

# THE SOURCE

A Newsletter for the Members of the 9th District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

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## 73<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT MEETING

MARCH 31 – APRIL 4, 2010



Brothers from all around the Mighty Ninth descended upon the city of New Orleans to conduct business and to experience one of the most intriguing cities and cultures in the world. This District meeting did not happen when it was originally scheduled due to hurricane Katrina. Through the perseverance of the city and the New Orleans area coalition of chapters, the 73rd Ninth District Meeting will go down as one of the most successful District meetings in our history. More than 1,000 brothers registered for the meeting, eclipsing the record set at our previous district meeting in Shreveport, LA. Under the effective leadership of our Immediate Past District Marshal Bro. Ernest Parquet and his deputy marshals Bro. Rodrek Williams - Phi Iota Iota and Bro. Joseph Hicks - Rho Phi, the 73rd District meeting ran like clockwork. The following chapters were part of the New Orleans area coalition:

### GRADUATE CHAPTERS

- Chi Kappa Kappa
- Phi Iota Iota
- Gamma Lambda Lambda
- Rho Phi
- Gamma Rho

### UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

- Alpha Delta Epsilon
- Theta Mu
- Alpha Lambda
- Theta Sigma
- Omega Kappa
- Xi Sigma

Louisiana workforce commission. Hundreds of applicants from around the city participated in the event.

## CAREER FAIR



Continuing to focus on uplifting humanity, the Brothers of the Ninth District hosted a city wide career and health fair. The brothers of Omega partnered with JOB1 Career solutions to sponsor the career fair. JOB1 is the City of New Orleans' office of workforce development. Its purpose is to identify and align the supply of workers in the city with the needs of growing businesses. More than 20 companies participated in the career fair with the help of the

## OMEGA'S ARE DEDICATED TO SERVICE



The week kicked off in true Omega fashion with the first event being dedicated to a community service project that uplifted a local New Orleans community. The community service project was connected to the 73rd Ninth District Meeting and was spearheaded by the New Orleans area coalition of chapters in conjunction with the Rebuilding Together – New Orleans office. Rebuilding Together is the nation's leading nonprofit group working to protect affordable home ownership and revitalize vulnerable communities. The organization has a network of more than 200 affiliates that provide free rehabilitation and critical repairs to the homes of low-income Americans. The service project was performed at 2831 St. Claude New Orleans, LA. This site is the future home of the RTNO office. Brothers were split up into two shifts, a morning shift and an afternoon shift. Brothers performed duties such as painting, cleaning up around the site and placing the form for the buildings concrete slab. A large number of Brothers participated in this worthwhile event. RTNO has since thanked the Brothers of Omega and hopes to build a lasting relationship and spread the partnership to other cities.



## UNDERGRADUATE LUNCHEON – BRO. DENNIS FELTON

The 9th District's annual Ronald McNair luncheon had approximately 350-400 brothers in attendance. The keynote speaker was our former 9th District Counselor and current Grand Counselor Michael Adams. Bro. Adams's speech revolved around attitude, leadership, and change. The luncheon was also embraced by other District Representatives as well as multiple International candidates. The District's Sporting Awards, Service Awards, and Scholarship Awards were also presented to deserving brothers.

## SCHOLARSHIPS – BRO. LAWRENCE WILLIAMS

Scholarship recipients received their awards at the Undergraduate Luncheon during the 73rd District meeting. Our newly-elected 9th District Representative, Bro. Shawn Brewer and Bro. E'vinski Davis handled the presentations during the Scholarship portion of the program. We had the opportunity to award all 8 brothers that applied this year. The sum of the awards totaled \$ 12,000. Below is the list of recipients and their chapters:

Amount	Award	Name	Chapter	University
\$3,500	District Scholar	Kennedy Iheanacho	Xi Sigma	Xavier University – New Orleans
\$1,750	AR Scholar	JaTerrance Young	Tau Sigma	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
\$1,750	TX Scholar	Christian Menefee	Alpha Delta Lambda	University of Texas – San Antonio
\$1,750	OK Scholar	Courtenay Muhammad	Phi Psi	Langston University
\$1,750	LA Scholar	Gary Williams, Jr.	Theta Kappa	Louisiana State University -Baton Rouge
\$ 500	Founder's Award	Damola Opeloye	Beta Delta	University of Central Arkansas
\$ 500	Founder's Award	Jason Jackson	Nu Kappa	Southern Methodist University
\$ 500	Founder's Award	William Robertson	Phi Gamma	University of North Texas

## OFFICER ELECTIONS - BROTHERS OFFER THEIR SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

Bro. Garland Pruitt and the Election Committee did an outstanding job at making sure that the elections process ran efficiently. The top three positions in the District were contested at this year's meeting and there were an unusually large number of candidates to manage. Each candidate in the contested races had an opportunity to participate in the District's Candidates Forum. These are the Brothers who stepped up to offer their services to the Ninth District:

<b>District Representative</b> *Shawn Brewer Dyrren Davis Calvin Beal  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative</b> *Ramon Simon Russel Leday John Veal Spergeon Holly III Edward B. "Coulon" Smith Roger T. Watkins James Deuce Miller	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Representative</b> *Terrance Peter Hopkins Myrone Smith  <b>Keeper of Records and Seal</b> Bernard Clayton  <b>Keeper of Finance</b> Kenneth Terrell  <b>Director of Public Relations</b> Van Newborn	<b>District Chaplain</b> Christopher Caldwell  <b>District Counselor</b> J. Leon Johnson
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### 9th District Council 2010-11



L to R -Shawn Brewer, Ramon Simon, Terrance Peter Hopkins, Bernard Clayton, Kenneth Terrell, J. Leon Johnson, Christopher Caldwell, Van Newborn and Ernest Parquet

I would like to commend each candidate for running inspiring and honorable campaigns. Though some Brothers were not successful in their pursuits, this goes to show that the Ninth District has an exceptionally bright future and more than enough Brothers who are willing to and have the ability to lead.

## BROTHERS DWELLING TOGETHER IN SPIRITUAL UNITY – Bro. Christopher Caldwell

We as Omega men we have learned to handle Omega business and to fellowship but should always be mindful that the Supreme Being of the universe guides our every step and action. The week was filled with opportunities for Brothers to dwell together in spiritual unity. Bible study was held every morning, Thursday-Saturday and a formal worship service was held on Thursday evening.

The Sunday Morning Worship Service was a huge success and a true blessing to those in attendance. As promised by the newly elected and sworn in District Chaplain, worship service began at 8:00 am promptly. Originally designed to seat 60 guests, the room quickly filled to a capacity crowd and an additional eight (8) tables were disbursed to accommodate approximately 120 people in attendance.

Brother Herbert Nance, a former 9th District Chaplain from San Antonio, was the Master of Ceremony and led the participants in praise and worship. The 9th District Representative, Bro. Shawn Brewer song hymnals in concerto with the congregation that rendered a melodious praise as a prelude to the "Spoken Word".

Brother Mahoney, from Shreveport LA, delivered a timely message that stirred and challenged the hearts of the people. Bro. Shawn Brewer shared closing remarks and the worship service promptly ended at 8:46 am.



## OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA NAMED CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

OGG was recognized as the best chapter in the District for the third time in the last four years. Perennially an outstanding chapter, it has become common to see the members of OGG pose for pictures as the District's top chapter. Still holding the crown as the International chapter of the year, OGG will be defending its title at the upcoming Conclave in Raleigh, NC under the new leadership of Bro. Paul Newburn (Basileus) and Bro. Dante Williams (1st Vice Basileus).



At OGG, the chapter motto is "The difficult we do immediately; the impossible takes but a second longer".

