

# Public personalities included in Kappa Alpha Psi

What do athletes Bill Russell and Arthur Ashe have in common with Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley?

Besides being successful public figures, they're all members of Kappa Alpha Psi, one of the largest black fraternities in the nation.

According to UNL's chapter president Charlester Williams, Kappa Alpha Psi, an official Greek fraternity, is not only a national, but an international organization.

"The major problem holding this chapter back is that most people don't have enough knowledge of the fraternity on a national scale," Williams said. "Every effort should be made to introduce and familiarize Kappa Alpha Psi with the white majority and the black minority."

"Many important and successful black men in America are affiliated directly or indirectly with Kappa Alpha Psi," Williams said. "The two top black speakers coming to Lincoln this year (Julian Bond and Ralph Abernathy) are both Kappas."

60th anniversary

The UNL chapter will celebrate its

60th anniversary next November, making it five years younger than the original chapter, established in 1911 in Bloomington, Ind.

"Our main concern on this campus is as a scholastic organization, but we realize we must adapt to our situation," Williams said. "The situation here does not stress academic achievement for blacks."

Of the estimated 300 UNL black students, 20 men belong to Kappa Alpha Psi.

## Social outlet

Williams stressed the need for a "social outlet" for black students.

"We try to provide a social as well as academic atmosphere," he said. "Lack of a social life promotes a lack academically. Many blacks hold the mistaken belief that we're purely a social organization."

Williams said he is frequently asked why their fraternity has no house.

"We're working on getting a house now. No one gives us any credibility because we don't have a house, but we don't have time to deal with financial problems," he explained. "We have to deal with keeping

the black student in school, and helping him assimilate without losing his identity and culture."

Although the fraternity is an official Greek fraternity, Williams said they have no association with the formal Rush Week.

The Kappas host parties open to everyone, "including the white majority,"

he said, although few white students ever attend. Most functions are held at the UNL Culture Center or the Village Inn Convention Center.

There are eight in the Kappa pledge class, Williams said, but added, "We're not dealing in quantity, we're dealing in quality."

## New car creator to speak

Malcolm Bricklin, the first man to put his name on a car he designed since Henry J. Kaiser did after World War II, will be speaking at UNL Friday and Saturday.

Bricklin, founder and chairman of the Board of General Vehicle, Inc., manufacturers of the new safety car the Bricklin SVL, quit school after his sophomore year at the University of Florida to establish a building supply company. After helping develop Handyman Stores, a hardware store based on the "seven-day-a-week neighborhood drive-in" idea, he sold his interest.

Bricklin later became involved with Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd., which led to the establishment of Subaru of America, Inc. Bricklin sold control of the firm in

1971, but he remains one of the largest single stockholders.

Determined to develop the safest, most roadworthy production car ever built, his creation is a two-seat fastback with gull-wing doors and aerodynamic styling.

There are more than 300 Bricklin SVL dealers throughout the Northeast and Midwest.

An open forum with students is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday, with a public lecture at 3:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room. The film, "The Bricklin Story" will be shown at 3 p.m. in the Union.

A Bricklin SVL will be on display Friday north of the Union near Broyhill Fountain.

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