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Greetings Brothers,

Once again I'd like to say Happy Centennial to you. November 17, 2011 marks our official 100th Anniversary and I am proud to stand with you in celebration of our Founders and their great vision.

This prodigious milestone not only marks a time to reflect on accomplishments, but it should also provide motivation toward the work that remains for us as Stuarts in our various communities.

Remember to focus on mandated programs and service in your respective areas. I often say that "this stuff has to matter", meaning that the countless hours you spend laboring for Omega should reveal results. Results for positive advancement for our Children. Results for economic and social uplift for our people. Results for positive leadership for fathers. Results for our stance against violence towards one another. And last, but most importantly, Results in our Ministry for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Be reminded that our 2010/2011 fiscal year has drawn to a close and 2011/2012 has begun. Assure your plans and agenda for the year include items of substance. Remember to retain all Brothers and to reclaim those that have fallen by the waste side. 8 versus 80 is and will always be profound in its meaning. However, strength is numbers is also a positive asset where our community impact can be greatly reinforced. Then, not only will our Brotherhood in Omega increase, but our relationship amongst mankind will evolve.

"BROTHERHOOD AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT: SPIRITUAL UPLIFT FOR MANKIND"

Fraternally,
Bro. Shawn "Iron-Face" Brewer
9th District Representative

Monroe, La



April 20-24, 2011



Scenes from the 74th District Meeting



9th District 74th District Meeting (2011) Awards

Achievement Week Awards

Award	Chapter/City/State	Brother
Omega Man of the Year	Upsilon Chi/Bentonville, AR	Dr. Paul D. Adams
Superior Service Award	Phi Iota Iota/ LaPlace, LA	Ernest E. Parquet
Founders Award	Rho Phi/New Orleans, LA	Warren J. Green
Citizen of the Year	Alpha Iota Iota/Plano, TX	Donna Hartman
Colonel Young Military Award	Omicron Pi/Killeen, TX	David W. Butler

Essay

Award	Chapter City/State	Student/Amount
1st Place	Rho Xi/Freeport, TX	Tiarra R. Grace/\$1,500.00
2nd Place	Upsilon Chi/Bentonville, AR	Lauren C. Potts/\$1,000.00
3rd Place	Phi Gamma/Denton, TX	Jessica Johnson/\$500.00

Scholarship

Award	Brother/ Amount	Chapter City/State
9th District Scholar of the Year	Lennie Andrew - \$2,500	Gamma Gamma/Grambling State University
Arkansas Scholar of the Year	Charles Mack - \$1500	Gamma Eta/University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Louisiana Scholar of the Year	Howard Verrett - \$1500	Gamma Delta/University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Texas Scholar of the Year	Sherard Lightbourne - \$1500	Phi Beta /Jarvis Christian College
Founder's Award	Issac Brown - \$500	Tau Sigma/University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Founder's Award	Jeremy Gibson - \$500	Alpha Zeta /Arkansas State University
Founder's Award	Marvin Lowe - \$500	Pi Kappa/University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Founder's Award	Marcus Sam - \$500	Gamma Delta/University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Graduate Scholar	Shannon Reeves - \$500	Grambling State University
Graduate Scholar	Lionel Hayes, Jr - \$500	Rho Chi/Houston Graduate School of Theology

Talent Hunt

Award	Chapter	Student/Amount
1st Place	Theta Alpha	Mr. Roderick Demmings
2nd Place	Nu Iota	Mr. Martin Luthur Clark
3rd Place	Psi Upsilon	Mr. Michael Barnes

74th District Meeting Talent Hunt



NEWLY ELECTED 2011 MIGHTY NINTH DISTRICT OFFICERS:

Ninth District Representative:.....Shawn Brewer

First Vice District Representative:.....Ramon Simon

Second Vice District Representative:.....Trevor Vicks

District Keeper of Records & Seal:.....Patrick Smith

District Keeper of Finance:.....Kenneth Terrell

District Counselor:.....Marion Floyd

District Chaplain:.....Darryl Jones

District Director of Public Relations:.....Van Newborn

Omegas In Praise Crusades and Christian Manhood Development

Led by Rev. Bro. Darryl Jones (9th District Chaplain)

Sessions in the following cities:

New Orleans- August 19th & 20th, 2011

Houston- September 16th & 17th, 2011

Shreveport- October 28th & 29th, 2011

Dallas- January 20th & 21st, 2012

South Louisiana Crusade



New Orleans, La - The South Louisiana and South Texas Omegas in Praise Crusades were a total success. The South Louisiana Omegas in Praise Crusade was held the weekend of August 19th & 20th, 2011, in the city of New Orleans. The crusade was held at the Tulane Memorial Baptist Church, where Rev. Ross M Johnson Jr., serves as the Senior Pastor. Rev. Johnson also serves as the Assistant District Chaplain of the 9th District & the Basileus of the Rho Phi chapter of New Orleans.

The South Louisiana Omegas in Praise Crusade was a blessing as the award winning O Perry Walker Senior High School Gospel sang praises unto God and ushered us into the presence of God with spirited music.

We were blessed by the preached word as our very own 9th District Assistant Chaplain Pastor Ross M. Johnson Jr. Pastor Johnson, a gifted preacher, preached a soul stirring message that ministered to the masses that were in attendance.

The brothers from South Louisiana who were program participants included:

Bro. Michael Adams- Lambda Kappa Chapter & Former Grand Counselor

Bro. Ernest Parquet- Phi Iota Iota Chapter

Bro. Pastor Kermit Roberson- Gamma Rho Chapter

Bro. Henry Williams- Rho Phi Chapter (64 year member of the fraternity)

Bro. Robert Cambrice- Gamma Rho Chapter

Bro. Nathaniel Mitchell- Rho Omicron Chapter



The added touch that topped off the night was the melodic sounds of famed trumpeter Hack Bartholomew. Mr. Bartholomew's jazzy and sophisticated sound reminded us that we were in "church" in the crescent city!

On August 20, 2011, we were blessed to host the South Louisiana Christian Manhood Empowerment Session facilitated by Bro. Michael Hicks of the Rho Omega Chapter in Shreveport, La. Bro. Hicks is an anointed and gifted young brother who not only is gifted in research, but also delivery to captivate his audience with truth, facts and relevance!

Texas Crusade

Houston, TX - The South Texas Omegas in Praise Crusade was held the weekend of September 16th & 17th, 2011, in Richmond, Texas (a suburb of Houston).



The crusade was held at the Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, where Rev. Darryl C Jones Sr, our 9th District Chaplain, serves as the Assistant Pastor.

The South Texas Omegas in Praise Crusade was a blessing as 50 plus brothers from the Houston, Texas area attended and the Women's Chorus of the Mount Carmel Church blessed us through song with their anointed voices.

The Women's Chorus, under the capable leadership of Marva Marshall, background singer with the famed Psalm-



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Special thanks to Ms. Lisa Crinel & the Abide Home Care Services, Inc. Ms. Crinel is the President and Founder of Abide Home Care Services, Inc. Abide Home Care Services, Inc, financially funded 100% of both crusades! Thanks to Ms. Crinel and Abide Home Care Services, Inc, for being a blessing to the men of the 9th District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.





MANDATED PROGRAMS Health Initiatives



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Delta Xi and Theta Theta team up for Breast Cancer awareness - Bro. Charles Lovelace Jr.



Greenville, TX - Breast cancer is one of the most recognized forms of cancer, with over 1.3 million people diagnosed annually. Sadly, a cure for this potentially deadly disease has not been found. In an effort to raise funds to find a cure for this affliction, members of the Theta Theta and Delta Xi chapters solicited funds and participated in the Susan G. Komen for the Cure 5K walk to promote awareness.

Several members set aside June 11, 2011 to help raise over \$1,500 to help this cause, while enjoying each other's camaraderie. The North Texas affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has been organized since 1991. This year's walk consisted of over 15,000 participants. The funds that were raised will assist in promoting breast cancer awareness, early screenings and advancing treatment options.

The Theta Theta chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity was founded in 1972 on the campus of East Texas State University (now Texas A&M – Commerce) and the Delta Xi Chapter was established in Greenville, TX in 1976. The two chapters assist in supporting community efforts in the northeast corridor of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, while supporting Omega's stated motto of 'Friendship is Essential to the Soul'.

