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International Students: Who Are They

By David Theroith
Sports Editor

The International Student Association. The What? Who are they?

That's what the majority of even minority students will ask when they are confronted with who is the ISA.

The International Student Association is a unique group of East Carolina students from every corner of the globe. Last year ISA represented 35 separate countries and this year the enrollment is expected to climb to 45 countries, with about two students representing each country. ISA's open membership policy, which encompasses all international students, includes 10 or 15 American students.

"We did that," Jamal Ghraizi, the current Vice President said, "Because we want Americans to associate with the other countries we represent."

The nerve center of the ISA is the International House, which boards 10 ISA students, mostly grad students, each from a different country. It is here that the two primary goals of ISA is carried out. Ghraizi explains the goals are "To help the International students adjust to being here from a different country. It's difficult for new International students to feel comfortable away from home."

"Also we want to introduce our culture to Americans." The International students accomplish this in ways such as using the International House as a gateway to other cultures. Anyone is always welcome to come to the house and talk with anyone about their country.

"Everyone in the house are from different countries and speak English for that reason," Ghraizi said. "We

do have people come but not as many as we'd like. The ones that do come find it strange that we get along so well being from different countries."

The International students will give parties in which a representative from one country will sort of be the host, introducing his or her particular style of "Partying". In this way ISA students spread their culture another way.

Life is far from a bed of roses for ISA students, however. They have very strict rules governing them that include no financial aid from the university and having to take 12 hours to be a full time student.

"We spend a great deal of time studying because we have to keep up a 2.0 average or be deported," Ghraizi admitted.

55 Ghraizi's biggest complaint is the fact that the Student Government Association (SGA) doesn't support them.

"They support other fraternities who go to them for help but not us. We went to them last year and our president of last year, Mahmood Mozafari, was delayed to the point where we knew we weren't going to get any help."

ISA would like recognition but can't get it. "They don't even check all of the organizations they have to see if they need anything. Also the Buccaneer has left us completely out (of their publication)."

Small things like refusals to interview and losing pictures leads International students to feel like their needs are not considered.

The ISA holds an international dinner each year to gather all of the countries together for a big affair but it has to come out of the students own pocket so their not sure if they can have the kind of big event they want this year.



"We don't get any coverage either," Ghraizi complained. "How often do 45 countries get together and show off their cultures to each other. And yet the East Carolinaian publicizes the male stripper contest downtown."

Ghraizi says overall the International Students like ECU but "We'd like more Americans to come over and talk to us. The house is always open and I'm sure they will learn something. For instance we have views about controversial issues like abortion, etc. Maybe Americans would like to know how other countries feel about these issues. We have views too."

The International Student Association. You now have the answers.

ECU Gospel Choir

By STEVE CHERRY
Staff Writer

The East Carolina Gospel Choir originated during the fall semester of 1978 as an ensemble. At that time the ensemble was under the direction of Johnice Johnson and Lawyer Crawford. From the birth of this choir it has been progressing in all aspects.

The Choir has come to be a lively part of the Greenville community as well as other parts of the state, because it has one main ingredient that is necessary for anyone who wants excel...LOVE. The members consider themselves one big family. As the Gospel Choir gets together for rehearsal or concerts, they experience the Lord's blessings because of love and rendering praise unto his name.

The purpose of the Choir is to glorify God and provide an opportunity for interested students to sing gospel music.

Membership will now be open until September 29th. There are no restrictions to students wanting to join; they only ask the you join with an attitude of wanting to sing and be a blessing to others.

Last year the choir served as ambassadors of ECU as they had their first spring tour through the Greenville community, Fayetteville, and on towards South Carolina. Everyone enjoyed themselves. The tour proved to be a big success. Another tour is in its planning stages for this year. The Choir is presently under the direction of Keith MaKorkle and Delphine Venable. The faculty advisor is Dr. Dennis E. Chesnutt.

Rehearsal is scheduled every Wednesday evening 5:00-7:00 pm, in the Cultural Center. All interested students are encouraged to come and be a part of this family--East Carolina Gospel Choir.

Social Organizations

Christian Fellowship: Fulfillment Through God

By **STEVE CHERRY**
Staff Writer

The Fountain of Life Christian Fellowship is an organization affiliated with East Carolina University. We are a group of students interested in an abundant and prosperous life here on campus.

Just as we can all attest, it is quite easy to become a little frustrated with academics and the five-day routine of studying and preparing for the next day, that is one thing that hardly any of us can escape. Once the weekend gets here, a

vast majority of students look for relaxation and time for enjoyment. For some, this time comes, but for

many others, the weekend comes and is gone too quickly to be remembered. Thus, the enjoyment of the two days seems to be lost. The more more this happens, the more evident it is that one's life seems to be lacking some type of fulfillment. Members of FOLCF found this fulfillment in God's Son, Jesus Christ. We've found that living a life, knowing that Christ

will never leave us, gives us unsurpassable joy.

In past years we have made our priority sharing with others this love and joy. This year, our format will be as follows. Tuesday

night will be the Follow-up program. This is designed to help the young people to learn and grow spiritually in the Lord. Wednesday night will be Fellowship. Fellowship is a time designated for songs, testimonies, and sharing in God's Word. Both of these functions are held in

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center beginning 7:00 pm.

Time is also set aside for men and women's fellowship, to concentrate specifically on areas that they better relate and to just have fun doing things together. There are several other ministries within FOLCF that reach out to the community to show God's love.

In addition, we are in conjunction with Faith and Victory Church, going throughout campus sharing with students in the dor-

mitories. This takes place every Tues. and Thurs. afternoon at 5:00 pm. Meet in the lobby of Cotten. This is really proving to be a great success.

