

Service greeks help community

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For more than 20 years Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority have been helping the community and campus through a variety of service projects, from assisting the Bloodmobile downtown and on campus to helping publicize visits by Action representatives.

Other services include ushering at the University Chapel and Thespian plays, helping patients at Ritenour and providing gifts and conversation for the residents of Center Crest Community Home for the Aged.

Projects this month include a student pinocle tournament in the HUB and assisting a first aid meet for the Boy Scouts. According to George Wardle, president of the service

fraternity, their projects are known, "but people do not know what type of organization runs the projects."

Greek service societies differ in several ways from social societies. Alpha Phi Omega and Gamma Sigma Sigma do not belong to the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council. Neither group has a house or lounge, and the groups meet only to work on projects.

Greg Braun, a former Alpha Phi Omega brother, said the organization is a "structured yet informal method for men (and women) to fill that need and responsibility to help other people."

Another difference from a social society is the nature of brother or sister initiation. Gamma Sigma Sigma President Carol Pavlakovich explained the pledge program involves initiating and carrying through a service project.

Pavlakovich said one of the most important features of a Greek society, friendship, is what attracts many members. Wardle said the service societies draw from all sections of the student community.

Alpha Phi Omega is the world's largest fraternity, with nearly 600 chapters across the country. It is the only fraternity in many colleges.

Wardle said his fraternity now is having problems attracting prospective brothers. The service societies have run ads in the paper, but most information students receive about the organization comes through word of mouth, Wardle said. He said plans are underway to mail information explaining the nature of the organization to all freshmen next fall.

Membership in Alpha Phi Omega has dwindled from nearly 150 in the 1950's to its present 27 brothers. Wardle attributed the decline of interest in a service fraternity to the establishing of the Volunteer Service Center and a new social awareness among other fraternities.

The Kappa Delta Pledges wish to thank their sisters for a fantastic pledge formal which makes Valentines Day extra-special.

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Doctor says Nixon okay

WASHINGTON — President Nixon took his twice-delayed annual medical exam yesterday and the White House doctor reported he is in excellent health and showing "no evidence whatsoever of emotional strain."

Despite the pressures of a year of Watergate-related problems and Middle East and energy crises, the President has shown no physical change whatsoever, Dr. Walter R. Tkach reported.

Nixon, 61, underwent a 2½-hour physical examination by at least half a dozen doctors, had "a whole battery" of blood chemistries and was subjected to probing questions on his health, Tkach said.

The President himself signaled an O.K. sign with his right thumb and forefinger when he emerged from the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., after the examination.

In a White House news briefing, Tkach, an Air Force major general, declared Nixon's "health and physical stamina is excellent."

Simon, Ash feud over energy

WASHINGTON — Federal energy chief William E. Simon made clear yesterday he would like budget director Roy L. Ash to keep out of the energy area after Ash predicted the energy crisis will end this year.

"Perhaps I should call a press briefing on the budget or maybe I should ask Mr. Ash to keep his cotton pickin' hands off energy policy," Simon said.

His comment, on NBC-TV's "Today" program, came after Ash said on three different occasions Tuesday that the energy crisis would be over this year, although problems would remain.

A source close to Ash said Ash had every right to speak out on energy. Besides serving as director of the Office of Management and Budget, Ash is a member of the Cabinet-level energy committee on which Simon also serves. The White House refused to be drawn into the apparent controversy.

Hearst can't meet demand

BERKELEY, Calif. — Newspaper magnate Randolph A. Hearst said yesterday he could not possibly meet the demand of his daughter's kidnapers for a multimillion-dollar food giveaway.

But he sought to assure his daughter and her abductors by vowing to do "everything in my power" to set up some kind of food distribution program. To 19-year-old Patricia Hearst, he said: "Hang in there, honey!"

Later, Charles Bates, the FBI agent in charge of the kidnaping case, said he had "never seen anything good come out of compromising with a bunch of hoods." Bates said he had no disagreement with the position of the Hearst family in seeking to meet the kidnapers' demands.

Hearst first told reporters that it was impossible to meet the kidnapers' demand — estimated by state officials to cost as much as \$400 million — and said he would make a counter proposal within two days. Later, however, he appeared again outside his Hillsborough home that he would try to meet their demands — but on a much smaller scale.

Ervin guest lecturer at Yale

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — "I think I'd enjoy being in college again," mused U.S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. as he walked across the Yale University campus to his next lecture.

The 77-year-old chairman of the Senate Watergate committee spent three days at Yale this week, compliments of the Chubb fellowship program that brings public figures to the campus.

Ervin drew crowds to classroom lectures — mostly on political science. One junior admitted he cut his regular class to hear the anecdote-spiced comments by the North Carolina Democrat.

Other students vied for the privilege of eating with the senator during the visit that ended yesterday. One carload of young people stopped and gave him a cheer. Two students, one with an "impeach" sign on his briefcase, paused to exchange greetings.

Jeremy Bulow, who cut his regular class to join about 50 others for an Ervin lecture, commented: "It's obvious he's in his 70s, but he's likeable and very sharp."

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