American Cancer Society - Relay for Life

Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, TX) – On April 8th-9th 2011 at Rice University, the Brothers of the Rho Xi Chapter participated with members of the Divine 9 and other service organizations around Houston to participate in the 2011 relay for Life Race for a Cure. It was 2 a.m. in the morning and the brothers were still walking to show support for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure foundation, The Brothers of Rho Xi contributed over 35 laps during the all night event.



Commit for Life – Blood Drive

Rho Xi Chapter (Freeport, Texas) - On Saturday May 14, 2011, the Brothers of Rho Xi chapter held its quarterly blood drive event in partnership with the Gulf Coast Regional blood bank in the parking lot of Wal-Mart in Lake Jackson, Texas. The brothers worked diligently to persuade donors to "Commit For Life" by giving the gift of blood. Each Pint of blood donated saves three lives. The Brothers of Rho Xi carried groceries, watched and entertained little children, and chaperoned donors to encourage blood donation. The drive generated 54 donors. The chapter continues its commitment to volunteerism and service to the community by hosting and organizing meaningful and successful events.



(Rear Left to Right): Rho Xi Chapter: Bros. Ross Cahee, Joseph Bonner, Charles Mayberry, Freddie Blanks, Phil Thomas, Nate Grace are pictured with the Gulf Coast Blood Center Staff.



Memorial Service - Houston Area Coalition

Freeport, Texas— On March 13, 2011, the brothers of Rho Xi Chapter participated in the annual Memorial Service in partnership with the Bros. of the Houston Area Coalition of Omega Psi Phi. The brothers of the Rho Xi participated in services at The Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church located in Richmond, Texas Where Bros. heard a sermon entitled “God sustains us.” The Houston Coalition presented the church with a \$500.00 donation and donated another \$200.00 to sponsor 20 members of the church so that they can participate in an upcoming youth trip.



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Lambda Alpha hosts 6th Annual Talent Hunt Program

Baton Rouge, LA - Lambda Alpha Chapter proudly presented the 6th Annual Talent Hunt Program at the Debose Recital Hall on the Southern University Campus, March 13, 2011. Our Chapter is honored to continue the legacy of providing exposure and encouragement to talented young people gifted in performing arts.

This year's Talent Hunt was judged by Jeremy Conner, Melva Moye, and William Ryder. Our judges had their work cut out



for them as they watched an array of talented performances. Daisha Badon gave a riveting performance of Wishing You Were Here Again from Phantom of the Opera. Sean Harris' performance of Arabesque No.1 arranged by Claude Debussy was both breathtaking and heart rendering! Melanie Jones gave the audience her all with her rendition of Your Daddy's Son composed by Stephen Flaherty for the Broadway hit Ragtime. Lilly Snowden's piano concerto, Knight Rupert, paid fitting homage to Schumann. After such spine tingling performances one would have thought that the show couldn't get much better. Not the case! Jahi Mackey's performance of God Bless the Child could only have been better if Lady Day

herself had come back and sang it. While the decision was difficult, there could be but one winner. In the end Lilly Snowden was presented the trophy, parting Debose Recital Hall the winner of the 6th Annual Talent Hunt Program.

In a time when many talent showcases only feature a specific genre, it was refreshing to see young people of color partake of and compete in such a classic and dignified forum. Lambda Alpha (Bro. Fredrick Thomas, Basileus) was privileged to work with the other participating chapters to make this year's Talent Hunt a success (Beta Sigma Bro. Marlon Hamilton, Basileus, Delta Tau Bro. Roymond Smith, Jr., Basileus, Lambda Kappa Kappa Bro. Edward B. Smith, Basileus). We were also honored by the presence of Baton Rouge Area State Representative Bro. Frank Oliver. "We look forward to next year's Talent Hunt and the opportunity to support contestants with awards and scholarship at each level" said Bro. Thomas.

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Epsilon Alpha Alpha Hosts Scholarship Banquet

Jonesboro, Arkansas - The brothers of the Epsilon Alpha Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated held its 1st annual Scholarship Banquet on June 25, 2011. The banquet was held at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The brothers displayed great enthusiasm to support one of our most sacred cardinal principles. We were honored to have our very own Dr. Roosevelt Gilliam as the key note speaker. Dr. Gilliam is a Cardiologist that specializes in electrophysiology. He is a member of Cardiology Associates in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Brother Gilliam was initiated into Omega Psi Phi in 1991



from Kappa Pi chapter in Lancaster, South Carolina. The recipients of the Epsilon Alpha Alpha scholarship and high school essay contest were Mr. Leslie Parker of Forrest City, AR; Ms. Dorothy Mason of Jonesboro, AR; and Ms. I'Kiauna King of Forrest City, AR. The chapter presented each recipient with a five hundred dollar scholarship to the school of their choice upon graduation. The program was an overall success. It is a great honor for the Epsilon Alpha Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. to support and assist in the educational development of our African American

youth.

The members of Epsilon Alpha Alpha graduate chapter would like to give a special thanks to Bro. Antwan Sanders, for his hard work in organizing our first annual scholarship banquet. Also special thanks to Bro. Gilliam for providing such a moving and heartfelt message to our recipients.

Theta Chi chapter - 17th Annual Scholarship Que-nic

Houston, TX - On Saturday, June 4, 2011 Theta Chi chapter hosted its 17th Annual Scholarship Que-nic. This event was started to provide resources to supplement the chapter's annual scholarship fund for local youth that were graduating from high school and needed additional financial support to enter college. Theta Chi chapter has demonstrated a commitment to adhering to this Fraternity mandate (Scholarship) that is critical to the uplifting of our youth and therefore our community. There is a tremendous amount of pride that goes into this event every year because it is not only an opportunity for the members of the Fraternity, friends and family to come together to enjoy each other's company, it is also a demonstration of the commitment that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Theta Chi chapter has toward preparing our youth for the future. Brother Kenneth Broughton has chaired the event for several years. This year Brother Broughton and his wife Monica donated their services in preparing the food for the entire event which was attended by approximately 200 to 250 supporters from other local chapters of the Fraternity and other Greek letter organizations along with friends and family. These types of contributions have allowed the chapter to keep costs down over the years, which allows the event to generate more profit to be utilized for scholarships.

Brother Kenneth Burkins has done an excellent job of chairing Theta Chi chapter's Scholarship Committee for the past 4 years. He and his team have been diligently working with Houston area High School Counselors and Advisors to source talented students who are in need of financial assistance, processing and scoring applications, and providing guidance and advice to scholarship applicants.



In 2011, the recipients of Theta Chi chapter's Mary Grant-Henry Scholarship include the following 4 graduating seniors from local Houston area High Schools:

Alana Anderson of Houston, TX, Alief Taylor High School, attending Rice University.

Vanity Hill of Missouri City, TX, Hightower High School, attending Louisiana State University.

Oluwafemi Adunbarin of Missouri City, TX, Thurgood Marshal High School, attending University of Texas at Austin.

Taylor Turner of Missouri City, TX, Hightower High School, attending University of Texas at Austin.

Xi Upsilon's Scholarship Reception

Port Arthur, TX - On June 30, 2011 the Xi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. hosted a reception for scholarship winners and their parents at the Hampton Inn. The students were selected based on a competitive essay writing that reflected the four cardinal principals of the fraternity: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

The students of the scholarship were from Port Arthur Memorial High School. Raven Ballou graduated 9 out of 204 students and will be attending Lamar State College then Prairie View A&M University. Raven will be obtaining a Nursing degree. Carlecia Roberts graduated 13th in the same class and plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University where she will be pursuing a degree in Speech Pathology. Richelle Wycoff was ranked 27th in the class and plans on attending Lamar University pursuing a degree in Business Management.

During the reception members gave the aspiring college students words of wisdom and encouragement and also commended them on a great job. The students were appreciative of the scholarships and gave recognition to their parents for supporting them while in school.