As many of you have seen, all projects that OGG participates in are specific to the problems of our community today and addresses the needs of this generation, making these projects honorable. Some of those projects include donating professional attire to the disabled and financially challenged so that they could begin rebuilding their lives and dressing appropriately for job interviews. OGG feeds the homeless multiple times this year, as well as donating much needed supplies to the shelter. OGG also participates in the following events: adopt a street; Annual Sickie Cell walk/run-a-thon; donating to and participating in prison ministries; Thanksgiving baskets; multiple Habitat for Humanity projects; scholarships and blanket drives.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AWARDS BRO. WARREN GREEN	
Award	Chapter
Large Graduate Chapter of the Year	Omicron Gamma Gamma
Small Graduate Chapter of the Year	Rho Xi
Undergraduate Chapter of the Year	Phi Gamma
Large Graduate Chapter Service Award	Theta Alpha
Small Graduate Chapter Service Award	Rho Nu
Graduate Scrapbook Award	Iota Gamma Gamma
Undergraduate Scrapbook Award	Gamma Gamma

SOCIAL ACTION AWARDS BRO. NELSON ANTHONY	
Award	Chapter
Large Chapter Social Action Chapter of the Year	Rho Beta Beta
Small Chapter Social Action Chapter of the Year	Rho Xi
Undergraduate SA Chapter of the Year	Tau Sigma

RECLAMATION AWARDS BRO. VERNARD GRICE	
Award	Chapter
Large Graduate Chapter Reclamation	Rho Omega
Medium Graduate Chapter Reclamation	Gamma Rho
Small Graduate Chapter Reclamation	Gamma Lambda Lambda

RETENTION AWARDS BRO. STEVEN WEAKLEY	
Award	Chapter
Large Graduate Chapter Retention	Pi Omicron
Small Graduate Chapter Retention	Pi Tau
Undergraduate Chapter Retention	Tau Sigma

SPECIAL AWARDS BRO. WILLIE HINCHEN	
Award	Brother
State Rep. of the Year	Dr. Lonnie R. Williams
MSP Chairman of the Year	Lonzo Bryant
Advisor of the Year	Dr. Paul Adams

TALENT HUNT AWARDS BRO. JAMES DOSS		
Award	Student	Chapter
1st Place Winner	Ms. Imani Handy	Alpha Iota Iota
2nd Place Winner	Mr. Berthaddeus Bailey	Xi Omega
3rd Place Winner	Ms. Joel Dyson	Gamma Rho



Ms. Imani Handy



2010 District Meeting Talent Hunt Contestants



Bro. Ron Butler

ACHIEVEMENT WEEK AWARDS BRO. CHARLES STEWART	
Award	Brother
Omega Man of the Year	Charles Stewart
Founders Award	Willie Pope
Superior Service Award	Ron Butler
Citizen of the Year	Omar Sesay



Bro. C. Calvin Smith-Xi Rho  
Bro. Cal Holloway-Eta Iota  
Bro. Elvie Ellis-Eta Iota  
Bro. Boyd Prince-Eta Iota  
Bro. L.U. Mason-Nu Iota  
Bro. Sylvester Stemsley-Sigma Tau  
Bro. Willie Alexander-Phi Psi

## Brothers Remembered at the Memorial Service

Bro. Traversa Viola-Nu Phi  
Bro. Fletcher Morgan-Nu Phi  
Bro. Grover Hankins-Rho Beta Beta  
Bro. Clayton Henderson-Gamma Eta  
Bro. Theodore Johns Sr.-Delta Omicron  
Bro. Emmett Gilbert-Gamma Rho  
Bro. Harold Watkins-Gamma Rho  
Bro. George Ellis Sanders-Psi Alpha  
Bro. Albert McKnight-Psi Alpha  
Bro. George E. Ashford Jr.-Alpha Iota Iota  
Bro. Lindorf Blakely-Alpha Iota Iota  
Bro. William Burls-Alpha Iota Iota  
Bro. Lawrence Carriere-Alpha Iota Iota  
Bro. Eddie L. Henderson-Alpha Iota Iota

Bro. Cleriona Morgan Jr.-Alpha Iota Iota  
Bro. Gary L. Stewart-Theta Upsilon  
Bro. Walter J. Conkleton-Theta Upsilon  
Bro. Terry Ware-Delta Eta  
Bro. Marcus Earles-Gamma Omicron  
Bro. Braderick L. Tinsley-Theta Chapter  
Bro. Steve Gulley-Theta Alpha  
Bro. Merculous Chretien-Rho Omega  
Bro. Jimmy Tubbs-Theta Alpha  
Bro. Clyde Jemerson Jr.-Theta Alpha  
Bro. Kerry Grant-Theta Alpha  
Bro. Thomas Hargarett-Theta Alpha  
Bro. Wendel Hughey-Rho Omega  
Bro. John Hopkins-Rho Omega

## Bro. Charles C. Stewart - Omega Man Of The Year 2010

Bro. Charles C. Stewart of Rho Nu chapter was named the 9th District's Omega Man of the Year at our annual Founder's banquet. Bro. Stewart has been extremely busy this past year with all of the work that he does for Omega, his job and the community.

At the local level Bro. Stewart serves as his chapter's representatives to the Houston area Coalition. He also serves as assistant Chapter Keeper of Finance, Talent Hunt chairman, Social Action Committee Co-Chair and Community Service Committee Co-Chair.

Outside of the local chapter Bro. Stewart is an active participant in Houston Area coalition activities. He assisted with Coalition's blood drives, community outreach programs and other joint programs. Bro. Stewart represented the Houston Coalition on Houston's UNCF Walk-For-Education planning committee. Bro. Stewart was responsible for all of the activities for the day. These duties included walk route planner, tent positioning organizer, event organization, Talent Hunt manager, and much, much more. Through Bro. Stewart's efforts, the Houston Coalition is now recognized as a Signature Friend Sponsor of UNCF Walk-For-Education. The Houston Coalition of Omega's provides complete operations for this event under the directions of Bro. Stewart and his committee.



Bro. Stewart is responsible for creating a partnership with the Boeing Company regarding Rho Nu Chapter's "Back-to-School Drive." Because of his efforts, they were able to give away nearly \$5,000 worth of school and office supplies to L.A. Morgan Elementary School in Galveston, TX. Bro. Stewart was asked by L.A. Morgan's principle to become a member of their STEM (Science, Technology Engineering, and Mathematics) planning committee. Bro. Stewart accepted that position and has already started changing things. With that appointment and his outstanding involvement, Bro. Stewart was selected to be a member of the Galveston DEC (District Education Council). Again, Bro. Stewart accepted the charge and is now fighting to keep our minority students in the best schools that Galveston County has to offer.

Bro. Stewart serves as our NRLMD (Ninth Region/District Life Membership Director). As NRLMD, Bro Stewart serves on the OLMF (Omega Life Membership Foundation) Board of Directors. As an Executive Board member, Bro Stewart serves in the position of Assistant Secretary and Director of Operations and Facilities. Bro. Stewart has done an outstanding job in this position. He was recognized as an outstanding committee director for 2009 by OLMF chairman.

Bro. Stewart has served the community in a number of different ways. Bro. Stewart serves as President of the BBEA (Boeing Black Employees Association) and also Chairman of BBEA CoP (Council of Presidents). Under his leadership, BBEA is leading the Boeing Company-Houston site in Diversity and across the Boeing Enterprise. Bro. Stewart was selected as Boeing 2009 Diversity Change Agent Award winner. Not only did he receive this prestigious individual award, he was a valued member of the Houston Diversity Council, and they won a second team award. Just to put this award within prospective, Boeing only gives out this honor to a small few. Bro. Stewart was also selected as Boeing Black Engineer of the Year. Bro. Stewart is a proven leader within the Aerospace Industry. He was also profiled by NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) Winter Edition, for having the perseverance to accomplish the dreams he set as an undergraduate. He was later profiled by Boeing as the Black Heritage Employee of the Month for having such outstanding accomplishments within the same year.



