



Members of Zeta Tau Alpha kick back after a few greuling hours of float building.



Members of Kappa Sigma teach Sigma Kappa members how to make flowers for their float.

May the best float win

by Tricia Ciaravino

Homecoming is a hectic time for fraternities and sororities. As the day draws near members can be found hurriedly building their floats and patiently grooming their candidates.

Although homecoming preparations can be quite stressful, many members insist that it is worthwhile.

"It's hectic because there is a lot going on in school and the fraternity," said Gavin Mealiffe, president of Kappa Sigma. "But it's fun because everyone's excited. It gives brothers a chance to be in a positive environment and work with other organizations."

Homecoming also allows the organizations to get their pledges involved in activities.

"We try to get them involved in as much as we do so they can feel like they're part of Sigma Kappa," said Tiffanie Oesterreich, panhellenic delegate for Sigma Kappa.

"I think it's a great way for all the pledges from both classes to get together," said Holly Chamberlain, homecoming chairman for Zeta Tau Alpha. "(They become) friends forever."

Not all members are eager to build the floats, however.

"Sometimes it's hard to get people involved because

they're afraid it's going to be hard work," Chamberlain said. "Sometimes it is hard work, but sometimes we just kick back."

"The only fun part is when you take first place at the end," said Mark Horn, homecoming chairman for Alpha Tau Omega.

ATO won the float contest 14 consecutive years, from 1973 to 1987. They are tied for the most consecutive wins with another fraternity for the Guinness Book of World Records.

"We're championship float builders this year and the next 15 years, so we will break the record," said Brian Daly, homecoming chairman for ATO.



Tim Miller (left) and Paul Pettiger, members of Kappa Sigma, work hard to make their float the best.

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