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.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was the champion of this year's tournament.
OSU fraternity helps to clean up campus

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Fewer beer cans, candy wrappers, and empty cigarette packages will litter certain campus areas this week, thanks to an OSU fraternity and the student body.

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. sponsored its first Community Cleanup on Saturday afternoon from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Cleanup targeted the areas from E. 8th and E. 9th Avenues between N. High Street and Indiana Ave.

“We wanted to get students and people around the community to join together in a collective effort to help keep the community clean,” said Roger Carter, the social chair who helped coordinate the event along with Gary Jones, president of the fraternity.

The areas chosen are heavily populated with students and a lot of traffic, making them prone to a lot of debris and litter, Carter said.

“What we did today benefited the neighborhood we cleaned greatly, but I just wish more people would take time out to realize that where they stay needs to be cleaned,” said Donnell Smith, a junior majoring in black studies who participated in the cleanup.

“People aren’t conscious of how much trash they throw in the streets until it all builds up,” he said.

Tirhas Zerihun, a junior majoring in journalism who has lived near the target areas since her freshman year said, “I thought they did a really good job by targeting the right areas, because E. 8th and E. 9th really needed to be cleaned.”

“I just wish that someone could sponsor these cleanups more often, and that the people living in these areas cared enough about their neighborhoods to pick up after themselves and other people,” she said.

Although there wasn’t a large turnout for the first time this event was held, as Carter expected, he still thinks the event will be successful in the future.

“We would like to make this an annual event between spring and autumn quarters,” he said.

This event proved that we, as students, can come together and work together outside an academic environment, and that we do care about our campus community as a whole, Carter said.