This is the first time that Boeing has ever awarded its two highest awards in Business excellence (Diversity Change Agent) and Technical Excellence (Engineer of the Year) to a single person within the same year. Bro. Stewart is a leader at the Boeing Company, just as he is a leader within Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

## HOUSTON AREA COALITION SUPPORTS THE ADA – By Bro. Nelson Anthony



The last ADA Step Out – Walk to Fight Diabetes in Houston, TX was held November 21, 2009, and it rained from start to finish. As you would guess, the rain did not stop the brothers of the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters from showing that true Omega Spirit. The graduate chapters in the coalition include Nu Phi, Rho Xi, Rho Nu, Theta Chi, and Rho Beta Beta, and all of the chapters were represented. Bro. Nelson Anthony - Ninth District Social Action Chairman, Bro. Raylon Haley – Coalition President, and Bro. Kenneth Broughton – South Texas State Representative were all excited to see brothers come out in the rain to support the ADA.

The fundraising efforts of the chapters started months before the walk and donations totaled \$9,177. This amount was 20% of the fraternity's grand total. Bro Albert Benifield was the Team Captain, and he provided continuous encouragement for brothers to participate.

Rho Beta Beta Chapter led the coalition and all chapters of the fraternity with donations that totaled \$7,507. Bro Vernon Hunt understood how to implement the online fundraising strategy and generated \$1,860 in donations.

Fundraising efforts have started for this year, and the Houston Walk is scheduled for November 20, 2010. The coalition is looking forward to surpassing last year's donation total and getting more brothers to participate.





## NORTH ARKANSAS BROTHERS ARE MAKING THINGS HAPPEN!



### BROTHER DR. LONNIE R. WILLIAMS WINS SILAS HUNT LEGACY AWARD



The 9th District would like to congratulate one of our distinguished Brothers, Brother Dr. Lonnie R. Williams, who serves as the Arkansas State Representative-North for the 9th District of Omega Psi Phi. Professionally, Brother Dr. Williams serves as the associate vice chancellor of student affairs at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. (He also serves as Advisor to the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi at ASU). He was initiated into the fraternity in 1974 as a charter member of the Gamma Eta chapter at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Brother Dr. Williams received the Silas Hunt Legacy award from the University of Arkansas, which recognizes African Americans who are/were, affiliated with the University of Arkansas, and who have established prolific careers that have helped contribute to their communities, the state, and the nation.

The Silas Hunt Legacy Award was created by the university in 2005 and first awarded in 2006. This year's recipients were nominated by the public and selected by a volunteer selection committee of University of Arkansas alumni, friends, faculty, students and staff.



Bro. Williams is the associate vice chancellor for student affairs at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. Prior to this position, he served as the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Arkansas from 1991 until 2003. His service to the university during those years included board of directors' positions for the Arkansas Alumni Association and the Black Alumni Society. He served on the chancellor's diversity task force, the multicultural center creation committee, the Silas Hunt Hall dedication committee and many other advising and governing bodies that sought to improve the college experience for minority students. In 2008, Williams was presented with the Thomas E. "Pat" Patterson Education Award, presented by the Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus to an individual who fights for equality

of educational opportunity for students and education of employees of color and those who are poor. He was just re-elected to serve a second term as president of the Arkansas Baptist College Board of Trustees.

### GAMMA ETA BROTHER RECEIVES STUDENT LEADER MEDAL



Fayetteville, AR - Brother Philip White of the Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas was recognized as a Graduating Student Leader by the University's Division of Student Affairs at a recognition breakfast, held on Saturday, May 8, 2010. This annual event recognizes graduating student leaders on the University of Arkansas campus. The Division of Student Affairs created the Graduating Student Leaders Recognition Breakfast nine years ago to honor graduating seniors who have excelled as leaders in student organizations and/or programs during their academic careers.

Brother White was honored for his contributions in demonstrating the cardinal principles of Omega Psi Phi on campus in his duties as KRS. After breakfast, Brother White was presented with a medallion by the Dean of Students. As an additional special honor, all recipients were granted permission, by the Dean's Council, for their medallions to be worn over the robes during commencement. Congratulations to Brother White on his receiving the Bachelors of Science degree in Business Management from the Sam Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas, as well as, his recognition as an outstanding Graduating Student Leader by the University's Division of Student Affairs.

### NEW GAMMA ETA BROTHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Brothers of Gamma Eta Chapter have worked diligently since their entrance into the fraternity on November 5, 2009, which revitalized the chapter after a 2 year absence from the campus of the University of Arkansas. At the beginning of the 2010 year, they collaborated with the Upsilon Chi Graduate Chapter and with the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in participating in the annual NWA Food Bank Food Drive at one of the local Wal-Mart stores in the Fayetteville area. The Brothers collected non-perishable food items to donate to local charities and families in need. In February, the Brothers addressed the fraternity's Stop the Violence Initiative by selecting Peace at Home Thrift Store, a battered women's shelter, to host a special Valentine's Day dinner. Unfortunately, the brothers were not able to interact with the families because of confidential reasons, but the deed was acknowledged and appreciated by the people at Home staff. In March, a formal Memorial Service was held, also in conjunction with the Brothers of Upsilon Chi Chapter, to acknowledge brothers of Gamma Eta Chapter who entered Omega Chapter in the previous year.

April marked the first Que Week "On The Hill" in several years, and the Brothers used this week to address several of the fraternity's mandated programs. A "Que Pollo" talent show started off the week, where the brothers collected non-perishable food for the price of admission and donated them to the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in the name of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Brothers cleaned up a stretch of almost a mile on one of Fayetteville main highways as a service project. In addition, the brothers collaborated with the Lambda Theta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to spend time with the youth at Leverett Elementary school. Activities included game playing, group discussions, and mentoring. Also during the week, the Brothers hosted an "Omega Splash" at

University's recreational swimming pool, and a "Que vs. You" basketball tournament to address health initiatives. These events were aimed at targeting "The Freshman 15" a phenomenon associated with college students who, in their first year, can gain a large amount of weight, reportedly due to a drastic change in lifestyle. The events also facilitated a great opportunity for many African-American students, both male and female, to fellowship and have fun at a competitive level. To address reclamation and retention, a Gamma Eta Chapter Alumni Meeting was held, where information was shared on the current state of the chapter, and alumni brothers who were inactive at the time, were urged to come back to the fold. The week was fun-filled with social, service, and fraternal events that solidified Omega's presence at the University of Arkansas.

## **BRO. PAUL ADAMS WINS YET ANOTHER AWARD!**

Brother Dr. Paul Adams, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, as well as, Cellular and Molecular Biochemistry, is the first recipient of the Dr. Nudie E. Williams Award for Diversity for 2009-2010 from the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The award is given in honor and recognition of Dr. Williams, the former director of African American Studies and associate professor of history at the university, as a tribute to his leadership and record of praiseworthy deeds. The award has been established to honor a faculty member who has exhibited a commitment to developing and institutionalizing a campus climate that is supportive of ethnic and racial diversity, as well as, a climate that also enhances retention of diverse members of the Fulbright College. The dean of the J.W. Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the university solicited nominations of a single faculty member from the chairperson of each of the college's 19 departments whose work has been exemplary over the past year. The list of nominees was forwarded to the Fulbright College Cabinet for review and selection in early March. As the 2010 recipient, Brother Adams was recognized at the spring faculty awards ceremony on April 1, where he was awarded a certificate and \$1,000.00 from the College.

