisk Steering Committee:

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CENTENNIAL OBELISK AWARD HONOREE



Bro. Dr. William E. Nelson, Jr.

Dr. William E. Nelson, Jr. is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He received his B.A. in 1962 from A. M. and N. College in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and his M.A. from Atlanta University in 1964, was an instructor at Southern University in Baton Rouge from 1963 to 1965, and then received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1971. He chaired the Department of Black Studies at Ohio State from 1972 to 1986, and has been a Research Professor of Black Studies at Ohio State since then. He has been equally active in

the Columbus community, including being President of the Columbus Chapter of the Ohio Black Political Assembly 1976-81. Service as Regional and State Director and National Chair of the Publications Committee of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He has received numerous awards, both locally and nationally, including a Distinguished Service Award from OSU's Office of Minority Affairs in 1988. Some of Bro. Dr. Nelson's other awards and achievements are: Best Book Award in the field of Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, Race and Ethnicity Section, The American Political Science Association, September, 2001 (For Black Atlantic Politics: Dilemmas of Political Empowerment in Boston and Liverpool), 1988; The Distinguished Achievement Award, Dillard University, 1988; Award of merit for Lifetime Scholarly Achievement, the American Political Science Association, 1988, Fulbright Foreign Research Grant, 1990, creating the William E. Nelson Jr. Graduate Research and Travel Grant; and Success Stories Teaching Award, from The Ohio State University, 1993.

Bro. Nelson is an influential voice for diversity, helping to make the Department of Political Science one of the leading producers of African-American Ph.D.'s. As a result the William E. Nelson, Jr. Scholarship Fund was established at The Ohio State University to provide financial support for undergraduate students.

Effective July 1, 2009. Bro. Dr. William E. Nelson was named Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science.

CENTENNIAL OBELISK AWARD HONOREE



Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr.

He attended the University of Nebraska where he was awarded a bachelor's and master's degree in communication, political science, English in 1950, and his doctorate in Communications and Political Science from The Ohio State University in 1955.

Hale was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship

from the University of London where he received the "Certificate in English Literature" in 1960. Prior to establishing his career at Ohio State, Hale was chair of the Department of English at Central State University before leaving for the presidency of Oakwood College in 1966.

As associate dean and chairman of the Fellowship Committee of the Graduate School (1971-78) and vice provost for the Office of Minority Affairs (1978-1988), Hale founded the current Graduate and Professional Schools Visitation Days program implemented to increase the number of minorities seeking advanced degrees. From its inception, the program served as a national model and led to Ohio State's long-held distinction as the highest producer of minority Ph.D students among four-year colleges and universities.

Through his efforts, nearly \$15 million in graduate fellowship awards were awarded to approximately 1,200 minority students, of which 80 percent earned master's and/or doctoral degrees. His efforts in establishing undergraduate scholarship programs assisted nearly 500 students during his tenure.

Hale, retired, and delivered Ohio State's Summer Commencement address in 1988.

In recognition of his distinguished career, the Ohio State University Board of Trustees voted him Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus, naming the Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center in his honor and designated the building as Hale Hall in 1989.

Hale returned to the university in 1999 as Distinguished University Representative and Consultant for the Office of the President. He initiated the President and Provost's Diversity Lecture and Cultural Arts Series which continues to bring eminent scholars and artist to campus. He officially retired again in 2005.

Hale's lifelong commitment to diversity and civil rights mirrored his devotion to higher education. His activism spanned decades and in October 2010, he was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame, adding to the hundreds of awards and citations received over his lifetime.

CENTENNIAL OBELISK AWARD HONOREE



Larry K. Williamson, Jr.

Lawrence(Larry) K. Williamson, Jr. is the director of the Office of Diversity And Inclusion, Frank W. Hale, Jr. Black Cultural Center at The Ohio State University. Mr. Williamson came to Ohio State through its Graduate Visitation Days Program. As a graduate administrative associate in OMA, Mr. Williamson worked directly under the supervision of Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr.

As the director, he is responsible for developing and directing educational, social, cultural, leadership and group activities on campus. Under his leadership, the Hale Center has maintained its status as one of the finest Black Cultural Centers (BCC) in the country (according to the Association of Black Cultural Centers). The Hale Center is one of the few Black Cultural Centers that has an academic and cultural component. The Hale Center is the largest employer of African American students on Ohio State's campus and in the entire country (as it relates to BCC). Mr. Williamson is on numerous community boards of trustees, he advises a variety of student organizations, and he continues to do artwork and art consulting in Ohio.

The Larry Williamson Distinguished Service Award is given biennially to an individual or organization recognized as an "Influencer of Change" for services provided to minority students through voluntary personal involvement that enriches and enhances the quality of student life at Ohio State.