All of these activities and others will make for a great year in the of the Lord. Our invitation extends to everyone with lots of love. We hope that you will come and be with us as the year progresses. For further information please contact Bryan Massey, 752-9454.

"The Way" To Understanding The Bible

By **LAWRENCE EDWARDS**
Contributing Writer

The Way International is a Biblical research, teaching and fellowship ministry. It is a fellowship of the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ for the manifestation of the more abundant life (in all aspects of life). The singular purpose of The Way is to research the scriptures to understand their inherent accuracy regarding Jesus Christ. The Way ministry endeavors to make this knowledge of Jesus Christ and the scriptures available to anyone who desires to know.

The Bible itself has

something about HOW to understand the scriptures in II Peter 1:20: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scriptures is of any private (idios, ones own) interpretation.

If the Bible is of no private interpretation, then by pure logic either there is no interpretation or the Bible must interpret itself. The Way ministry is a research and teaching ministry endeavoring to promote how the Bible interprets itself.

If we are to understand the Bible, we must study it as II Timothy 2:15 states: Study to show thyself approved unto God. A

workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

This is what research is all about, working, and studying the whole Bible to see how the whole word of God

fits together from Genesis to Revelations.

To make researched knowledge available to any individual, The Way offers Power for Abundant Living, a biblical research class. The class consists of 12 sessions, each approximately three hours in length. The charge for the class is \$40 to cover materials needed while taking the class. The contents of the class covers basic

keys on how the Bible interprets itself. It also explains apparent Bible contradictions and teaches how a person can lead a more powerful, fearless and victorious life. The class is designed for all those seeking an accurate knowledge of God's Word and desiring to in-

crease the power of God in their lives.

The Way ministry believes in one God, the creator of the heavens and earth; in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son, our lord and savior, whom God raised from the dead; and we believe in the Workings of the Holy Spirit. We believe that the scriptures of

the Old and New Testament were Theopneustos—"God-breathed" and perfect as originally given and that the Word of God is of supreme, absolute and final authority for believing, for all life and godliness.

The Way is an on campus organization. There is no membership, no obligations. No dogmas are imposed on any individual. If any person is interested, fellowships are held on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center in room 242. An understanding of the word of God can make a difference in your life. God bless you.

Striving For Better Service

By **PATRICK O'NEILL**
and **THERESA DULSKI**
Staff Writer

East Carolina University has over 125 disabled students, but we also have one of the best programs in the nation to meet the needs of this unique minority group. "I wish more colleges would put as much energy in handicap programs as you do here," said Mr. Chet Mottershead who is an expert on handicap related programs. He spoke these words of praise while he was here at East Carolina during last spring's "Handicap Awareness Week" activities.

Since last spring, there has been some less-than welcomed news for many of ECU's disabled students. Cut backs in federal funding by the Reagan Administration have come through and many of the gains that handicapped people have made could be lost. "Sometimes I feel that the administration is out of touch with the handicapped student's needs," said Richard Burke, an

ECU graduate student in history. Burke uses a wheelchair for mobility purposes. "If it gets any worse, it will be almost impossible for the handicapped individual to come to school," he adds.

Putting political problems aside, most handicapped students feel that life at ECU is not so bad. For the dozen or so students who like Burke, must use a wheelchair for transportation, accessibility is an important work. Wheelchairs often require curb cuts and ramps for easier access to buildings or buses. At ECU, progress is taking place. "It's better now than it's ever been," said another graduate student, Roy Pate. "The accessibility is fine," adds ECU undergraduate, Brian Rangeley. "There has been a lot of work done. I can see a lot of improvement."

Freshman student, Rena Packard also felt that East Carolina was "more accessible" than some universities she had visited. She did add that her gym class

was "way out of the way" and that she needed a van to get there.

"It (accessibility) has gotten a whole lot better than last year," said Burke. "But there are still a lot of modifications that need to be done." Burke suggests that more electric doors be added, more curb cuts be made, and that student buses be equipped for wheelchair transportation. "We are very disappointed that we can't get to C.C. Rowe's office," Burke continued. Rowe, whose office is on the 2nd floor of the Whichard bldg., is the director of the Handicap Student Services Division.

Many times, people with handicaps are viewed as social misfits and their disability will often be a block to interpersonal relationships, but the wheelchair students interviewed didn't see this as a very serious problem. "Other students are polite and courteous," said Rangeley. He added that many times "they help out even when it's not

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Working Together

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necessary."

"The relationship is pretty equal, there is some nervous feelings at first, but it tends to vanish pretty soon" said Pete. Burke did acknowledge that some people do treat handicapped people differently. "It's a factor of human nature-I even look at people who are different than me. I believe that people are

basically good at heart and willing to help," continued Burke.

Packard said that she is treated differently sometimes, but that when people get to know her, it's better. "I'm here to get an education just like everybody else," she adds. "I'm here for the same opportunities...social interactions and academic

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reasons." Some of the handicapped students interviewed also felt that the ECU Intramural and Recreational program was making a good effort to meet their needs.

"I'm closing, I would like to say that the attitude of the students is very good. I've met and become friends with a very large number of wonderful and

caring people," said Burke "I just wish that some people in the administration could be more sensitive and understanding to all the needs of the handicapped as I'm sure that most of my fellow students are."

"You never really know what you have until you lose it and then it's too late," concluded Pete.



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Sororities And Fraternities

Alpha Kappa Alpha:



By **STACEY POOLE**
Contributing Writer

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is a black, greek-letter organization, whose principle is supreme service to all mankind.

It is a college-based sorority, an eternal corporation, composed of women who have chosen to be a part of a sisterhood which provides self-fulfillment through service. The sorority focuses on lifelong learning, heritage, health care, and other aspects of life.