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Standing L to R: Chapter members Bro. Stanley Spooner, Roman Leviege, Sylvester Pace, Gerald Comeaux, Eddie Scaggs, Allan Thomas, Bobby Durham, Terry Foreman, Warren Marks, Brandon Allison and Godfrey Charles.
Parents and Scholarship Recipient L to R: Ms. Angela Balloue/Raven Balloue, Ms. Shelanda Roberts/ Carlecia Roberts, Ms. Jo Ann Wycoff/ Richelle Wycoff.

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Brothers Donald Batiste Jr., Eugene Martin III, Robert Signater, Dominique Jackson, Terrence Marshall and James Manogin spoke on the topics of reaching peers with violence prevention education, recognizing warning signs of potential violence, encouraging young people to report troubling behavior, and collaborating with school and community resources to address youth violence.

The Angola Prison visit was a resounding success and the students of McKinley High School stated, "They were very appreciative for the opportunity and it was an absolutely wonderful experience that they will never forget." They were very enthusiastically asking questions and the efforts of the prisoners and guards were extraordinary. The good will engendered towards the students surely inspired them not to return to a place that so many emphatically dreaded. The brothers of Lambda Alpha Chapter were honored to affect the at-risk male teens of McKinley High School in a positive way.

Beta Delta Chapter – Organizes Tornado Cleanup

Conway, AR - Tornadoes have ravaged many states over the past month and caused hundreds of deaths. These terrible incidents have left thousands without homes, food, or stable lives. Vilonia, AR was hit very hard by a tornado on April 25, 2011. The storm left much of the town in ruins and many home-less.

Even those these storms took place right before final semester exams, Greek students across UCA's campus banded together to help those affected in Vilonia. Members of Omega Psi Phi made multiple visits to affected areas to help clean up.

The Omegas not only went out on their own, but they also invited all Greeks to join them in the hopes of making a bigger impact. In addition, the men of Phi Sigma Kappa collected non-perishable food items and delivered them to the main relief center in the area. A big thank you goes out to all of the members of the Greek community that helped in this time of need. Special thanks go to Carson Knowlton of Omega for coordinating multiple volunteer trips to Vilonia including his brothers and the entire Greek community.

Your efforts are a shining testament to the positive effects Greek life can have beyond college campuses.



Gamma Eta Brothers Shine Omega's Light On Students at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

Fayetteville, AR. As campuses across the nation begin the Fall 2011 semester, the brothers of the Gamma Eta chapter at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville realize that first impressions are lasting ones to students on "The Hill". It is during this time that a new class of incoming freshmen will arrive on campus, and these young, impressionable students will be watching the brothers' every move. With this in mind, the brothers of the Gamma Eta chapter, led by Basileus Bro. Jesse Booker, were eager to exhibit, in their actions and their words, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift at the Fall 2011 Annual NPHC Interest Gathering, held on the campus of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, August 23, 2011. An integral part of the program involved each active NPHC Fraternity/Sorority being represented on a panel discussion for all interested students. Students asked very diverse questions, in addition to learning about each organization, as each panelist, leaders of each NPHC organization active on the campus of the University of Arkansas, described the history of their organizations, both nationally, and locally at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Approximately 80-100 students were in attendance, highlighting the significance of this program to the students on the campus. A very friendly environment was facilitated, as the student attendees were comfortable asking several questions to the Greek panelists. Some of the questions asked included:

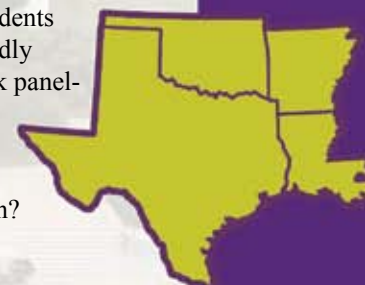
- 1) How should you let a fraternity/sorority know that you are interested without being too forward?
- 2) What have you gained from joining a NPHC organization...and why did you join your organization?
- 3) What is hazing and does your organization haze?



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- Bro. Booker was one of the panelists that provided thoughtful, and unique insightful commentary, which was well received by all of the students in attendance. To conclude the event, students were invited to visit with each NPHC chapter at their respective exhibition table(s), set up in the back of the meeting hall. The Gamma Eta brothers had an impressively decorated table that included a wood-lacquer fraternity shield, Gold Boots, several issues of the 9th District Newsletter and Oracles, as well as, programs from our recently concluded Centennial Salutes, in addition to postcards with a calendar of events to be sponsored by the chapter for the upcoming 2011-2012 year. With this presentation in place, it was not surprising that the Gamma Eta brothers were inundated with interactions during this NPHC post-program reception.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arkansas first opened its doors March of 1968 as Big Brothers of Pulaski County. Several men saw a need and began recruiting other men to mentor boys from single parent homes in the Highland Court Area. Five Churches were instrumental in beginning the recruitment of the first group of Big Brothers. They included Christ the King, Grace Presbyterian Church, Our Lady of Good

Counsel, St. Andrews and Westover Hills Presbyterian Church. In the first year 26 boys were involved in the program. On March 20th, 1987, the organization changed its name to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pulaski County and began working with girls and boys. The current name, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arkansas was established August 7, 1998, to reflect the additional counties the agency was serving.

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and leaders in 1968, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arkansas began with a foundation that has enabled the agency to be successful year after year.

ΑΔ² Host Annual Picnic

On April 30, 2011, The Alpha Delta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi presented its annual "Slamfest Picnic" to the surrounding cities of Ruston and Grambling, LA. During this annual event, the chapter provided free entertainment and bar-b-q to college students attending Louisiana Tech University and Grambling State University. There was a D.J. booth for constant amusement and a park area for the children to have leisure time. Members of the communities were also invited to come enjoy the picnic at no charge. Other members of Omega Psi Phi from many states came to participate in this year's activities.

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi would like to thank Aramark, Lowes, and Walmart in Ruston, LA. As well as others for their generous contributions.

Iota Gamma Gamma awards Scholarships -Bro. Willie Banks, Jr.



Leesville, La -The Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Leesville, Louisiana was the site of a recently held Back to School and Scholarship Awards Program. Among the Scholarship presenters were member of Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Ralpheal Moore, Chapter Basileus informed those present of the award selection criteria and the Significance of Scholarship as one of the Fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles. A reception was held for all immediately following the service. Rodney Johnson Jr. has already begun classes at Alcorn State University. The Scholarship award was one of two presented by the chapter this year.

Pictured (left to right) are Ralpheal Moore, Chapter Basileus, Major and Mrs Rodney Johnson , parents of Rodney Johnson, Jr. , our Scholarship recipient, and Bro. Willie Banks, Jr., Chapter reporter.

Upsilon Rho 's 9th Annual Kuts for Kids

Lafayette, LA - On Sunday, August 14, 2011 Upsilon Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted our "9th Annual Kuts for Kids" at Acadiana Technical College Lafayette Campus, located at 1101 Bertrand Drive, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., the project's mission was to provide free haircuts to kids ages 5 -13. In addition, we partnered with 100 Black Men of Greater Lafayette and Cox Communications who presented "Stuff A Backpack", where the first 250 kids received a backpack stuffed with new school supplies.

We started this event in 2003 to help families in need get their kids prepared for school. This event has grown so much over the last eight years. We had 30 barbers from the Lafayette area who donated their time and talents to provide almost 350 haircuts. We arrived for setup to find over 250 kids waiting and reached capacity 30 minutes after the scheduled event start time and had to stop taking kids in order to provide services to those who were there.



To help prevent crimes against children, parents and guardians received free DNA and fingerprinting kits. Children were also given anti-bullying messaging, courtesy of Cartoon Network.

Other partners included KRRQ 95.5, KNEK 104.7, Buffalo Wild Wings, Louisiana Army National Guard, and New York Life. Event goers will not only enjoyed free haircuts, but also face painting, arts and crafts and free hot dogs and hamburgers.

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Iota Gamma Gamma Community Uplift - By Bro. Willie Banks, Jr.

Leesville, La - On Saturday morning, Leesville resident Anderson Cherry awoke to the sound of Paint Scrapers, ladders and the cheerful greetings of members of Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The organization had selected Mr. Cherry's home as the object of their Senior Citizen Community outreach program. The organization started the preparation phase of the project at first light and completely painted and trimmed the entire house by two o'clock in the afternoon. Windell Bonner, project coordinator, stated that, "One of our Fraternity's Principles is Uplift. We promote this principle by serving the community. Our goal is to complete a minimum of two such projects a year.