The award was especially significant to Bro. Adams in that Brother Dr. Nudie Williams (Omega Chapter, 2003) was a charter member of the Upsilon Chi Chapter in Northwest Arkansas, of which Bro. Adams is currently a member of and is vice basileus.

## **TAU SIGMA BROTHERS CELEBRATES 65 YEARS**

Pine Bluff, AR - The brothers of the Tau Sigma chapter of Omega Psi Phi celebrated their 65th Anniversary April 8th-11th 2010. Brothers of various decades descended on their alma mater, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and enjoyed the festivities and brotherhood of the weekend. Tau Sigma was successfully established as the 65th chapter of the fraternity and the first Greek fraternity on the campus of Arkansas A&MN (now UAPB) on March 11, 1945. At the Grand Conclave in Little Rock in 1944, Brother Lawrence Davis Sr., who was the university's president at the time, asked permission from the floor of the Conclave to establish the chapter. The request was granted, and a charter line of eleven was initiated on March 11, 1945. The charter members were Junius Babbs, Theodore Delaney, Amos Henry, Lester Hildreth, Carl E. Jones, Theodore Kirby, Christopher C. Mercer, Russell Simpson, E.G. Troupe, Harold Vault and George Wood.



The events of the weekend included a meet and greet, undergraduate summit, banquet, and chapter picnic. The undergraduate summit was instrumental in bringing older brothers and younger brothers together to discuss issues of campus politics, chapter traditions, and lifelong commitment to the fraternity. Timothy Brown, initiated into the chapter in the Spring of 1992, stated that "it is time for older chapter brothers to remove dissension between the "old bruh" and "young bruh" term not just in Tau Sigma, but all across the fraternity. He continued to say that "we must change the influence of older chapter brothers on undergraduate members into positive actions instead of self-ish traditions." The summit followed with a banquet celebrating the history of the chapter and its accomplishments throughout the fraternity. JaTerrance Young, Basileus of the chapter and current

Arkansas Scholar of the Year, stated that, "when I came into the fraternity, I wanted to establish a positive legacy for my chapter in the fraternity and my university." Tau Sigma recently received the following awards at the 73rd 9th District meeting: Undergraduate Retention; Social Action; and Overall Chapter of the Year. Charter member Christopher C. Mercer was present at the banquet and gave a speech on the legacy he and his line brothers created 65 years ago.

The banquet was followed by a chapter picnic for the entire community of Pine Bluff, AR and a financial scholarship was donated to the university via the Tau Sigma Alumni of UAPB.

## **XI OMEGA - TALENT HUNT**



Tulsa, OK - The Xi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. held its Annual Talent Hunt on Friday, February 26, 2010 in the Tyrone Wilkerson Auditorium at Carver Middle School. The winner of the talent competition was BerThaddaeus Bailey who is a student at Tulsa's Central High School.

Bailey represented Xi Omega chapter in the Talent Hunt at the 73rd 9th District Meeting in New Orleans, LA.



## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

### Alpha Delta Delta Chapter - ΑΔΔ Louisiana Tech University- Ruston, La

On April 24, 2010 Alpha Delta Delta celebrated 25 years of being chartered and 34 years of Omega's presence on the campus of Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA. Known worldwide as AD<sup>2</sup> (A-DEE- SQUARED), Alpha Delta Delta Chapter has a dual history which dates back to the Mid-seventies. From 1976 to 1985, Brothers at Louisiana Tech referred to themselves as Pi Tau Undergrad and Brothers in the surrounding chapters called them the LaTech Ques.

#### Pre-Charter History

In the Fall of 1973 Andrew (Pete) Hall approached Ron Brown with the idea of bringing Omega to the campus of Louisiana Tech University. Both were residents of Shreveport and had interacted with members of the Shreveport area graduate chapter (Rho Omega) for several years. Hall and Brown inquired with the University about the necessary requirements for starting a chapter on campus. They received a lukewarm reception and slow communications similar to what our Fraternities' founders had faced at Howard. Hall and Brown's next move was to contact the Brothers of Rho Omega to get the Fraternities' requirements for starting a chapter. At that time, the brothers at Rho Omega were doubtful that Grambling's under-graduate chapter (Gamma Gamma) would have the ability to provide support to Tech's new chapter. For the rest of the school year, Hall and Brown begin unofficially identifying and soliciting "Omega-Type" Men around campus. And thus the seed was planted that would one day grow into AD<sup>2</sup>.

#### A brief time line of highlights leading to the chartering of AD<sup>2</sup>:

##### 1974 Fall

- Hall and Brown solicit Rodrick Foppe to join their early efforts to receive graduate chapter support.
- Hall, Brown, and Foppe finally receive necessary information from both the University and Rho Omega chapter to begin efforts to officially bring Omega to the campus.
- Hall, Brown and Foppe, step up efforts to unofficially recruit/solicit potential "Omega-Men".

##### 1975 Spring

- With both University and graduate chapter approval, they had the first opportunity to launch new Fraternity on campus, but delayed by graduate chapter due to various administrative issues.
- No Pledge line ...due to the above. Hall, Brown, Foppe prepare for Fall kick-off of Charter.

##### 1975 Fall

- Foppe leads meeting of potential members and becomes the one who is most instrumental in making sure that success was achieved.
- Pledge period would be under the over-site of Rho Omega chapter and they would also call on the support of the recently re-instated Grambling Undergraduate chapter for support (Gamma Gamma).
- Original prospects met with the Area Representative from the Shreveport Graduate Chapter Willie "JC" Critten and several other Brothers.
- The Lampados club was formed in November of 1975 with 10 original pledges. Brother Johnny Bittle, a medical school graduate student on campus becomes Dean of Pledges.

##### 1976 February

- "No Deposit No Return" crosses the burning sands on Friday 2/13/1976, after a 12-week pledge period through Pi Tau Chapter-Grambling, LA.

##### 1977-1985

The next 7 years saw various lines initiated with intent on getting a chapter chartered. In the Spring of 1985 the Brothers that were on campus decided to submit an application for a chapter charter. This group consisted of Brothers from the Spr. 83 & 84 lines and a transfer

ALPHA DELTA DELTA #310  
LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY  
AD<sup>2</sup> OR "THE TERRORDOME"  
CHARTERED DEC. 7, 1985

#### First Line -Fall 1976

##### No Deposit No Return

1. Andrew Hall ..... "Dr Deep"
2. Alvin Cleveland ... "Master Freeze"
3. Curley White ..... "Baha"
4. Fred Ross..... "Three-Six"
5. Ron Brown ..... "Maddness"
6. Charles Thomas ..... "Trip"
7. Larry Anderson ..... "Itto"
8. Michael Greer ..... "Master G"
9. Billy Davis ..... "Still Bill"

#### CHARTER MEMBERS

Terrell Holts - Spr. 83  
Bobby Kitchens - Spr. 83  
Kelsey Knight - Spr. 83  
Derek Lemette - Spr. 84  
Anthony Lovett - Spr. 84  
Donald Myers - Spr. 84  
Louie Stephens - Spr. 84  
Derrick Sherman - Spr. 83 - Beta Sigma

No. 15 *Chartered 12-7-85 Alpha Delta Delta*

OMEGA PHI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.  
APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER CHARTER

District NORTH Date 12-7-85 May 23, 1985

Location LOUISIANA TECH RAUSTON, LOUISIANA  
(College) (City & State)

We, the undersigned students, enrolled in LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY  
(Name of Institution)

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby make application to the  
Supreme Council of the Omega Phi Phi Fraternity, Inc., through the NORTH  
District Representative Terrell L. Holts, for an Undergraduate Chapter  
Charter of the Fraternity.