The Theta Alpha Chapter of East Carolina University was established November 11, 1973. Each member for the past nine years has shared a contributing factor to the high standards of the sorority. The members of East Carolina's chapter stress scholastic attainment, as well as social and cultural achievement, throughout a student's college life.

As the first black sorority, founded in 1908, women of Alpha Kappa Alpha display originality, uniqueness, and great self-esteem. The ladies of the Theta Alpha Chapter are not a showcase. Instead, we are courageous young women with pride and dignity in what we believe. We share common values, and above all respect one another. Although assumed, not one of us will say that we are better than other human beings. We try to look our best because all women should; we act dignified because it's time to stop labeling black women as low-intelligence sex objects. Faith and self-confidence dwell within us.

Throughout the years, the Theta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has developed activities for students to participate in. Dances at the Cultural Center, to name one, is a pastime of most black students. Last year's Homecoming festivities included a semi-formal affair with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, at the Flamingo Discotheque. In March of 1982, the diligent work of the students and sorority members led us to a successful fashion show, full of life and imagination. We also work at making our "block shows" as entertaining as possible.

Biannually, Theta Alpha provides a rush as a period of social activity, to allow prospective sorority members to become acquainted with sorority women. Funds are raised for this event along with other organizations including NAACP, the United Negro College Fund, the Cleveland Job Corp, Cancer and Sickle Cell Anemia foundations, the National Urban League, and many others. Leadership Training programs for youth and programs for aging blacks are part of our volunteer work.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is an open minded organization. We appreciate suggestions. It took college women to establish our chapter, and that is the only way it will continue to flourish. With the help of great, sophisticated minds, we will always represent "the essence of black womanhood".

Delta Sigma Theta:



By **Donise Rivers**
Contributing Writer

Delta Sigma Theta was founded in 1913 at Howard University. The founders envisioned an organization of college women pledged to serious endeavor and community service. These youthful students demonstrated a vital concern for social welfare, academic excellence and cultural enrichment, de-emphasizing the social side of sorority life. Their ideas of scholarship and service have withstood the test of time and today Delta Sigma Theta is a public service organization, dedicated to a program of sharing membership skills and organizational services in the public interest. Today, there are over 100,000 members. It has been said, "that where there is no vision, the people perish", such has not been the case in Delta Sigma Theta. Since its founding, we as

members of this great organization have provided vision at local, national, and international levels. A line to remember: We have come not only to learn, but to share; not only to reflect on our past, but to project the future.

The members of Delta Sigma Theta would like to welcome all students back for the fall and spring semesters of 1982-83. We hope you will enjoy and attend the activities of the upcoming year that we as members have planned.

Presently, active members of Kappa Gamma Chapter are as follows:
Donise Rivers-President-Nursing
Monique Bishop-Vice President-Nursing
Patricia Cannon-Secretary-Psychology
Marilynn Roberts-Psychology
Patricia Alexander-Nursing
Kamryn Brown-Nursing
Kim Cloud-Housing

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Cynthia Banks-Psychology
Debra Howard-Biology

Sigma Gamma Rho:

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. originated in 1922 on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven young intellectual school teachers. Responsibility and self respect are the standards for the chapter, members and pledges. The chief principal of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority is to focus on community service and to promote sisterhood for women in today's society as well as future societies.

On December 3, 1977, Sigma Gamma Rho was chartered on the campus of East Carolina University by

Phyllis Shivers Tyson, an alumni of Elizabeth City State University. Today Sigma Gamma Rho is very active on the campus of ECU. We are small in quantity, however, we strive for quality. Sigma Gamma Rho works toward the betterment of all mankind, especially members of the Black Community. We support the March of Dimes, the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women, the United Negro College, the National Urban League, and many other organizations. The present members of the Eta Mu chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

Inc. are: Alberta Robinson, President; Jennifer McQuillan, Vice President; Secretary; Pamela Maudslowe, Treasurer; and Simon Spell.

This year we hope to develop a more productive form of communication between our fellow Greeks. To all of them we give our support and best wishes.

By **JENNIFER McQUILLAN**
Contributing Writer

Alpha Phi Alpha:

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the first Black college fraternity, was founded December 4, 1906 at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York. A Phi A has 303 college chapters on campuses, and 280 alumni chapters in 44 states including the District of Columbia, Africa, the West Indies, Europe, Asia, and the Virgin Islands.

Alpha Phi Alpha stresses academic excellence, unity, and Love of all Mankind. On the national scene, the Alpha organizations are spearheading a "Million Dollar Fund Drive". The one million dollars is being donated to various Black organizations in the U.S.A.