Seen in photo are: Back row, Bro. Willie Banks, Jr., Anderson Cherry, Bro. Derrick Johnson. Front row, Bro. Bernard Taylor, Bro. Windell Bonner, Bro. Raymond Watts

Lambda Alpha takes on GEE Saturday Academy

Baton Rouge, LA - Lambda Alpha Foundation of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. prides itself in being influential in the quest to uplift the community through social action. A key aspect of social action is the education of our children. Brothers Dr. George Williams, Dr. Claude Tellis M. D., and Josh McDaniels Jr. recognized a need in the community to address the high school completion rate. GEE Saturday Academy established February 12, 2005, was the brainchild of these devoted Brothers.



GEE Saturday Academy has made positive strides in helping high risk students from the community improve their scores on the Graduation Exit Exam (GEE). GEE Saturday Academy is held at Glen Oaks and Scotlandville Magnet High Schools for five sessions on Saturdays to assist high risk students in passing the GEE in Mathematics. Despite being less than 7 years old GEE Saturday Academy has improved test scores drastically since its inception. With a firm plan in place and Brothers willing to give of their time, the program became a resounding success. "Brothers of Lambda Alpha have positively impacted the students of Glen Oaks by acting as tutors as well as setting an example for

them to follow” testified Clinton Sampson, Principal of Glen Oaks High School. The effectiveness of the program is a direct result of Lambda Alpha’s dedication to working with schools and families.

The brothers from the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. played a major role in providing a positive presence during the sessions. Brothers Terance Vessel, Dominique Jackson, Henry Briggs Jr., John McGee, James Frazier, Percy Williams and Frederick Thomas did not waste the opportunity to impart the spirit of perseverance and instill professional etiquette into the children they encountered at the Gee Saturday Academy. “I wanted to make sure that these kids knew that with hard work they could achieve their goals” said Thomas. GEE

Saturday Academy hopes to extend its reach very soon in order to help more students pass the Graduation Exit Exam in East Baton Rouge Parish.



Eta Mu Mu Chapter; Providing Uplift, Fellowship and Reclamation

By Brother Simeon O. Terry

Denton, TX -On March 19th, 2011 the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. HMM Chapter Denton Texas assembled at the Dallas/Fort Worth airport in full force to welcome soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. North Dallas Alumni Chapter joined forces and partnered with Eta Mu Mu chapter in this social action event. The event was precluded by fellowshipping at a local restaurant for breakfast to discuss the day's events and strategy. The Eta Mu Mu Chapter purchased drinks and snacks to provide to the troops and they came through the terminal heading to various destinations.

It did not take long to see the immediate impact the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. had on the returning troops. Faces lit up as they turned the corner to see the crowd of people waiting and cheering them on. Troops smiled, shook hands and hugged various brothers as they made their way to their next destination. Emotions ran high on "both" sides. Several of the members of Eta Mu Mu Chapter and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority who served in the military were assembled in a designated area up front and were the first to greet the troops in transition. John Perry, Chaplain of Eta Mu Mu and a retired veteran of the United States Army reached out and provided uplift and words of encouragement to many of the troops as they made their way through the crowd.

Many other organizations were represented in greeting the troops, however it did not take long to notice that soldiers "of color" were surprised and elated to see the Men of Omega and Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta. Other than these two organizations there were no other people of color there to welcome the troops. This realization could be seen in the eyes of the members for both Black Greek Organizations. Many members brought their spouses, children and friends to participate. This event is also a part of Eta Mu Mu's Reclamation Program in which non-active brothers are invited and encouraged to attend the fellowship and participate in the outreach efforts.

This Social Action event is a quarterly activity for the Eta Mu Mu Chapter. Future events are already being discussed and planned for next quarter. The accomplishments of the day could be directly linked to the preparation, planning and execution of the Brothers of Eta Mu Mu and the Sorors of North Dallas Alumni Suburban Chapters.



Big Brothers Big Sisters School Based Mentoring - Bro Scott L. Earle Sr.

San Antonio, TX - Every Chapter in our great Fraternity is working towards mentoring with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS). Many Chapters including ours are looking at for ways we can mentor children along with the responsibilities of our own families. In South Texas we are fortunate that School Based Mentoring was developed.

BBBS and Flint Hills Resources created a School Based Mentoring program to sustain 12 one-to-one mentoring relationships for students at Davis Middle School and White Elementary School in Council District 2 of San Antonio. Twelve volunteers from the Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities have stepped up to serve as mentors. Psi Alpha and Alpha Delta Lambda Chapters of Omega Psi Phi have volunteered to mentor 13 students at Davis Middle School. The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are the only Fraternity to have both their Graduate and Undergraduate Chapters participate. Twenty percent of the students on the Big Brothers Big Sisters waiting list are African-American while only 5 percent of volunteers are African-American. Of the African American volunteers, less than 2 percent are male.

During the August 30, 2011 news conference to announce this partnership, BBBS of America President & CEO Karen Mathis thanked Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for their involvement at the national and local levels. She shared her experiences with our national leadership at the recent Centennial Celebration but to see their words put into action at the local level was impressive. This new initiative will allow more interested men to mentor and young boys to finally participate with BBBS which is significant to the students at these schools.

The Alamo City Ques are active in the San Antonio community at the Graduate and Undergraduate levels. The children and families of San Antonio indeed know that



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Que-Cuts 2011

San Antonio, TX - Since 2003, Psi Alpha Chapter has sponsored Free Haircuts to the Alamo City. This was our 9th event over an eight year period. This year the two day event was special because Alpha Delta Lambda Undergraduate Chapter from the University of Texas at San Antonio assisted us with this great event. This year assisted 500 students with free haircuts.

Crowds of children excited about the upcoming school year sat patiently with family members waiting for their back to school haircut. Many take haircuts for granted but for some a free haircut assists a great deal toward building self esteem. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Psi Alpha Chapter in association with Williams Barber College offered free haircuts to area students. In April of 2003, Psi Alpha approached Clarence Williams to discuss a program where school age students can get haircuts in preparation for Easter. The success of that first event gave us the idea to hold this event annually to be held prior to the first day of school. The idea for the haircuts came from one of Psi Alpha's member who spent a great deal of time mentoring at Carroll Elementary School and realized many of the students had not had a haircut since the beginning of the school year. The member remembered when his father took all his students to the barber and paid for haircuts to assist with their self-esteem. In addition to self-esteem the barbershop for many men is the spa, game room and psychiatrist office rolled into one and many children do not get a chance to experience the barbershop. In addition to paying for all 500 haircuts we pay for lunch for the 51 barbers, tips for each haircut, cool beverages to combat the 100 degree temperatures, and lollipops for each child.

This year the Chapter received a free Public Service Announcements on San Antonio's number one radio station for youth, 98.5 the Beat, front page exposure and a web based feature from the San Antonio Express News, as well as a feature on the ABC, NBC and the Fox affiliate television stations. Each year more and more Chapters contact us to follow our template for success. This year's event was a success and the members of Psi Alpha will be back in August 2012.



Jr Roughriders Youth Football

San Antonio, TX - The Roosevelt Junior Roughrider youth football and cheer organization is a member of the Texas Youth Football Association. Their vision is to provide a positive atmosphere, in which youth can learn responsibility and compete in organized sports and cheer. As an organization, they believe in producing well- rounded athletes, as well as positive members of the community. The Junior Roughrider organization is committed to producing athletes that embody discipline, respect, and responsibility. Psi Alpha donates \$500.00 each year to assist with replacing equipment. The Brothers attend games and mentor several players on the team. While most Brothers were waiting for the NFL strike to end the Alamo City Ques had their own team to cheer.



Houston Food Bank

Freeport, Texas- On Saturday April 16, 2011, As a part of Rho Xi chapters' effort to uplift our community the brothers of the Rho Xi coordinated a community service event in conjunction with the Bros. of the Houston Area Coalition of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. The Brothers came together to package and load vehicles for delivery of food to families who are in need. The Brothers helped the food bank distribute 46, 270 meals over the weekend.



(Rear Left to Right in Purple): Rho Xi Chapter: Bros. Joe Washington, Marvin Caskets, Freddie Blanks, Charles Nichols.