A. Names of applicants already members of the Omega Phi Phi Fraternity, Inc.:

Names	Present Address	Class	Field of Study
<u>Terrell L. Holts</u>	<u>P.O. Box 6413</u>	<u>Jr.</u>	<u>Medical Engineering</u>
<u>Bobby Ray Kitchens</u>	<u>P.O. Box 6413</u>	<u>Soph.</u>	<u>Electrical Engineering</u>
<u>Kelsey T. Knight</u>	<u>P.O. Box 3536</u>	<u>Soph.</u>	<u>Math</u>
<u>Derek C. Lemette</u>	<u>P.O. Box 6291</u>	<u>Soph.</u>	<u>Speech Comm.</u>
<u>Anthony T. Lovett</u>	<u>900 West Arizona</u>	<u>Jr.</u>	<u>Data Processing</u>
<u>Donald R. Myers</u>	<u>P.O. Box 8714</u>	<u>Jr.</u>	<u>Marketing</u>
<u>Louie D. Stephens</u>	<u>902 Everett</u>	<u>Sn.</u>	<u>Business Mgt.</u>
<u>Derrick Sherman</u>	<u>P.O. Box 5993</u>	<u>Jr.</u>	<u>Medical Records</u>

1. GIVE DATE OF INITIATION AND CHAPTER IN WHICH INITIATED:

Name	Date of Initiation	Chapter
<u>Terrell L. Holts</u>	<u>July 15, 1983</u>	<u>Pi Tau (Undergraduate)</u>
<u>Bobby R. Kitchens</u>	<u>July 15, 1983</u>	<u>Pi Tau "</u>
<u>Kelsey T. Knight</u>	<u>July 15, 1983</u>	<u>Pi Tau "</u>
<u>Derek C. Lemette</u>	<u>May 22, 1984</u>	<u>Pi Tau "</u>
<u>Anthony T. Lovett</u>	<u>May 22, 1984</u>	<u>Pi Tau "</u>
<u>Donald R. Myers</u>	<u>May 22, 1984</u>	<u>Pi Tau "</u>
<u>Louie D. Stephens</u>	<u>May 22, 1984</u>	<u>Pi Tau "</u>
<u>Derrick Sherman</u>	<u>April 4, 1983</u>	<u>Beta Sigma</u>





brother from Beta Sigma chapter.

The DR at the time, Bro. Jethro L. Hills submitted the application to the Supreme Council for approval on 5/23/1985. On December 7, 1985 the Alpha Delta Delta chapter was officially and finally chartered after nine years of trying.

AD<sup>2</sup> holds the distinction of being the first three letter undergraduate chapter in Omega. At the time only graduate chapters had three letters and there was always confusion when Brothers would say they where undergraduates from Alpha Delta Delta chapter. It was only natural that brothers would find a way to solve this issue. By Louisiana Tech being a technical school and a large number of Brothers being engineering and science students, the Brothers came up with the idea to shorten the chapter name to AD<sup>2</sup>. So, AD<sup>2</sup> is the first and only chapter that is truly squared.

In the early years after the chapter was chartered, Public Enemy was very popular and the Brothers gravitated to the song “Welcome to the Terrordome”. The Brothers adopted “The Terrordome” as the Chapter’s nickname going forward. The Brothers also borrowed from one of Chuck D’s lyrics which they modified and gave to the Tail on each line. It goes, “The Tail is Hell, I’m a rebel so I rebel, AD<sup>2</sup> got me acting like an animal”. Only true hip-hop heads know where that comes from.



AD<sup>2</sup> holds its annual chapter picnic on the last weekend in April. This year more than 1,000 individuals showed up to help the Brothers celebrate 25 chartered years. Brothers from all over the region came out to fellowship with the Brothers of AD<sup>2</sup>. 75% of the Brothers initiated at LaTech were in attendance.

At one point, the Brothers stopped the music and everyone paused to recognize Bro. Van Newborn, current 9th District Director of Public Relations, for his outstanding service and dedication to

AD<sup>2</sup> and to Omega. Bro. Newborn received a plaque and a gift from every line that followed his. (1996-2009) It was an emotional moment for Bro. Newborn. He humbly accepted the gifts and explained that everything that he had done since 5/20/1995 had been for the betterment and love of Omega. Bro. Newborn also urged the Brothers who followed him in Omega to do what real Omega men are supposed to do; and proclaimed that they had been taught how to be good Omega men.



AD<sup>2</sup> alumni Brothers performed a reclamation activity on site at the picnic and were able to get 10 Brothers reclaimed. Brothers were from various places around the country and one brother was even living in the 13th District. Brothers contacted the local KRS or Basileus of each chapter in that Brothers area and started the transfer process.

### PI TAU/AD<sup>2</sup> LINES

SPRING	1976	No Deposit No Return	SPRING	1986	The Nasty Nine	SPRING	2002	Last Ball Standing
FALL	1977	Together I Stand	SPRING	1988	3 Faces Of Death	SPRING	2003	All In One
Spring	1978	Four The Hard Way	SPRING	1990	The Last Dogs Of Doom	FALL	2003	5 Time Felons
SPRING	1980	Lone Wolf	WINTER	1992	Death Certificate	FALL	2004	Penitentiary Chances
SPRING	1981	Fantastic Voyage	SPRING	1993	Death Row	SPRING	2005	Game Over
SPRING	1982	3 The Hard Way	<b>SPRING</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>The Fugitives</b>	FALL	2005	Unpredictable Circumstances
FALL	1982	Soul Survivor	SPRING	1996	Da Dogg Pound	SPRING	2006	Still Standing
SPRING	1983	Legion Of Doom	SPRING	1997	Life After Death 297	SPRING	2007	The Rebirth
SPRING	1984	6 Dawgs From Hell	FALL	1998	Members Vs. Men	SPRING	2008	10 Freaks Of Nature
SPRING	1985	2 3 2	SPRING	2000	3 Legions Of Doom	FALL	2009	Ω-arantine

### SONS OF THE NINTH – Brothers who are doing great things outside of the 9th



#### “Bro. Lance Reed- Making a difference on and off the field”

Although Brother Lance Reed has moved on to the 7th District (MS), he uses the lessons and experiences he gained in the 9th District as the foundation for his success. These same experiences have helped him change lives and uplift a community. Bro. Reed was born and raised in Natchez, MS. His parents were both educators and they instilled in him the importance of helping our children succeed in education.

Brother Reed was a standout middle Linebacker for Natchez High School earning him All-District honors. Bro. Reed was also particularly successful in the classroom finishing in the top ten of his graduating class. These efforts allowed him to be offered a football scholarship to Louisiana Tech



University. While at Louisiana Tech, Bro. Reed was initiated into Alpha Delta Delta Chapter in the spring of 1993. Bro. Reed once again showed that he could be successful on the field as well as in the classroom. He was a three-year letterman at La.Tech, earning many honors which include being named to the All Conference and All Louisiana teams. Bro. Reed was awarded the Most Valuable Defensive Player Award and the President's Award while playing for the Bulldogs. Bro. Reed graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He later went back to school and obtained a Master of Education degree. Bro. Reed is a rare and unique individual; he was a hard hitting middle linebacker with the ability to teach differential equations.