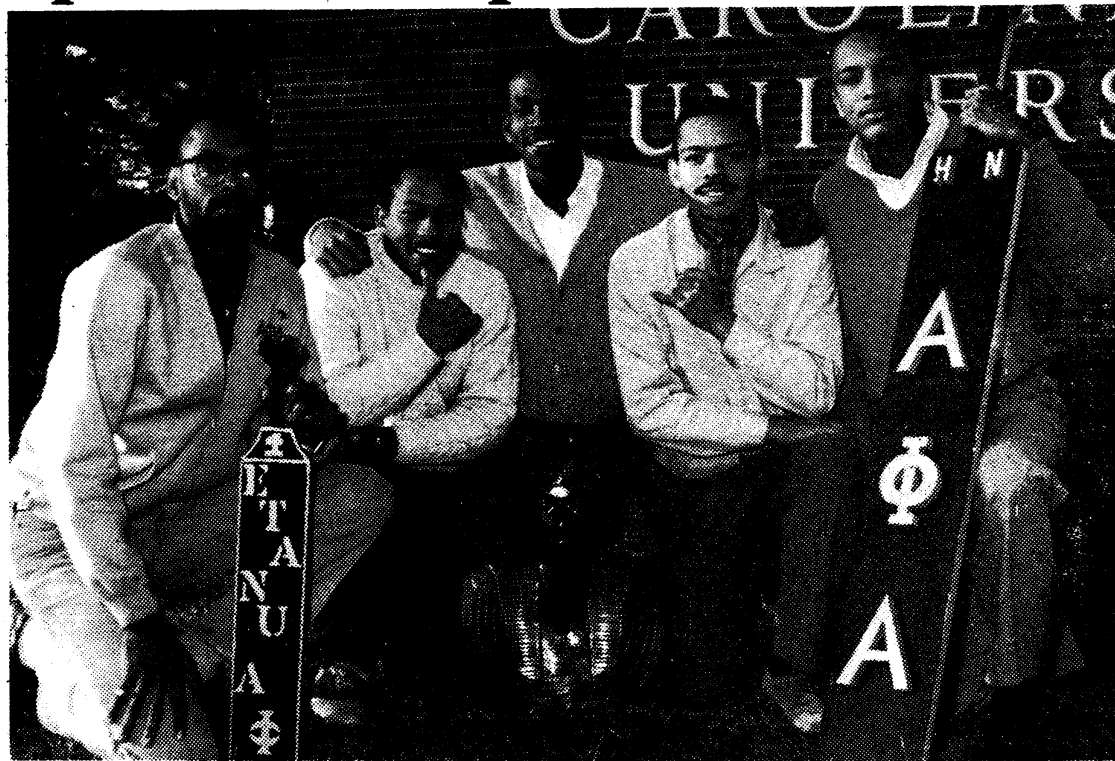
The Eta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity here on the campus of East Carolina University was chartered in 1971. The Eta Nu chapter was the first Black fraternity established on the campus of a predominately white university in North Carolina. At present, Eta Nu's membership consists of: Danny Scott, President; Shawn Laney, Vice President;

Charles Watkins, Secretary; Gregory Chalmers, Treasurer; and LaMont Byrd, Dean of Pledges.

The Brothers of the Eta Nu chapter are presently involved in a number of service to the community projects, of which include: tutoring of high school students having deficiencies in General Math and English, a Thanksgiving Food Drive, and visitations to various nursing and rest homes in the Greenville area.

On the social scene, the Brothers of Eta Nu have provided entertainment for a major portion of the student body in performing "Step Shows" in front of the Soda Shop, at the Mendenhall Student Union, and at halftime of the ECU-UNC-Charlotte basketball game. In addition to step shows, the Brothers co-sponsored a Homecoming affair as well as sponsoring various functions at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

By LAMONT BYRD
Contributing Writer



Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha

Kappa Alpha Psi

By JERRY SIMMONS

Writer

The Eta Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. was founded at East Carolina University in the spring of 1975. Stressing achievement, Kappa has never been concerned with quantity, but quality. With this goal in mind, we strive to funnel our energies and resources to further the betterment of our race; the "Human Race".

Eta Psi has always strove to work in conjunction with community and campus to improve the standard of knowledge and living for both. We have established, as is the case for most universities where an undergraduate chapter is located, a "revolving student loan" supported by our national organization and our chapter. We have annual Halloween, Valentine, and Easter parties for the Greenville area children.

We have also a "Big Brother" program with the Greenville Boys Club and hope that it will continue to grow as it has in the past. An extension of this is the "Talent Search" and "Kappa League" programs that have been initiated by Eta Psi for this year.

These are but a few of the endeavors in which Eta Psi is involved this semester and we are looking forward to carrying them out.

For the campus, we are planning for the weekend of the 8th and 9th of October, jams at the Moose Lodge as social hours for the Dual State Convention which we are hosting. Also, we will

have a Homecoming Dance at the Moose Lodge ball room along with various other functions TBA.

As has been and shall continue to be the case in point, "Kappa is about the business of taking care of business". We have and will continue to strive to make you proud that you have and hopefully will in the future, given us the opportunity to humbly serve you and the community.

We are not satisfied with today and long to change for the betterment of us all, each and every tomorrow.



Sign Language Club

By CAROLLE DAVIS
Features Editor

The East Carolina University Sign Language Club has started another exciting year of activities. The first meeting was centered around a covered dish supper, which was held Sun. Sept. 5; consisting of twenty-five hearing impaired and hearing students. The club met to plan parties, weekend activities, and signed music performances for this year.

Faculty advisor, Michael Ernest, discusses the purpose of the Sign Language Club. "The SLC was organized to allow the deaf students a chance to meet other deaf students who know sign language. This way, deaf students are able to socialize and meet new friends. This also involves the hearing students who have taken sign language.

That way they are able to improve their signing skills. Even if you haven't had sign language, this will be one way of learning."

The SLC is actively involved in community projects as well. A Silent Dinner is often held in one of the local restaurants. It's function is "to communicate, using sign language, and enjoy a delicious dinner. During the Silent Dinners, the local restaurants will receive experience dealing with deaf people. The waitress will receive menu orders in sign language, in turn learning a life long skill."

Another of the organizations sponsored projects includes a series of workshops established throughout the Greenville public schools, and caption decoders were donated to Mendenhall Student Center and the Wilson

School for the Deaf. Services are also provided to sororities. On Oct. 10, the SLC will be leading the Kingston Art Festival.

SLC vice-president, Michael Cotter, is in the process of starting a softball team to be entered in the intramural sports competitions.

A non credit class in sign language is being held Tues. nights, 6:30 - 9:30, BB 102. The course is taught by a SLC member, and is open to all ECU students. No fee is necessary.