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Family Picnic

San Antonio, TX - There are many occasions throughout the year that the Brothers of Psi Alpha are out with each other fellowshiping and serving others. Our wives, children, family and friends sacrifice a great deal in order for Brothers to be Brothers in OMEGA. The Psi Alpha Chapter Annual Family Picnic is a way for the Brothers to fellowship, give much needed thanks to our loved ones, and build bridges between our families in order for each of our families to build a bond between themselves.

Due to the heat that has kept many in South Texas inside, the Brothers held their picnic at the Boys and Girls Club of San Antonio. The club allowed the Brothers to have exclusive use and the families were able to swim, enjoy a DJ, line dance, play pool, board games, video games, basketball, volleyball, and many other indoor activities that included just sitting in the air conditioned facility playing cards and dominoes. For those who wanted to go outside there was a gigantic inflatable bouncer with a water slide for the kids. The cooks were able to escape the heat and come inside and then serve a great meal inside with everyone who attended. The meal included barbeque ribs, chicken, brisket, hot dogs and hamburgers.



The Chapter Quettes ensured we had every side dish that one could imagine. There was a wide variety of desserts and the kids enjoyed ice cream and popsicles. The event drew about a hundred family and friends and those who were passing by assumed it was a family reunion, and in fact it was. The Omega Family was together as they should be! Our Basileus, Brother Billy Fair, addressed the families and shared his gratitude to all in attendance and thanked the families for their support. All in attendance loved the facility and we booked September 15, 2012 for next year's family picnic.

Following the event, the Chapter was able to bless the city by donating all extra food to a local Salvation Army who expressed their appreciation. The donation was estimated at a few hundred dollars and the shelter was very surprised at the amount of items donated.

Tau Epsilon Volunteers for Big Brothers Big Sisters

Houston, TX - On April 29, 2011 the brothers of Tau Epsilon volunteered at the Big Brother Big Sister Black-Tie Ball. This event was located at The Corinthian in downtown Houston. The brothers had an opportunity to interact with "Big's" and "Little's" from all over the Houston area at the ball. The members helped out with the Live Auction which proceeds are used to raise money for BBBS's summer camp program. They also helped in the silent auction by talking with people and encouraging them to make bids on various items. By volunteering, the brothers

had an opportunity to meet and interact with a variety of people from the community that were involved with the BBBS organization. The staff members of BBBS were very impress with the willingness of the brothers to come out and support their organization. This was the first interaction the members of Tau Epsilon chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. had with BBS and they plan on getting more involved in the future.



Pay it Forward



San Antonio, TX - On Sunday, May 1, 2011, Psi Alpha Graduate Chapter hosted the Brothers of Alpha Delta Lambda Undergraduate Chapter at the University of Texas, San Antonio Campus for the 1st Annual Pay it Forward Event. Brother James L. Blair, Basileus of Psi Alpha created this event with the assistance of Brother Scott L. Earle; Chapter Social Actions Co-Chairmen to return the gifts he received while a struggling undergraduate. Brother Blair remembered those in the community who bought him a suit and briefcase upon graduation and wanted to pay the favor forward. "Pay it forward" is used to describe the concept of asking that a good turn be repaid by having it done to others instead of paying the person who did the deed back. In recent years Brother Blair and others in the chapter have purchased suits for the Undergraduate Brothers but a formal program was never developed.

Brother Jamal Hasty, Undergraduate advisor of ADL selected Brother Curtis Wilkins Jr - ADL Fall '08 and Brother Christopher Powell Fall '10 who both were upcoming graduates of the Class of Spring '11 to spend the afternoon shopping for suits and accessories to assist them with their transition from Undergraduate to the work force and Graduate School. Brothers Earle and Tony Godbee who works in the field of Human Resource Management assisted along with Brother Hasty with the selection of two suits, shirts, ties, shoes, accessories and alterations to ensure that all potential interviews would be a success.

After we finished shopping Psi Alpha Chapter Brothers, Basileus, James Blair, Undergraduate Advisor Jamal Hasty, Social Actions Co-Chairmen Scott Earle and Brother Tony Godbee took the two ADL Brothers to lunch at TGIF's. At lunch we discussed life after college and transition to Graduate life within the Chapter. Brother Wilkins shared he would have been receptive to mentoring with the Graduate Chapter throughout his Undergraduate years and spoke about the influence Brother Hasty has had on the young Brothers of ADL. Brother Hasty shared a story about his experience as an Undergraduate and how Brother Jason Butler took him shopping for suits and he has been "Paying it Forward" ever since. At the conclusion of lunch the Undergraduates Brothers asked how they could repay this debt. Brother Blair explained that this was not a debt to pay back but a deed to pay forward when they were able.

Psi Alpha's goal is for more Chapter Brothers to assist with "Pay it Forward" and assist the transition from college to graduate life both in the Brothers career of choice and within the Graduate Chapter.

Teacher Supplies Salvage Sale 2011 - Bro. Oladapo Olofinjana

On July 23, 2011, the Alpha Delta Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated at the University of Texas at San Antonio hosted their annual "Teacher Supplies Salvage Sale." This event was held on campus and was geared mainly towards new teachers. At this event we donated hundreds of books to teachers to promote literacy and scholarship.

The books came from libraries, schools, and various donation businesses. We carried a vast collection of books from chapter, to picture books, to even group interactive style books. Participants were able to enter a room filled with books and were able to walk away with boxes of free books. We also accepted small donations if people wanted to give and show their gratitude. Proceeds from the event went to a college scholarship for a local high school student who will attend a four-year accredited college.



The people in attendance showed up early for the event and we had a line before it even started. Teachers were very excited to outfit their classrooms with the books and materials that were able to gather for themselves. The event garnered over a hundred teachers, which is great because we as men of scholarship were excited to know we were helping someone out there by spreading scholarship to classrooms all over the San Antonio area and helping to put an assault on Illiteracy.

This event has grown over the past few years and multiple local new stations came to cover the event, even a Spanish station. This event continues to grow and gain more exposure. We look forward to making this event bigger and bigger and are working to get corporate sponsorships for the event. The Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter host's this event every year around the time before school starts and has proven to be a great success.

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OGG Donates Books to Elementary

Arlington, TX -Brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma volunteered their time to clean-up in Grand Prairie. The chapter adopted a street in the city of Grand Prairie in the year 2007. The street is a mile and half long stretch located on Robinson Street and the Pioneer Parkway intersection. Brothers cleaned up the highway once a quarter as part of a community service project through the social action program.



Arlington, TX -The Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi donated 292 books to David K. Sellars Elementary School in Fort Worth, Texas. The school is located in an under served area of Fort Worth which was in need of books for its library. Brother Morris Grundy volunteered his service by given the books directly to the students. Librarian Chloe Jones was appreciative of the chapter's contribution and services. In the future the chapter hopes to help raise money to purchase more books for the school.



Text

Killeen, Texas - On July 18, 1974 the Omicron Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was born. Omicron Pi is a graduate chapter and was founded in Killeen, Texas. The current membership consists primarily of active duty soldiers stationed at Fort Hood, Texas and military retirees. For this reason, the chapter is referred to as the "Hood-Ques."

On July 23, 2011 Omicron Pi Chapter hosted an outing to commemorate thirty-seven years of service to the Killeen-Fort Hood area. Community supporters and sponsors were invited to honor them for their assistance over the years. With their help, and the dedication of our members, Omicron Pi has given much to the Central Texas communities. In the past five years, it has given over \$71,000.00 in scholarships, \$6,000.00 in the Q-Bucks reading program at Ira Cross Elementary School, \$5,000.00 in Food Banks, raised over \$8,000 for cancer research, and given over \$18,000 in bicycles and other toys to Fort Hood's Santa's Workshop.

This celebration is an annual community gathering of Omega families and friends. It was well-attended and enjoyed by all. There was plenty of food, horse rides, tumble houses, and music for our guests.

The vision of Omicron Pi's leaders has kept service to our community at the core of our efforts. Because of war-time deployments, our available members are often lessened. Nonetheless, those who remain work diligently to support Omega's Programs.