OHIO UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

10 KAPPA The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH) January 13, 1911

13 XI Wilberforce University (Wilberforce, OH) December 14, 1912

15 PI Cleveland State University (Cleveland, OH) May 14-15, 1914

20 PHI Ohio University (Athens, OH) May 17, 1919

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40 ALPHA TAU University of Akron (Akron, OH) May 9, 1926

74 GAMMA THETA University of Dayton (Dayton, OH) May 3, 1947

300 DELTA XI Central State University (Wilberforce, OH) November 13, 1951

306 DELTA UPSILON Miami University (Oxford, OH) March 9, 1953

310 EPSILON ALPHA University of Toledo (Toledo, OH) May 15, 1954

313 EPSILON DELTA Kent State University (Kent, OH) December 7, 1957

317 EPSILON THETA Bowling Green State Univ. (Bowling Green, OH) May 15, 1959

706 XI CHI Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH) May 16, 1997

712 OMICRON EPSILON Youngstown State Univ. (Youngstown, OH) April 26, 1980

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749 PI PHI Wright State University (Dayton, OH) August 3, 1986

770 RHO UPSILON Denison University (Granville, OH) August 7, 1990

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OHIO ALUMNI CHAPTERS

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121 CHI LAMBDA Wilberforce, OH December 31, 1925

135 ALPHA XI LAMBDA Toledo, OH November 3, 1928

138 ALPHA RHO LAMBDA Columbus, OH December 21, 1929

189 DELTA ALPHA LAMBDA Cleveland, OH November 15, 1947

191 DELTA GAMMA LAMBDA Cincinnati, OH December 20, 1947

237 ZETA DELTA LAMBDA Springfield, OH May 8, 1955

273 ETA TAU LAMBDA Akron, OH August 23, 1960



Bro. LaMark Crosby



LaMark Crosby has attended The Ohio State University, obtained a BFA in Advertising & Graphic Design from the Columbus College of Art Design in 2005, and resides in Cleveland, OH. LaMark when given the concept for the obelisk, as an Alpha man created a piece of art that would embody the true spirit of Alpha, and is the artist behind the 4 reliefs depicted in the monument we will be unveiling to commemorate Kappa Chapter's 100 years of Service at The Ohio State University. "It is an honor to be commissioned to create the design for this monument in an effort to uphold the aims of our dear Fraternity." -LaMark Crosby

Old World Stone Carving

I (Dale Johnson) have been given the onus of having hands that have been the providers of memories for many worthy causes, people, ideas, and passions. Having these hands is an honor, an honor I have spent my life serving. Art making as a profession, while an obligation of the highest order requiring thousands of hours of dedicated practice and sacrifice, is also a privilege given only to the very few. I have been grateful to have been able to serve as a recorder of important public and private events and ideas for many years, and am proud that my talents have been found worthy of service to so many causes. No cause,



no idea, and no recognition gives me more pride to serve than that of human equality and mutual respect. My hands and my knees have been bent and gnarled learning my craft - I am grateful to be able to use them in service to an ideal I hold highest of all - universal brotherhood and respect for all people. I hope this Obelisk will bring the highest aspirations to many young people over the decades, and I hope that between these words may be read the passion that being the maker of an object such as this represents. Many thanks to Alpha Phi Alpha OSU, and many blessings to you as well. -Dale Johnson







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National Pan-Hellenic Council at The Ohio State University



















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Today, December 3rd, 2011, the National Pan-Hellenic Council acknowledges Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Kappa Chapter, established January 13, 1911 as they celebrate 100 years of committed service to The Ohio State University. In doing so, you honor three influential leaders with great relevance to our community; our beloved Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., Dr. William E. Nelson, Jr., and Larry K. Williamson, Jr. Since 1906 the Alphas, and more specifically 1911, Kappa Chapter has worked to continue the traditions of your founders, Kappa Chapter and the National Pan-Hellenic Council have enjoyed a cordial and meaningful relationship, working together along with all the members of the "divine nine" to better enhance the college experience for black students at The Ohio State University. It has been an honor to cochair and continue the African American Homecoming Pageant that your chapter established since 1982. It's a testament to watch the dedication and stick-to-itiveness Alpha has shown in working diligently to complete the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington D.C. this year, and inspiring to witness the 75th Anniversary of the 1936 Berlin, Germany Olympics where Alpha man and Kappa Chapter initiate Jesse Owens received 4 gold medals.

We applaud and salute the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for also making such great men as Kappa Chapter initiates Henry Parks, David Albritton, and nationally recognized prominent members like Thurgood Marshall, Duke Ellington, Dick Gregory and Cornell West to name a few.