Baseball style tee-shirts are now being sold for \$7.00 in BA 114. Shirts will say I Love You in sign language. Hurry! There is a limited number.

A meeting of the SLC is held Sun. 6:30 pm, bi-weekly in Mendenhall. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

"In addition to the meetings, there will be special parties at Halloween and other times. The Sign Language Club also has weekend trips to the beach, camping, football games at the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, and to Gallaudet College in the spring. We hope you will come to our regular meetings and communicate with other deaf people in the area, deaf students at ECU, and hearing students who are learning sign language. Welcome!!"

Fraternities Continued

Reflections Of Omega

By **WILLIAM DAVIS**
Contributing Writer

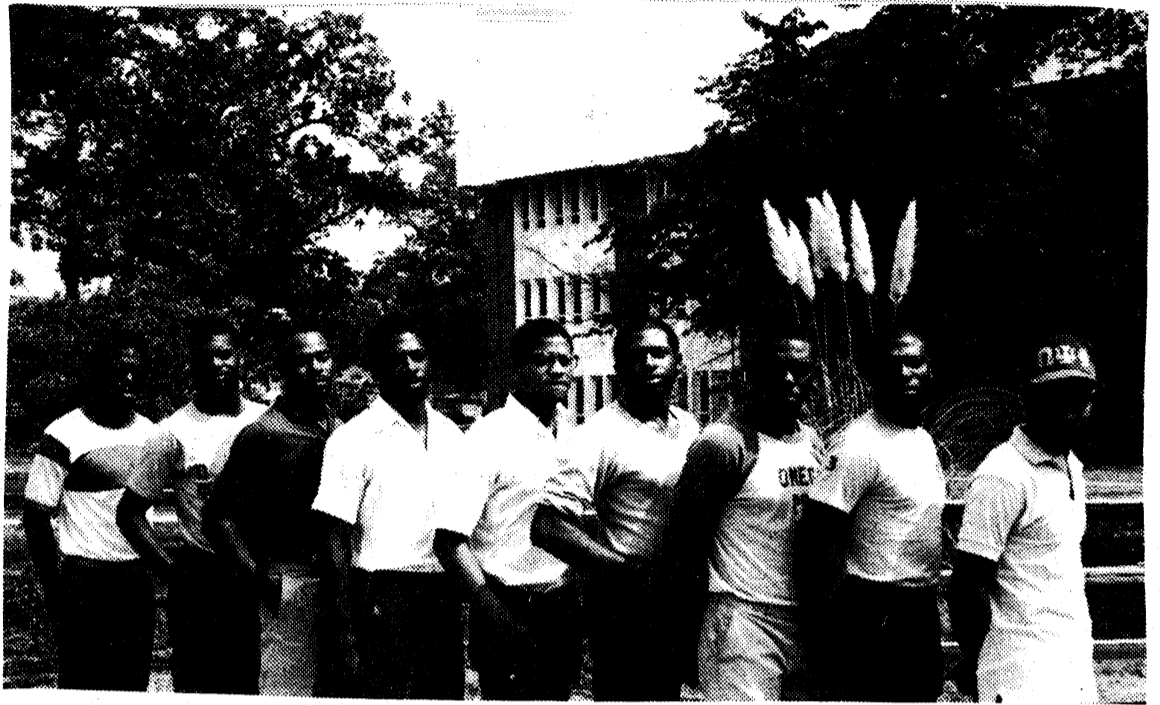
Since its inception at ECU on May 5, 1973, Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi has become an integral part of the campus service and social life. The students who join this fraternity seeks to affiliate himself with those persons who will help ease the burdens of his college career and give him the feeling of a hom away from home. The fraternity provides social outlets from the routine college studies.

Omega currently has a brotherhood of 18 young men on campus, who are united under its motto: Friendship Is Essential To The Soul; and being men with similar ideas and like attainments, a concentrated effort is being applied by the chapter to uphold its many purposes—to provide wholesome experience in group work and leadership, and to establish a broad program and a calendar of events that will stimulate participation of its members and fellow students.

We the men of Omega are not oblivious to scholarship. For academics is one of the main ingredients that build strong men in Omega. We strive on achievements,

and achievements cannot be accomplished without knowledge, for knowledge can be the key to success. It is not important just to do something that's good, but more important, be good at what you do. Quality is a prize possession that can be sold on any market. We like to apply this to your education. That's why we are students at ECU, for achievement should be your main goal. We of Omega are not dreamers, but are builders of a foundation that is worldwide and international.

We would like to welcome all students back for this school term, and we encourage your participation on all activities and we hope that this term is everything that you want it to be. We always have time for students and their concerns. We would like for you to have the time to check out Omega.



Brothers Of Omega Psi Phi

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ECGC

meetings. At other times straight people have come because they have a gay friend or family member and need help in coping with it.

Cameron Stanforth has been a participant in the ECGC since its inception and she feels that it really helps people who are just beginning to face their gayness. "They really need to know where being gay belongs in your life," said Stanforth. "You need to know that you're not strange or sick."

Stanforth also noted that minority participation in the ECGC is very low. "I know there are gay black people, we want them to come—we need them," she adds. Stanforth claims that the ECGC has "long been frustrated" by the low attendance of minorities at the meetings. "I know it's rough to be black and gay, but I really think we can all benefit from their presence."