My Black Prowess

Houston, TX - The brothers of the Tau Epsilon chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. presented its first "My Black Prowess" event along with the Texas Southern Chapter of the NAACP featuring Texas Senator Royce West, City of Houston Controller Ronald Green, City of Houston Council Woman Wanda Adams, and Texas Voter Education Advocate Teneshia Hudspeth, which took place on October 26th, 2011. This forum was developed and provided to bring awareness of politics, voter empowerment, as well as to enlighten and uplift the students of color at Texas Southern University to become more aware of the political climate that we are in and the lack of African American turnout in general elections and the problems it causes.



Texas Southern Chapter of NAACP & Tau Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Presents



Texas Senator Royce West



President John Rudley

My Black Prowess

When: October 26th

Where: Student Center Room 207

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm



City Council Woman Wanda Adams



Comptroller of Houston Ronald Green, Texas



Teneshia Hudspeth

A forum that has been developed and provided to bring awareness of politics, voter empowerment, as well as to enlighten and uplift the students of color at Texas Southern University.

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SONS OF THE 9TH Brother Joe D. Briggs, Esq.



Born and raised in Dundee, Florida, Joe Briggs was a scholarship athlete at Texas Christian University earning three varsity letters as a committed student leader on campus. Bro. Joe D. Briggs, Esq. was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1999 at Texas Christian University. After working in corporate America for a few years, Bro. Briggs transitioned into education as the Special Assistant to the President of Florida A&M University while also pursuing a master's degree at the same institution as a State University System Fellow. Once he completed his master's degree, Bro. Briggs decided to further his education goals once again at the Florida State University College of Law earning his juris doctorate in 2006.

During his time in law school, Bro. Briggs was employed as a law clerk by the top tier public finance firm Bryant Miller Olive and was also selected as a United States Senate Legal Extern. Bro. Briggs also completed two years of national leadership on the National Black Law Students Association Executive Board while also serving as a Lieutenant Governor in the ABA Law Student Division, Vice President of the Student Bar Association and as a member of his law school trial team.

After the completion of his externship as a US Senate Legal Fellow, Bro. Briggs was hired by the NFL Players Association to manage their Financial Programs Department. Currently, he is the Public Policy

Counsel of the NFLPA and first individual to lead the NFLPA Government Relations Department. Bro. Briggs is also a professor at Georgetown University and often speaks on subjects ranging from politics to sports and everything in between. Bro. Briggs is an active member of Alpha Omega chapter in Washington D.C.



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Brother's Individual Achievements

Nu Phi Brothers uses life experiences to make a difference

Houston, TX - Roger Hickson was born and raised in HighPoint, NC. During his senior year of high school, while playing quarterback in a football game, Roger sustained a spinal cord injury. "In hindsight, I believe the weather along with the athletic equipment played a part in the cause of my injury," he said. With support from his family, friends, and teammates Roger was able to avoid depression and move forward. He graduated from high school and enrolled in Davidson County Community College.

After a few semesters, he transferred to Elkins Institute in Atlanta to study radio and television broadcasting. He received a 2nd class radio and television broadcasting license and decided to pursue a bachelor's degree. He attended St. Andrews Presbyterian College, which is a fully accessible college in the United States, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

Armed with his degree in psychology, Roger decided to go a step further .He went to Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA, where he earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling. On May 23 Roger joined the Augusta Vocational Rehabilitation Office as vocational rehabilitation counselor. He brings with him more than 15 years of rehabilitation counseling experience. "Working has opened several doors for me as well as kept me in tune with life. The possibilities with an injury of this nature are infinite. I want to help expose that to others who think this is the end, rather than a new beginning," he said. Roger said that his drive to work with PVA is fueled by his desire to see all people with spinal cord injuries live a better life.

During his free time, Roger enjoys raveling and collecting dolphin themed collectibles. He is very active in his community and with his fraternity Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. by participating in community projects and scholarship fundraisers.



Omicron Pi Brother Receives Prestigious Award - Bro. Joe Holston

Killeen, Texas - Bro. Bobby Lynn is an active member of the Omicron Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Killeen, Texas. He is employed by the Directorate of Public Works, Fort Hood, Texas. On August 11, 2011, at the GovEn-ergy-2011 conference in Cincinnati, OH, Bro. Lynn and his team accepted the 2011 Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management, Energy Efficiency and Energy Management Award. The Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Awards recognizes installations, small groups and individuals from the Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard who make significant achievements in energy conservation and water management.



"Bobby Lynn and his energy team are very deserving of this award; we are fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated staff" said Brian Dosa, Director of Public Works.

"Developing and implementing innovative approaches and advancements in energy efficient technologies is a priority at Fort Hood," said Bobby Lynn, Chief, Energy Management Branch. "Fort Hood's Utility Management and Control System (UMCS) is an innovative system that promotes conservation, lowers energy costs and protects the environment."

"The implementation of an open system revolutionized the way energy management systems are procured, operated, and maintained," Lynn said. "The open system eliminates the need for proprietary systems, while providing open competition for manufacturers- reducing the final cost to the government."

Lynn emphasized that it takes everyone working together to be a part of the solution and reduce energy use on the installation.

The Chapter applauds Bro. Lynn on this accomplishment.

Bro. Dr. Calvin Monroe opens New health care facility



(Tulsa, OK) August 2011 – Greenwood Healthcare Specialist for Women, PLLC., Tulsa's newest healthcare option for women, will be hosted its ribbon cutting celebrations Thursday, Sept. 1 and grand opening Saturday, Sept. 3.

"We are very excited about the opening of the Greenwood Healthcare Clinic," said Dr. Calvin Monroe, owner of GHS. "We took special care to tailor our business to today's women. Unlike most medical providers, we are available during nontraditional hours to offer our patients quality service that conveniently fits into the busy and active lifestyles of everyday women. We provide women expert service with less recovery time, pain, time

away from home and work and an improved quality of life."

Dr. Calvin Monroe and the Greenwood Healthcare Specialist for Women family provide top of the line general obstetrics and gynecology care services. Using the latest technologies available, they focus on restoring the patient's quality of life efficiently, effectively and with dignity.

"I have been practicing in North Tulsa for more than five years and have grown quite fond of the community," Monroe said. "This community reminds me much of where I grew up and I feel very comfortable serving them especially considering the great need that they have for very good providers who look at them with compassion and care for them absent of any judgment. I thoroughly enjoy being able to provide professional services to this underserved population and it gives me great joy to earn their trust to provide them with prenatal care, the delivery of their babies and a multitude of other services for often quite sensitive issues."

Doctor Calvin Monroe cut the ribbon on the Greenwood Healthcare Specialist for Women in North Tulsa City leaders say its a godsend, the doctor says it's been a dream since high school.

"It's a dream come true. Practicing in this particular area is the same kind of community I grew up in at home. I felt there was a need, a very special need and I felt I could provide that service to fill that gap," Dr. Monroe said.

Lambda Alpha Brother Named "Most Outstanding" In the Nation

Lambda Alpha Brother Dominique Jackson has been named a recipient of the 2010 Col. Leo A. Codd Award, presented to the "Most Outstanding" Naval Science Instructor in the Nation. The Codd Award is given to the top three ROTC instructors in the country from each branch of service. The "Most Outstanding" Instructors are chosen from more than 1,000 candidates located at over 170 colleges and universities nationwide. Recipients of this prestigious honor have demonstrated Codd's principle that "the best guarantee of peace is a strong United States." Bro. Jackson was nominated by his commanding officer who touted him as the most significant contributor that he has ever worked with.

Brother Jackson is the Assistant Professor of Naval Science in Southern University's Naval ROTC program. Jackson earned his Bachelors' of Science degree in Criminal Justice in December 2004 from Southern. After receiving his commission as a Surface Warfare Officer (Ship Driver) in 2004, he has held titles such as Weapons Officer, Force Protection Officer, Damage Control Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant and Chief Engineer onboard US Navy vessels. He has also been deployed overseas two times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Active Endeavor (OAE).

In his civilian life Brother Jackson is equally excellent. After becoming a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Spring 2010 he has acted as Chairman for the following 2011 committees: Achievement Week Committee, 75th Anniversary Committee, Fundraising Committee, MSP Committee, Thanksgiving Basket Committee, and is the Chapter Editor. Bro. Jackson has impacted lives through over 900 hours of tireless volunteer service. He continues to support worthwhile efforts as a shining star in his naval career, as an educator and as an "Omega Man".