After receiving his Masters, Bro. Reed accepted a coaching position in Arlington, Texas at Sam Houston High School. There he coached linebackers and later became the defensive coordinator. The team went to the playoffs three out of the six years that he was there. He coached several all district players and helped send many on to the next level to compete in college. While in Texas, Bro. Reed was nominated as the teacher of the year and spent many hours making sure his athletes were academically up to par. He also worked closely with the 100 Black Men of America in mentoring young men at his school. He continued to be financial as a member of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter in Arlington, TX.

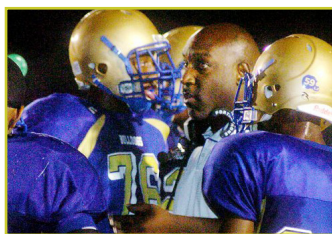
In 2004, Bro. Reed received the phone call that most young coaches wish to receive. His High School alma mater had a vacant head coaching position. It was difficult for Bro. Reed to leave Texas, the nation's High school football Mecca but his ties to the community of Natchez were too strong for him to resist. Bro. Reed knew he had a tremendous challenge ahead of him both athletically and socially.

To completely understand the picture, you need some additional information about the Natchez, MS area. The city has a population of over 18,000 with the racial demographics being 55% African American and 45% White. The per capita income for the city was \$16,868 in 2000. 28.6% of the population and 25.1% of families are below the poverty line. 41.6% of those under the age of 18 older are living below the poverty line. The city once had two public high schools, but they were later combined in the 1990s. One high school was predominately African American while the other was predominately White. After the schools were combined, Natchez experienced white flight in its public school system. Natchez High School is now more that 90% African America in a town that has about a 50/50 racial makeup. The private schools in the area have grown significantly in the last 20 years.



When Bro. Reed arrived as Natchez High School's new head football coach in 2004, he was taking over a program that was flat on its back. NHS was unquestionably one of the worst MHSAA Class 5A programs in the state, having posted a record of 2-31 from 2001-2003. However, Bro. Reed knew that with a little discipline and hard work, things could be turned around at his alma mater. Bro. Reed has diligently worked to bring pride and tradition back to Natchez football. Being true to his upbringing, he serves as a key figure in the math department at the high school where the classroom is just as much of a priority as the field.

He has a priority list that he gives to his team where he emphasizes character, academics, and football in that order. The Natchez High School football team has made the playoffs for two consecutive seasons. They finished 4th in the district in 2008 and 2nd in 2009. Bro. Reed has taken the football team from a perennial loser to a team that contends for state championships each year. For his efforts on the field, Bro. Reed was named The Natchez Democrat's 2008 All-Metro Coach of the Year. After winning the award Bro. Reed said, "That honor says a lot; It's not just me, but it is a group effort at Natchez High School, the coaching staff and parents. I don't put it solely on myself; it takes other people to make it work. We win together and lose together."



Successes on the field are great but where Bro. Reed makes his biggest impact is in the lives of his students. When Bro. Reed arrived at Natchez High, he saw a program in disarray and in need of some discipline, so he went about instilling it. "The first thing was, I wanted everything to be established the right way, on good principles," Reed said. "We had an aspect of discipline and hard work being the cornerstone of what we were trying to start." Some of those players received the message well, and others didn't. "We had to make examples sometimes," Reed said. While the discipline on the field might make for more victories, Reed knows that discipline off the field is even more important, which is why he stresses that to his players just as much. Reed constantly encourages his players to do well in school and represent their community well.

"As a coach, you have to realize that you want to be a part of the player's lives and help them understand that education and how they carry themselves is more important than football," Reed said. "That is a huge part of it. Wherever we go, we're always trying to carry ourselves in a better light."

"Sometimes the perception is football players only deal with football. We want others to look at us in a different light. It's about going to church together, pulling your pants up and being respectful. It's just as much about doing things right as it is about Xs and Os, to be honest."

Bro. Reed's insistence is apparently making a difference, as Natchez football player's grades have improved significantly from last year. One of his players said "His motto is 'Character, academics and football; He tells us character is what we do when no one's watching. He instills it in us to make good choices, (and he) helps us on and off the field." He also said that, Bro. Reed's teachings have made a big difference in his life. "He's like a father I never had." Reed knows Natchez High School sometimes gets a bad reputa-

tion, and his mission is to change that, one football player at a time. "If you come here locally, the first perception about Natchez High School might be something negative," Reed said. "These young men have to carry themselves in such a way where that perception can change. We're striving for excellence on the playing field and in the classroom. Our job as coaches is to remind them why we're so tough on them when it comes to things like that."

Bro. Reed serves as KRS for Nu Xi Chapter and was the Assault on Illiteracy chair for the state organization. Bro. Reed is a member of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Mississippi Association of Coaches, and Mississippi Association of Educators. Being selected Man of the Year by the Bluff City Post, All Metro Coach of the Year and serving as a Mississippi delegate for the NFL High School Coaches summit have been the highlights of his career. His ultimate gratitude is in seeing his students graduate high school and begin working toward reaching the goals that they have set for themselves.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

By: Bro. Warren Stewart



Lawton, OK - On May 20, 2010, the Psi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented the John Henry Nelson Scholarship Award to Shatondra R. Caldwell, a MacArthur High School senior, during their annual awards day program. Shatondra will be attending Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, GA this fall as a Mass Communications Major. The chapter also presented the Oliver Jenkins Scholarship Award to Jacquelyn S. Smith, a senior at Eisenhower High School, during their annual awards day program on May 28, 2010. Jacquelyn will be attending The University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK this fall and majoring in Fashion. Each year Psi Upsilon Chapter provides \$500 scholarships to deserving seniors from each of the local high schools in the Lawton/Fort Sill, OK community.

## ALPHA IOTA IOTA CHAPTER 2010 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



Plano, TX—On Saturday, April 24th, 2010, Alpha Iota Iota Chapter conducted its annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Plano Housing Authority Community Room in Plano, TX. The luncheon is held in honor of the Fraternity's Mandated Program of Scholarship. The Scholarship Program is intended to promote academic excellence among the undergraduate members of the Fraternity. Graduate chapters are expected to provide financial assistance to student members and non-members of the Fraternity. On the International level, a portion of the Fraternity's international budget is allocated to scholarship through the Charles R. Drew Scholarship Commission.

A total of \$6,000.00 in scholarships was awarded by Alpha Iota Iota Chapter to qualified students in the Plano, TX area for 2010. There were seven recipients to include: Tristen Yvette Beeler of Allen High School, Monica Chapman of Rowlett High School, Marissa Naomi Davis of Plano East Senior High School, Paige Yvette Davis of McKinney Boyd High School, Danarian Gant of Allen High School, Kiara Rolyce Taylor of Plano West Senior High School and Teressa Waits of Lancaster High School.

## PSI UPSILON CHAPTER HOLDS BLOOD DRIVE

By: Bro. Warren Stewart



Lawton, OK - On June, 19 2010 the Omega men of the Psi Upsilon Chapter once again reached into the Lawton/Fort Sill community to help uplift its citizens by promoting good health practices. The brothers teamed up with the Oklahoma Blood Institute (Lawton Donor Center) to conduct a blood drive in conjunction with showing support for the Juneteenth celebration in the Lawton/Fort Sill community. The brothers of Psi Upsilon provided uplift to teenagers as they celebrated this event and the only surviving charter member of Psi Upsilon, Bro. Albert Johnson, Sr. (Fall '51) was also present. After a rigorous screening process, donors were given the opportunity to either donate plasma or whole blood. The entire donation process, from start to finish, took approximately 45 minutes and each successful donor was rewarded with a cool donor t-shirt and a variety of snacks and refreshing drinks. Some of the brothers were unable to donate due to recent overseas deployments, but those that had been back in the states for more than a period of one year were eager to give. In total, there were 30 people that were able to donate blood. Psi Upsilon continues to be a pillar in the Lawton/Fort Sill community keeping in accordance with all mandated programs and uplift to the area.