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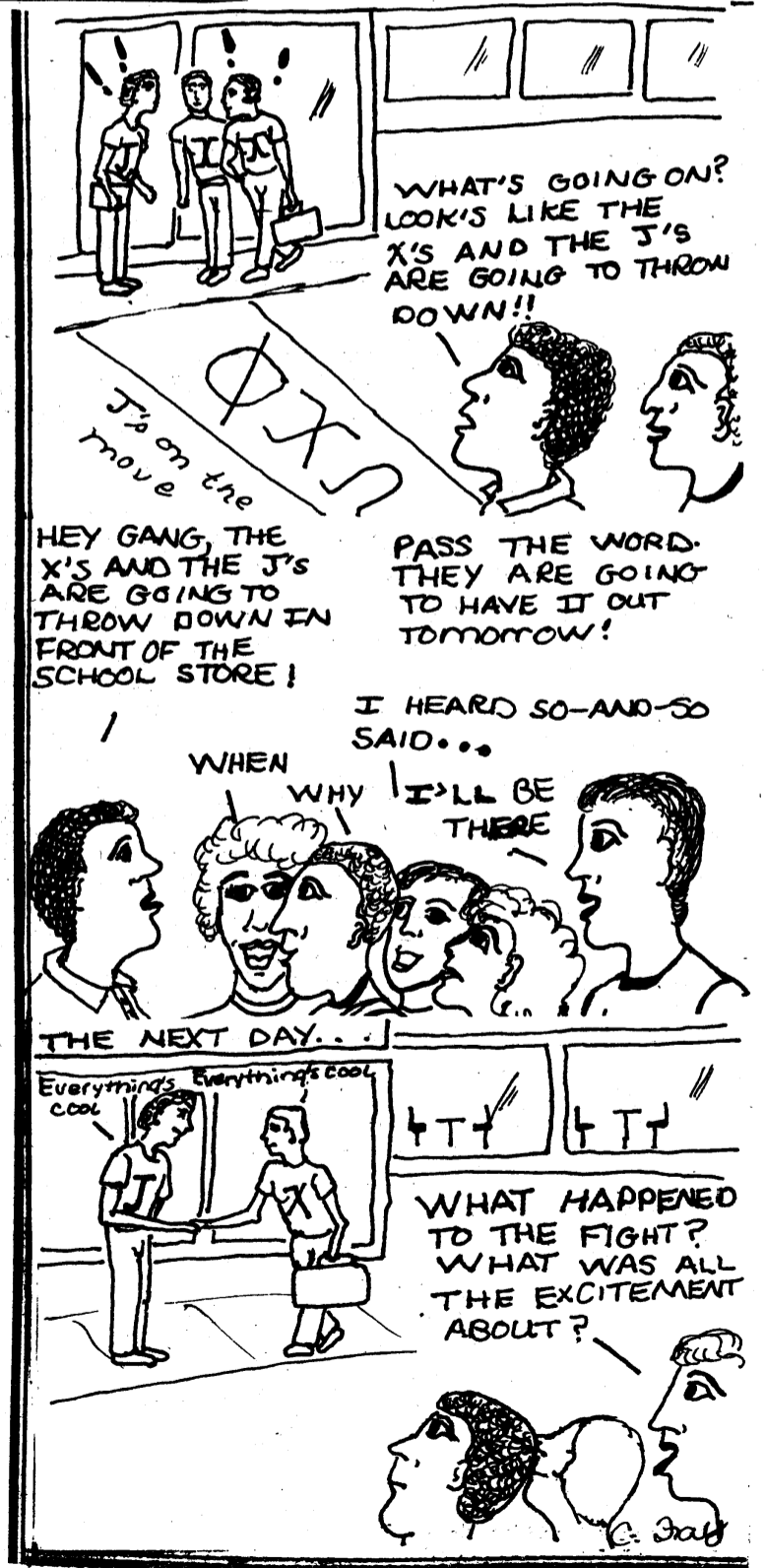
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Social Organizations Cont.

Hunger Coalition As An Integral Part Of ECU

By PATRICK O'NEIL
Staff Writer

"Personally, I'm concerned about hunger issues because it's something that could be avoided," said ECU occupational therapy student Theresa Dulski. She is a volunteer with the Greenville-ECU Hunger Coalition and is beginning her third year of participation with the group.

For over 10 years, the Hunger Coalition has been an integral part of the ECU community. They have involved hundreds of East Carolina's students in their various projects and events which are designed to educate people about a problem that plagues almost one half the population of our planet.

Hunger has been called the greatest threat to peace that exists on our planet in a 1980 Presidential report issued by the Carter Administration. According to the United Nations over 50,000 people die each day as a result of "Dramatic starvation". Like Dulski,

many of the members of the Hunger Coalition believe that hunger can be eliminated if only there could be a unified effort by the wealthier nations to make it happen.

The Hunger Coalition works on a broad range of activities in their effort to stop hunger. Using education as their focus, the group gets together every Tuesday night to discuss and share ideas.

The Hunger Coalition has sponsored the annual Greenville-ECU "walk for humanity" for the past 11 years. Each spring hundreds of Greenville residents and ECU students have walked to raise money for hunger. The money has always been used to support an international as well as a local hunger need. "In a land where we have one of the highest standards of living, we still have lots of malnutrition right here at home," said Dulski.

Every fall, around Thanksgiving, the Hunger Coalition also sponsors the

Oxfam Fast for a World Harvest. Oxfam is a non-profit international agency which funds self-help development programs in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. They ask that participants go one day without eating any food

and donate the money they would have spent on eating food for their hunger relief work. By fasting, they believe a person can more easily empathize with the state of being in hunger and will be more motivated to eliminating the problem.

Last year the Hunger Coalition added another major event to their work. They participated in "World Food Day" activities. World Food Day is an internationally recognized day when specific educational work is done around the hunger issue. WFD is sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United States.