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Another example of what an Omega Man is all about



I am more than elated to announce that I have been informed of two (2) awards I have received with the last two weeks. They were totally unexpected but when you are an Omega man and you try to live by our Cardinal Principles, the unexpected can become a reality.

1. The Favorite Student Union at Grambling State University conducted a student vote to determine who the “Best Professor” on GSU’s campus as part of the first Grambling Grammy Award Ceremony and Bro. Jimmy(Dr. JMc) McJamerson was voted as the Best Professor on GSU’s Campus for 2011 by the student body.
2. At the end of the A.C. Lewis Memorial Library’s Poetry Program today (4/14/11), Bro. /Dr. Jimmy (Dr. JMc)McJamerson was named the 2011 Poet Laureate by the Library Faculty and staff.

As a member of Pi Tau chapter, I am humbled by the recognitions, which were totally unexpected. But they do re-affirm that as an Omega man, I must be doing something right.

Brother Dr. Roger T. Watkins - Earns PHD

Brother Roger T. Watkins exemplified his commitment to the cardinal principles Perseverance and Scholarship by completing the matriculation to a terminal degree. In April the Dean signed off his dissertation: *The Career Ascension of the African American Male in the Aeronautics Industry*, thereby completing the doctoral journey. Brother Watkins entered the fraternity through Gamma Delta Chapter in Lafayette, LA April 11, 1981.



Brother Watkins has enjoyed a long career in Engineering. Most recently he was a Project Manager for the Department of Homeland Security and the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C. He was a manufacturing engineer on the NASA Orion project. Brother Watkins has spent most of his career in the aerospace and aeronautics industry working with Hughes Aircraft Company, General Dynamics and Lockheed Martin.

Brother Watkins worked in the telecommunications industry as a District Technical Manager. This experience allowed Brother Watkins to demonstrate and develop his management, leadership, and personnel mentoring skills. He was also an adjunct professor at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, TX.

Outside of work Brother Watkins has participated in various mentoring programs for high schools. He has spoken numerous times at career fairs and college fair events at high schools. Brother Watkins has a passion for youth and education. This passion is demonstrated by his continual involvement in youth activities and his pursuit of higher education. Brother Watkins is the immediate past 9th District Director of Public Relations.

Brother Watkins received his BS in Engineering in 1984 from Southern University and obtained a MBA from University of Phoenix in 2000 and obtained a Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership from University of Phoenix in 2011.

Bro. Kenneth Terrell - Elected to Omega Psi Phi Federal Credit Union Board



“The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union continues to provide financial avenues for the fraternity’s members, families and employees. With an excellent team of dedicated members of the Board and committees, we have a competitive, financially secure credit union. We encourage you to join, save, borrow and take advantage of all the services available to you”.



Brother Glen T. Epperson



Deridder, La. – Brother Glen T. Epperson entered Omega Chapter on Friday, September 09, 2011. He was initiated at Theta Chi Chapter in 1973, and was a charter member of Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter Fort Polk, La. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree, Master of Education Degree, plus thirty hours in Administration and Supervision from Prairie View A&M University.

Brother Epperson served in the United States Army, and went on to retire from Federal Civil Service at Fort Polk, La. in 2005. While at Fort Polk he was elected to Who's Who among Counseling Educators. He and his wife own and operate Eat-A-Bite Catering and Consulting through which they supported the Community by providing free meal give-a-ways yearly during the Christmas Holidays.

Brother Epperson a current member of Iota Gamma Gamma, had been recognized at our annual Achievement Banquet for his work in the Community. He was a member of Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Rose Lewis Denmond-Epperson; two sons, Marcus Epperson and Sylvester Denmond, Jr., one daughter, Perronda McClendon, a brother Franklin Epperson, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bro. Prenis Williams



The death of our Brother Prenis Williams has brought profound sorrow to me as well as to his many friends and associates.

Brother Prenis Williams participated and was a strong support of Epsilon Iota Chapter in Austin, TX. In the 1990s he often attended the Annual Mardi Gras Celebration and Annual EI Chapter picnic. Brother Prenis Williams was a coach and teacher. And a good coach too. He was on Darrell Royal's staff at the University of Texas in the 1970s. He coached at Lubbock Dumbar High School in the 1960s as well.

Bro. Michael Chuck Haynes

On Monday, August 8, 2011, the Lambda Alpha Chapter, in Baton Rouge, LA lost one of Omega's sturdy and beloved trees.

Brother Michael Chuck Haynes better known as "Sweets" (Fall 2003 Life Member, Lambda Alpha Chapter) was called home to be with the Supreme Basileus of the Universe, Our God, to rest from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward.

I am asking for the Brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and 9th District to pray for the Haynes Family and our Brothers of the Lambda Alpha Chapter in Baton Rouge, LA. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal!

Brother Joseph Moffett Sr.,

On Friday, July 8, 2011, the Rho Chi Chapter "Lake City Ques" Lake Charles, La, lost one of Omega's sturdy trees.

Brother Joseph Moffett Sr., member of the Rho Chi Chapter, was called home to be with the Supreme Basileus of the Universe, Our God, to rest from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward. Brother Moffett was initiated May 18, 1951, at Theta Chapter, Wiley College, in Marshall, Texas. Brother Moffett was a life member of our fraternity.

Lambda Alpha loses one of its most notable brothers



Baton Rouge, LA - Brother Henry Louis "Dickie" Thurman Jr. was more than just a prominent life-time member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. He was a hard working scholastic achiever who overcame adversity to achieve goals some thought impossible. His dedication to his work as a professor and architect and his devotion to his family leaves a legacy that will stand the test of time.

Before his death on April 10th, 2011, Brother Henry had achieved much, providing a shining example of what we all should strive for. Brother Henry was first inducted into Omega Psi Phi in 1947 at the Gamma Epsilon Chapter while attending Hampton Institute, (now called Hampton University) in Virginia, where he received his undergraduate degree in architectural engineering. He went on to the University of Illinois where he received his Master's in that field. Not only did he make great strides in receiving an education in a time where he met

much adversity in gaining such; he went on to become the first African-American to become a registered architect in the state of Louisiana, and the Founder/Dean of Southern University's School of Architecture and College of Engineering. His most recent achievement came just six days before his death when on April 4th 2011; Southern University inducted this last living four-letter athlete (tennis, football, track and basketball) into the Sports Hall of Fame as a Jaguar Legend.

His fellow brothers at the Lambda Alpha Chapter recognize his 60 years of service as not only a Life Member, but as Dean of Pledges and Chapter Basileus as well. On April 15th 2011, his Omega brothers held an unforgettable memorial service for their fallen brother, who passed away at the age of 84. His brothers, friends, family and students will always remember the legacy of Brother Henry Louis "Dickie" Thurman Jr. and he will be truly missed.



BROTHER JAMES LINDSEY “6-FO” BLAIR (May 2, 1960 – July 1, 2011)



James Lindsey Blair was a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He was the fourth of five children born to the late Rosie Lee Blair. He gives credit to God and his mother for molding and shaping him into the man he became. He said, “A lot of the success I have enjoyed in life stems directly from my Christian upbringing and my mother’s teachings. I am most thankful to God for blessing me with a mother who was a woman of high moral character and Christian values.”

He confessed his belief in Christ at an early age and joined Fifty-ninth Street Baptist Church, which later became Thirty-seventh Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

His commitment to academic excellence and his dedication to the game of basketball resulted in him receiving a full, four-year scholarship to Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Wofford in 1983. From 1979 to 1983, James was a star player for the Wofford Terrier men’s basketball team. He was a four-year letterman and received numerous athletic awards and honors, including being the second leading scorer in the history of the school. When

James ended his impressive collegiate basketball career in 1983, he had the distinct honor of being the first and only African-American athlete in the history of the prestigious college to have his playing jersey (#44) retired. To this day, some of his athletic records still have not been broken. James was inducted into Wofford’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. In 2004, he received the Wofford Alumni Distinguished Service Award for his work with at-risk children and youth in the states of Alabama and Texas.