## FIELD OF DREAMS By: Bro. Craig Cochran

The Alpha Delta Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. at Louisiana State University in Shreveport has been very active in there community. They participated in a social action program in Shreveport at Central Elementary School where they helped children have a successful field day. Approximately 15 brothers were present. They worked at different stages with children ages of 4-12. The school was very appreciative of their services and they are looking forward to working with the organization next year.



## TEXAS STATE LICENSE PLATES

On November 19, 2009, the Omega Texas specialty license plate was introduced to the Texas community. The Omega Texas Specialty license plate may be purchased by any Brother of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the State of Texas for an annual fee of \$30.00. The specialty license plate fee is collected in addition to the regular registration fee and any other applicable fees. From the \$30 specialty license plate fee, \$22 goes to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide funding for scholarships through the "College for All Texans Foundation".

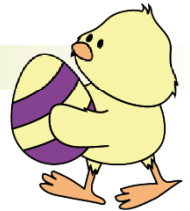


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## NU KAPPA BROTHERS SPONSOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Dallas, Texas-Children took in the spring weather as they searched the lawn in front of Dallas Hall for colorful eggs on Wednesday afternoon.



This year was the second time an Easter egg hunt was hosted at SMU. Last year, Omega Psi Phi fraternity organized the event. This year they partnered with Interfraternity Council, making the event even bigger. Junior and vice president of new member education and community service for IFC Jake Torres said, "It was amazing to see all of the different organizations working on a single project that will benefit such a diverse community." The organizations invited this year were Dallas Community Lighthouse and Trinity River Mission. They both offer after-school programming to low-income students in South Dallas. "The students that are coming for this Easter egg hunt, come from areas that don't often have the resources to host an event such as this," Torres said. "Also, this is exposing these students to the SMU campus that will hopefully increase their interest in college."

Giving back to the community is very important to the organizations involved in the event, according to Torres. "Omega Psi Phi and each of the IFC fraternities are value-based organizations," Torres said. "Giving back to our community gives our members the opportunity to connect with groups from outside of SMU and is a huge part of the fraternity experience."

## LAMBDA ALPHA CONTINUES RIF INVOLVEMENT

By: Bro. Bill Ryder

Baton Rouge, LA – The men of Lambda Alpha Chapter, under the leadership of Basileus Brother Calvin Beal, have supported the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Program for more than twenty years. RIF is a federally funded program which allocates grants on a matching  $\frac{3}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  basis to community organizations desiring to participate with the government bearing the greater share.

The Program, initiated by Brother Rogers Newman, Ph.D., is designed to enhance literacy through the distribution of free books to children attending public schools in underserved neighborhoods. Brother Newman, a retired Southern University professor of mathematics, recognized the need for literacy enhancement in the Baton Rouge area. To that end, Lambda Alpha Chapter adopted three elementary schools that met the guidelines. Every year three distributions take place at each of the three schools with the support of the school principal and the assistance of the school librarians.

On book distribution day, a representative number of men from Lambda Alpha Chapter assist with the process and interact with the students as they receive a book. Most recently, brothers from Beta Sigma, the undergraduate Chapter at Southern University, participated as well.

Through RIF, every student in the three participating schools receives three free books during the year, totaling 3600 books, and the children are encouraged to read widely and to collect books.

## UPSILON CHI HOSTS SEXUAL ASSAULT RECOVERY AND PREVENTION AGENCY OF NW ARKANSAS

On June 19, 2010 the brothers of Upsilon Chi chapter hosted Mrs. Jennifer Carlson, Program Director of the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Agency (SARPA), also known as the Northwest Arkansas (NWA) Rape Crisis Agency. Mrs. Carlson presented to the brotherhood the Mission of SARPA, and how the chapter could assist the agency's efforts to help end sexual assault. Aspects of the agency's mission included:



- Speaking out against sexual violence and attitudes that support sexual assault
- Making citizens, both male and female, realize that they have the right to say "NO"
- Facilitating an attitude among citizens to "Always" be aware of their surroundings, and avoid

“High-Risk” situations

- Supporting the survivors of sexual assault and violence

The meeting provided the chapter with information about SARPA's programs and how the brothers of Omega could help educate the NWA community on sexual assault and/or violence issues that are prevalent in the community. A few of the educational programs discussed included: educational seminars, sexual assault prevention and awareness trainings, and contributions to the agency's resource library. Also, volunteer opportunities such as, advocacy training, community presentations, and community booth representation at various health fairs in the NWA community were discussed. SARPA is a great resource to help the chapter address the fraternity's "Stop the Violence" Initiative. Many of the brothers were excited about making community contributions to help in reducing the number of sexual assaults and the prevention of future crimes committed in our communities.

## RHO PHI CHAPTER'S EASTER BASKETS/RELIGIOUS ARTICLES DONATION



On Thursday, April 1, 2010 the brothers of Rho Phi Chapter, continued a tradition of visiting children wards at the local hospitals and giving out Easter baskets and religious articles to patients who will not be able to celebrate the holiday at home. This event, which was spearheaded by Brother Chuck Brown, visited Tulane, Oschsner and West Jefferson hospitals and gave out over 100 Easter baskets and religious articles to the young patients. This event was also featured in the local newspaper, the Times-Picayune, which included a picture and a brief article about the event. This event was also highlighted by Grand Basileus, Warren Lee, at the 73rd Ninth District Meeting, held in New Orleans this year.

The Easter Bunny Arrives

Chuck Brown, right and Michael Hamilton, left of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity looks pleased as Jarrett Bealer, 10, admires his Easter basket at Oschsner Medical Center in Jefferson on Thursday. Eight members of the Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi visited children at the hospital and distributed Easter baskets and religious articles. The fraternity has been handing out Easter baskets for 16 years and will hand out about 100 baskets this Easter.

## UPSILON CHI BROTHER SERVES AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER OF THE 2010 NORTHWEST ARKANSAS JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION



Over 500 citizens from the northwest Arkansas community attended the 2010 Juneteenth celebration of Saturday, June 19 in Springdale, AR where the keynote speaker for the event was Brother Dr. Paul D. Adams of the Upsilon Chi Graduate chapter of Northwest Arkansas. Brother Adams focused his keynote address on challenging members of the crowd to "Make the most of one's time", saying that 2 1/2 years of freedom were "stolen" from slaves in Texas some 145 years ago.

"Make the most of your time as man, woman, boy, girl," he said. "Be the best positive member of your community. Let's make the most of our time to honor our ancestors who had their time stolen from them, those who had time they could have used to make their mark on the world taken from them."

A news article featuring other points of Brother Adams's address at the celebration was printed in the June 20 edition of the Northwest Arkansas Times by writer Bill Bowden.

Brother Adams currently serves as Vice Basileus of Upsilon Chi Graduate Chapter in Northwest Arkansas, undergraduate advisor to Gamma Eta Chapter (University of Arkansas), and also serves as 9th District Undergraduate Advisor (Arkansas).

## RHO NU PARTICIPATES IN CENSUS KICKOFF



By now, most of us understand the importance of the U.S. Census, which is held every 10 years. The census is used to determine congressional seats, electoral votes, and federal program funding.

The census was first established in 1790, and established the U.S. population at 3.9 million. The current population is estimated at over 300 million people. If you know someone who has not filled out their census form, please encourage them to do so.

On, February 27th, the lovely ladies of Delta Sigma Theta hosted a census kickoff celebration. The event featured food, vendors, and entertainment. The Brothers of Rho Nu helped with setup and made the event a great success.