The Hunger Coalition will be having a full day of activities, on campus, and in the Greenville Communi-

ty to support WFD in this area. They plan to do a series of non-fund raising events designed to make people "think and take action." Among their activities include a street theatre skit which will contrast the problem of hunger with international military spending. They will also set up a table at the bookstore and use a booth in Mendenhall where students can go to get information and write letters to their legislators about hunger and military spending.

Other WFD activities will include outreach to schools in the community and in classes on campus. Any teachers who would like to have a WFD presentation in their classes are welcome to call the Hunger Coalition at 752-4216 to set up a speaker date. The group invites all interested students to "get involved" in their activities or come to their evening meetings at the Newman House (953 E. 10th street at 7:30 p.m.).

The Hunger Coalition

believes that it will take a multi-faceted effort to win the battle against hunger. Therefore they claim that raising money is only a very small part of their work. "We're effective in many areas," said Dulski. She mentioned Congressional lobbying, raising the consciousness of the public, and out reach to local poor people. "I can see how we've really reached out to other students on our campus too," added Dulski.

Although the Hunger Coalition is under the guidance of the ECU campus ministers, their members feel that participation could be higher. "I'm not trying to change the world or anything," declared Dulski. "But the hunger issue is really broad and urgent. It takes a lot of time to study and really know the basic causes of hunger."

Dulski concluded by recalling a statement once made by President John F. Kennedy. He proclaimed his hope that the U.S. would send a man to the moon and wipe out hunger by the end of the decade of the 1960's. "Well, we got a person to the moon, but hunger has still not been stopped."

Groove Phi Groove, Social Fellowship Inc.: Unifying The Black Race

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Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc. was established on Oct. 12, 1962 at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Our founding fathers as college men, being aware of the increasing complexity of men's problems, especially those of black men, and realizing the necessity of forming an organization to solve such problems, formed Groove Phi Groove.

As you have already recognized we are a Social Fellowship not a Greek organization. The purpose of this organization is to promote academic awareness and good ethical standards, to promote unity among college men, to study and help alleviate those social and economic problems concerning blacks in order to improve the stature of mankind.

We are concerned with the whole scope of the black race on campus, uniting all

organizations and people to create one force. We feel that together we can accomplish more as one, rather than several separate groups. Although, we have only been established on campus one semester, we feel we have already take big steps toward uniting most of the black organization on campus. But, we need everyone's help, we can not accomplish such a feat alone.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to investigate our great organization and observe how Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc. can contribute to your mental and social development while you are attending East Carolina University. So, be smart and become a member of an organization concerned with uniting the black race. Groove is on the move.



Jazz Ensemble Enters Another Year

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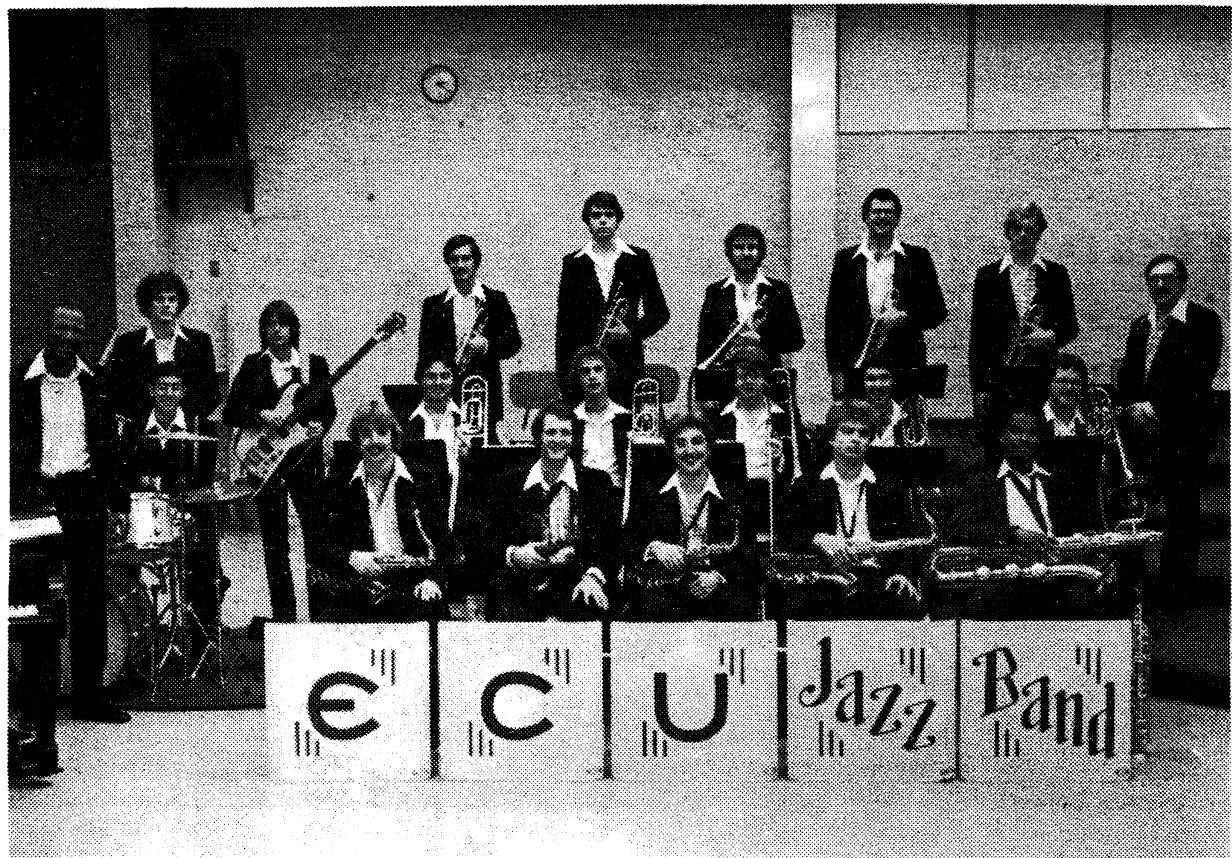
ECUJU! The East Carolina Jazz Ensemble, conducted and advised by Dr. George Broussard, has played an active part on campus as well as in other areas for several years. The Jazz Ensemble or Jazz Band is a class in which one-hour credit along with quality points are given. The band consists of approximately twenty members although this number is subject to change from semester-to-semester. The band is basically composed of wind instruments, drums, and a new addition to the band is a guitar player. Dr. Broussard commented that there are not any specific type of instrument players chosen to play in the band. The players are essentially selected on whatever merits the band as a whole.