He received numerous professional and community service awards and honors including San Antonio’s Rising Stars 40 Under 40 (1999), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. /Psi Alpha Chapter Educator of the Year (2002), Wofford College Alumni Distinguished Service Award (2004), and the Omega Man of the Year (2006 and 2009).

James married the former Shawana Freeman, of San Antonio, and together they raised five children – Telica, Shamia, Clayton, Lindsey, and Jasmine. He was a dedicated husband and family man, who devoted countless hours to his children as well as to his nieces, nephews and other children in his extended family.

James was an avid community service volunteer and active in a number of civic organizations. He was the current Basileus (President) of the Psi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in San Antonio. James was initiated into the Tau Delta Chapter at Wofford College in Spring 1981. James joined the Psi Alpha Chapter when he moved to San Antonio and had the pleasure of serving the Chapter with his late father-in-law, Sidney E. Freeman, Sr. He was elected Basileus in October 2008 after serving as Vice Basileus since 2005. Under his dedicated leadership, the Psi Alpha Chapter was successful in increasing membership participation, programs, and fundraising. James served in many positions within the Fraternity but Brotherhood meant more to him than any office or title he ever held. He was a Life Member of the Fraternity with 30 years of devoted service. James served his beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity with dignity and honor, and he lived the motto, “Friendship is essential to the soul.”

On July 1, 2011 hundreds of people convened at the hospital in disbelief to the news that Brother Blair had passed away. On July 7, 2011 over 250 Brothers from around the nation, the 9th District and local area to include 9th District Keeper of Finance, Brother Dr. Kenneth Terrell and 9th District Immediate Past District Representative, Brother Willie Hinchey came to memorialize and pay tribute to the life of Brother Blair. Many in attendance commented that the memorial service was one of the most beautiful events they ever attended. There were two articles in the San Antonio News that mentioned the service and the life of Brother Blair. On July 9, 2011 over 150 Brothers and 2000 others attended the funeral services of Brother Blair. 9th District Representative, Brother Shawn Brewer and 9th District Chaplain, Brother Daryl Jones was in attendance to pay their respects to the Blair family. On July 15, 2011 several Brothers from Psi Alpha Chapter accompanied the body of Brother Blair and his immediate family to Birmingham, Alabama for his viewing and burial. The Brothers of Alpha Phi Chapter assisted Psi Alpha during the Birmingham Memorial. Hundreds of friends and family attended including his pastor and church family from San Antonio who presided over the service. On July 16, Brother Blair was laid to rest in his hometown. Hundreds came out to pay tribute including Brother Ricky Smiley who spoke to those in attendance about the influence of Coach Blair on his life. Brother Blair will be missed by many.

Brother Lonzo Bryant Jr,

Brother Lonzo Bryant Jr, was a founding charter member of the Rho Beta Beta Chapter, was called home to be with the Supreme Basileus of the Universe, Our God, to rest from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward. Brother Bryant was initiated in 1975, at the Omega Theta Chapter, University of Houston, in Houston, Texas.

Brothers Name- Homegoing Date- Chapter Initiation- Graduate Chapter Affiliation

Bro. John B Williams- April 26, 2011- Initiated 1943 Theta Sigma/ Dillard University- Member of Rho Phi Chapter

Bro. Dr. James Chestnut Watson- May 31, 2011- Initiated in Nu Chapter- Non- Active

Bro. Henry Fontenette- July 9, 2011- Initiated 1940 Beta Sigma/ Southern University- Member of Rho Phi Chapter

Bro. Melvin B Tolson Jr- August 2, 2011- N/A- Member of Eta Iota Chapter

Bro. Josey M Johnson Jr- August 12, 2011- Initiated in 1954 Alpha Psi Chapter/ Houston- Tillotson College- Non- Active

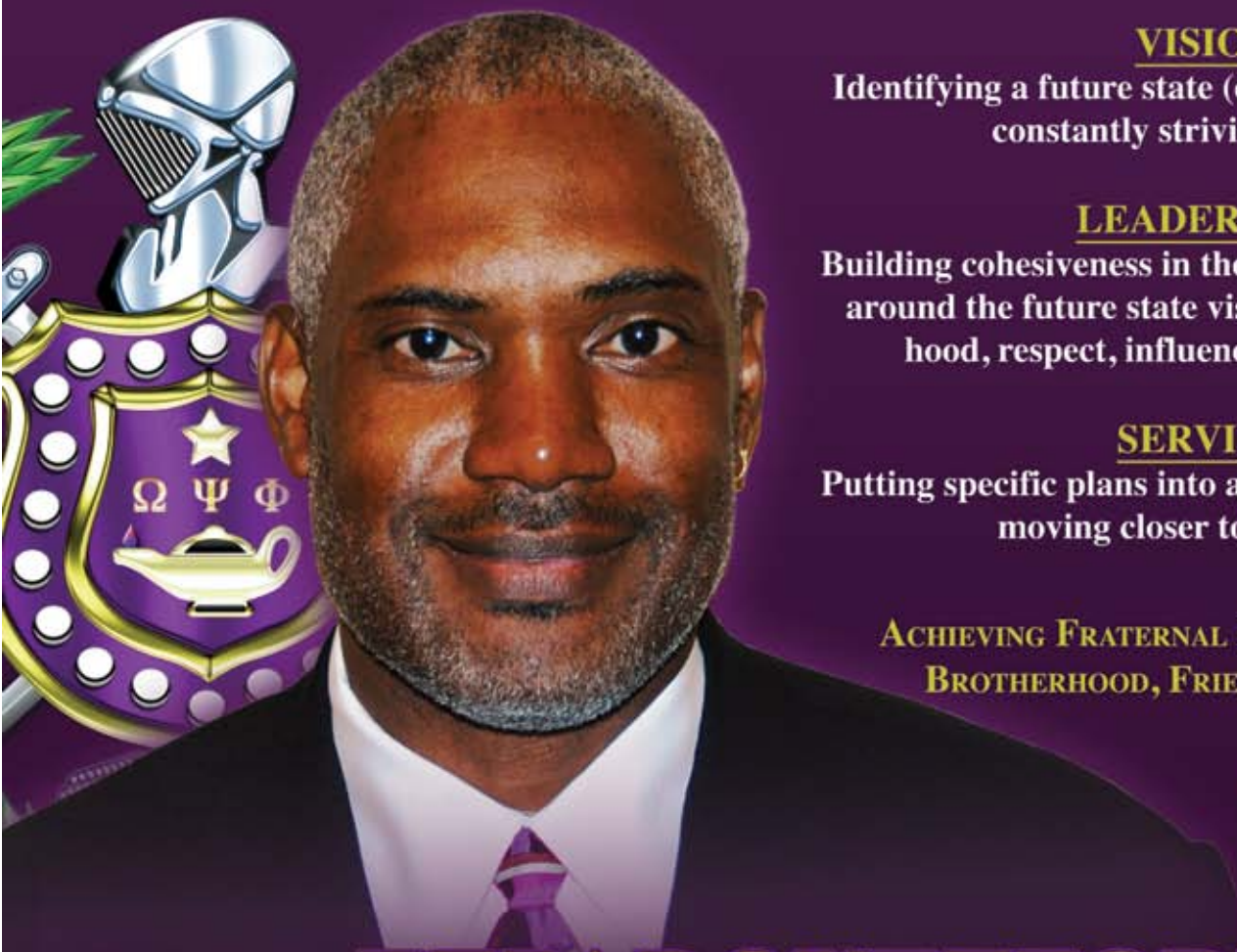
Bro. George Clinkscales- October 1, 2011- Initiated in 2007 Xi Omega Chapter- Member of Xi Omega Chapter

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NINTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



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Identifying a future state (excellence) that we are constantly striving to reach.

LEADERSHIP

Building cohesiveness in the assigned team to rally around the future state vision through brotherhood, respect, influence and teamwork.

SERVICE

Putting specific plans into action to deliver results, moving closer to the vision.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DDPR

Brothers, I hope you enjoyed the centennial edition of our newsletter. Please continue to send those great articles so we can share our good deeds. Special thanks to Brothers Avery Matthews, Nathaniel Mitchell and Paul Adams for helping with the newsletters.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
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In Friendship,

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