We are proud to share in this important milestone in your history. We look forward to the 100th Centennial Celebration and the unveiling of "The Obelisk".

Sincerely,

John Payne, NPHC President,

The Ohio State University

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NPHC Vice-President,

The Ohio State University



DELTA SIGMA THETA

To the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc, Kappa Chapter

Delta Siama Theta Sorority Inc, Epsilon chapter would like to send our congratulations and applaud you on your latest milestone. Literally, Milestones are constructed to provide reference points along the road. They are used to reassure travelers the proper path is being taken. The Obelisk dedication is a marker that inspires us all to keep pushing forward with great fortitude and resilience.

It is with high esteem and humility that we recognize your chapter for its many accomplishments and for laying such a strong legacy here at The Ohio State University. Alphas have been first of many and today will be no different as you are the first to commemorate 100 years of service among us. We thank you for creating annual programs like the African American Homecoming Pageant to showcase the talents of the African American community, and for creating the Black Greek Awards Program promoting spirited competition that challenges us to achieve high goals, innovative and positive programs.

We are proud to attend a celebration that will acknowledge your chapter for one hundred years of service and also honor some of our legends in this commemorative year. Having been chartered January 13, 1911, Kappa chapter has paved the way for Epsilon chapter and other chapters of the NPHC to have presence and to equally impact The Ohio State University as leaders.

Delta Sigma Theta wishes you the best in all your academic endeavors and future programming. We are confident you will continue to uphold your legacy, and thank you for keeping pursuit of such a notable milestone.

Sincerely & Respectfully, Jounium Prists

Jasmine N. Smith

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Chapter President



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

To the Distinguished Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Kappa Chapter,

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Theta Chapter, would like to extend the warmest of congratulations on 100 years of leadership, brotherhood, academic excellence and service on the campus of The Ohio State University. Through your tireless efforts and hard work you have laid a strong foundation upon which Theta Chapter and other Divine Nine organizations continue to grow on and follow the legacy you started in 1911. Over the last 90 years that Theta Chapter has been on this campus, we have seen your dedication to uplifting the campus community and the Greater Columbus area and we commend you in all that you do.

This is an outstanding milestone for Kappa Chapter, and we know that this is only one of many great achievements yet to come. We hope that the next 100 years of brotherhood and service will be even better than the last. We are proud to call you our brothers and we will continue to support you in any way possible. Once again, congratulations on this rare achievement not all chapters are fortunate enough to reach and thank you for the chance to join you in this joyous time.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Porche

President

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Theta Chapter



ZETA PHI BETA

To the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Kappa Chapter,

On behalf of the exquisite Xi Gamma chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., we would like to extend our appreciation for our invitation to an event so significant to your chapter. Your chapter has represented your organization well here on our campus through its entirety of the 100 years of existence. We are very proud of your chapter and we commend you for being a great example and partner to all of the National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations on The Ohio State University's campus. Continue to flourish in your accomplishments as great men and as a great chapter.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Shayla Willis
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Xi Gamma chapter President



IOTA PHI THETA

To the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Kappa Chapter:

On behalf of the men of **lota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc.** Beta Mu chapter here at The Ohio State University we acknowledge and respect your organization for its latest accomplishment. In order to achieve 100 years of service on any campus is an honor in itself, but to be a Black Greek lettered organization on a predominately white campus is highly commendable. From one Greek organization to another we can honestly say that we are excited that you all have achieved this milestone. I hope that you all continue to excel academically, socially, and fraternally for years to come. We sincerely appreciate your invitation to such a historic event and will be there to support you all.

In brotherhood,

Delonzo Montgomery

President lota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. Beta Mu Chapter



SIGMA GAMMA RHO

To the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc, Kappa Chapter,

On behalf of **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc, Delta Phi Chapter,** we would like to first and foremost congratulate you on this notable achievement.

We are enormously proud of you and of the great honor you have achieved at The Ohio State University. 100 years of brotherhood, scholarship and service is quite commendable. It is with great pleasure to celebrate this remarkable milestone with you and we thank you for the invitation. Your legacy has and will continue to inspire the surrounding community.

Thank you, Kappa Chapter, for you're many outstanding contributions to the University. Delta Phi wishes you nothing but the best in all your future endeavors.

Sisterly, Lauren Blanks

President, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. - Delta Phi Chapter Cc: Mrs. Adrianne Edwards-Keaton, Advisor

Special Thanks To The Following:

Bro. Percy James Lipsey II

Bro. Prentice Lipsey

Bro. Dr. Rahim Rahman

Bro, Ronald Parker

Bro. Lamar Iverson

Bro. Roland L. Osborn III

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