Auditions are held at the beginning of each fall semester. Times and dates for auditions are placed on the bulletin board located in the A.J. Fletcher Music Bldg. Separate auditions are also held for late comers if they are needed. Occasionally, auditions are held at the beginning of spring semester if any replacements are required. The band rehearses approximately three hours per week on Wednesday's from 2-3:00 pm and Friday's from 1-3:00 pm. Spectators are welcome to attend for their listening pleasure during these hours. No rehearsals are held during the summer.

Activities planned for the band depends on invitations and finances. According to Dr. Broussard, one concert per semester is held on campus. The band has played in both the Memorial Gym and Mendenhall Student Center. Plans for future concerts are anticipated to be held in Wright Auditorium. Fall activities scheduled for the band includes concerts in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. for the Arts Concert Council on October 10, in Winston, Salem. The band is a participant in the North Carolina Music Educator's Convention on Nov. 7; and a concert on campus in Wright Auditorium on Nov. 14.

Last year, the band participated in a tour with the school's Wind Ensemble. The band has played in Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia; Washington, D.C., and various regions of North Carolina. Perspective, the band is invited to the State Music Educator's Convention in North and South Carolina, and in Virginia annually. Along

The ECU Jazz Ensemble



with an invitation to play in the North Carolina Jazz Festival, the band has also played back-up for various composers and artists. Some of these performers included: Billy Taylor, Bill Watrous, Stan Kenton, Roger Pemperton, Kai Winding, and George Roberts, who has played pieces for the "Academy Awards Presentations" along with being a Los Angeles Studio Recording Magician.

The band's choice of music covers the styles of large jazz bands. Some which include: Duke Ellington, Count Bassey, Mel Lewis, Buddy Rich and a great many other contemporary artists. Dr. Broussard concluded that the band was trying to cover as many different styles of music as possible.

Sponsorship given to the band is through the National Association of Jazz Educator's 100 per cent Membership Club. This association awards grants in the amount of \$150 in honor of the music sanction. The fraternity Phi Mu Alpha awards a Jazz scholarship to a high school student to attend the jazz camp of his or her choice during the summer months.

Anyone interested in receiving information concerning the ECU Jazz Ensemble should call the School of Music or see Dr. Broussard.

East Carolina Gay Community

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The East Carolina Gay Community (ECGC) is perhaps the most well known, most talked about organization on this campus. As it begins its fourth year as an official campus organization at East Carolina, its members and sponsors are feeling pretty good about their work. "The majority of people here at East Carolina seem to be much more open minded," said Mark Zumbach, one of the ECGC's founding members.

These past four years haven't all been joy filled and successful. Many of the ECGC members have suffered much abuse---Zumbach even received a death threat last year. Catholic Campus Minister, Sister Helen Shondell has had to deal with much ridicule too because she has given the ECGC a place to hold their meetings at the Catholic Newman Center.

"We want to create a better understanding between straights and gays," said ECU nutrition student, Laura Shearin, and also be a reinforcement for other gays." Shondell believes that the ECGC has done a good job. "Things are a lot better now and the ECGC is one of the reasons for this," said Shondell.

The work of the ECGC has been broad and varied as they have travelled down this difficult path. When they requested \$100 from

the Student Government Association (SGA) for the cost of printing an informational brochure, many cries of outrage were heard and harsh letters were written to the East Carolinian which were critical and condemning of homosexuals. Many members who have "come out of the closet" and openly admitted that they were gay, have had to deal with countless whispering, snickers, and nasty comments.

Much of the reason for ECGC's existence is to respond to and decrease these types of painful events and to help other gay people to be able to cope with the prejudice and misunderstanding associated with being gay. "The first person that has to accept it (gayness) is yourself," said Shearin. After the personal acceptance, Shearin believes that the gay person can then reach out to others who need help or have prejudices.

"People shouldn't know you as gay, they should know you as yourself," continued Shearin, "I'm known as a gay now---I'm not known as Laura---I want to be known as Laura." Shearin believes that the ECGC is helping to see that a person's sexual preference is only one aspect of their life. "It just seems like we're from outerspace or something because we're gay. Your sexual preference doesn't interfere with your every-

day life," she adds.

Shearin emphasizes her point by asking heterosexual people to look at their own lives and realize how little their sexual preference has to do with the daily routines of living. She wants other people to see that her gayness is only one aspect of her personhood.

The ECGC claims that over 20 million adults in the United States gay (Kinsey Institute for Sex Research 1977). Therefore they see a need to provide support for other gay people whose needs are usually very specific. They claim to be working to "break the cycle...eradicate the misconceptions and eliminate the need for hiding." Only one percent of the gay population is "out of the closet" claims the ECGC.

The ECGC is also beginning another year of their highly successful "speakers bureau" which provides speakers to classes and groups as a volunteer service. The speakers try to give their audience a different perspective on homosexuality and to dispel