## FIESTA – A SAN ANTONIO TRADITION GETS INFUSED WITH “PURPLE & GOLD”

Fiesta really is one of America's truly great festivals. It began as a way to honor the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. That commemoration still takes place. But, over the past century and more, Fiesta has grown into a celebration of San Antonio's rich and diverse cultures. 2010 marks Fiesta's 119th anniversary.

During the 11 days there are 107 events with participation and sponsoring from 100 local nonprofit organizations with up to 3.5 million people attending. Fiesta has a \$284 million dollar economic impact on the San Antonio economy. The Brothers of Psi Alpha support Fiesta San Antonio by hosting an “official” Fiesta event, participating with two Fiesta parades, and assisting with the Taste of New Orleans.



**Fiesta Masquerade Party** – For the past 10 years Psi Alpha has been part of Fiesta hosting a Mas“que”rade Party with proceeds benefiting our Scholarship Foundation. The event has evolved from a costume party to a traditional masquerade party where guests wear festive masks and party in a mature environment. This event has grown from a small event that catered to mainly the Brother, their friends, and family to a true Fiesta event entertaining a large and diverse crowd. This year to assist in marketing events the Chapter sponsored an “After-Work Mixer” which drew a few hundred patrons and allowed them to purchase masks and socialize with the Men of Omega. Committee Chairpersons, Brothers Greg Thompson and Richard Swoope took this event to the next level enabling the Chapter to build on this momentum with future events. Because Psi Alpha Chapter Masquerade Ball is an “official” Fiesta

event we had the pleasure of having Susan Reed, Bexar County District Attorney and member of the San Antonio Fiesta Commission, give the official announcement for the Masquerade Ball.

**Fiesta Chairs** – The Chapter supports the Fiesta Commission parades by setting up 400 chairs for viewing the parade. Each seat sold brings a profit for the Psi Alpha Scholarship Fund. There are two parades held over a two day period: Battle of the Flowers Parade - Most folks call this one the “day parade” because well, it's held during the day! The history of this parade is long and rich, dating all the way back to 1891! That makes it by far one of the oldest traditions not just in San Antonio but in all of South Texas. Fiesta Flambeau Parade - The “night parade” which is officially called the “Fiesta Flambeau Parade”. It is also known as “The People's Parade” because over 50,000 people line up along the downtown San Antonio streets. Some camp out overnight for the best parking spots in order to watch an evening of marching bands, floats, music, dancing and more.



## MU TAU CHAPTER AWARDED \$10,000 FOR THE 74TH DISTRICT MEETING

The City of Monroe presented the Mu Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi \$10,000.00 on Tuesday night July 27, 2010. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Mighty 9th District will host their annual district meeting in Monroe in 2011. Pictured :Brother. Harrington Watson, Mayor Jamie Mayo, and Brother Varner Rencher .



## PSI ALPHA CHAPTER TALENT HUNT 2010

By: Brother Marzett McCall



The Psi Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented its annual Talent Hunt on 30 January 2010, at the St Phillip's College Fine Art Center. This was the 57th anniversary of the Chapter's Talent Hunt and featured the talents of seven high school students from San Antonio and the surrounding area. This year's talent included vocal, instrumental, and dance performances.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners received \$750, \$500 and \$250 scholarships respectively. This year's winners were Trevor Smith, Ashley Henry and Edward Pizana. Trevor represented Psi Alpha Chapter at the 9th District Meeting Talent Hunt Competition in New Orleans, La..

Other Psi Alpha Chapter Talent Hunt contestants were Natalia Zarnowski (Byron P. Steele II HS), Ynise LaJoy Weddington (Highlands HS), Allison Diaz (Judson HS), and Viara Sherman (East Central HS). In addition to the awarded scholarships, each contestant received a \$20 gift card. Brother James Blair, Basileus Psi Alpha Chapter, hosted a reception after the event in honor of the contestants.

## ALL CHAPTER, 9TH DISTRICT TALENT HUNT WINNER / DISTRICT ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

New Orleans, LA— The 73rd Ninth District Talent Hunt was held during this year's Ninth District Meeting in New Orleans, LA at the Hilton Riverfront Hotel from April 1 through April 4, 2010. International Talent Hunt Chairman, Brother Larry C. Pugh, indicated that it is the Fraternity's mandate that first-class talent is presented while representing various art forms. "...It is important that we cultivate their inner fire of the performing arts. We must always encourage the development and expression of their personal talents..."

Alpha Iota Iota Chapter's contestant, Ms. Imani A'Ni Handy, was the first place winner of this year's Ninth District Talent Hunt. Her performance was a soulful and emotional musical selection that was judged to have been the best of the 26 performances presented by contestants being sponsored by chapters from all over the four states District to include Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Ms. Handy is a 15 year old student at McKinney Boyd High School and has a 3.5 GPA. She is a Chamber Orchestra violinist, a member of the A capella Choir, Euphonics musical group, member of Strings of Color, a member of Exemplary performance solo ensemble choir and orchestra 2008 and 2009 and All Region Choir 2008 and 2009. She plans to attend college and major in Pre-Medicine at one of the following universities: Yale, Howard or Texas Tech.

District Essay Contest Winner (3rd Place): Alpha Iota Iota Chapter's representative, Jasmine Berry, a seventeen year old senior attending Plano East High School in Plano, TX, was judged to be the third place winner of the District Essay Contest. Her winning essay was entitled "How have President Obama Influenced Your Career Goals and Aspirations".

Jasmine will be attending the University of Houston in the fall of 2010 and will receive her award of \$500.00 once she enrolls. She is an active member of the Plano Branch of the Boys & Girls Club and has displayed great leadership skill, honesty, and compassion for helping others. She is also the Vice President of the Keystone Starz club and was voted "Youth of the Year." Jasmine strives for success in every aspect of her life and has become a leader in the club and the community.

## RHO OMICRON LEADS THE WAY IN OUR STOP THE VIOLENCE PROGRAM



The Brothers of Rho Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. seized the most recent opportunity to connect and lead their community while assisting the Victim of a recent homicide and botched robbery.

One evening in May, 2010 the owners of a small grocery store in New Iberia, Louisiana left the store after closing for the evening. While in the parking lot, Danny Ha and Kay Dang, the owners of the store were approached in the parking lot by two young men. The two men demanded money, and when told that there was no money there was an exchange of words, after which two shots were fired. Two bullets struck Danny Ha in the upper torso, ending his life.

Danny Ha and his fiancée Kay Dang, both Vietnamese-Americans owned a store in the heart of a predominately black community of New Iberia and the two young men that were captured as a result of the shooting were both African-American Citizens who lived in the same neighborhood where the store is located.

Because of the uniqueness of the situation the Brothers of Rho Omicron decided that it was time to step forward as Leaders in the Community and not only make a statement, but set an example that others can model in the future, with regards to Community Relations and Responsibility.

After speaking with Kay Dang and hearing her say that she refused to "Hate" the young shooters because she refused to allow "Hatred into her Heart, because it'll only serve to destroy her spirit," we chose a theme of "FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION" as we went forward with the project.

At that point, we had a Community Divided; should they stand-up and defend the victim? Should they defend the family of the two young men, both blood brothers, who are distraught and stating that the police arrested wrong boys, and others who wondered why we, Omegas, chose to assist a Vietnamese rather than an American? Simply put, our choice was to Support LIFE, Promote FORGIVENESS, and Assist in the RESTORATION Process of the Community.

Kay Dang gave us permission to establish a Trust Fund through the bank that she does business with, which made it extremely easy for us and we received full cooperation from the bank personnel because they also liked the couple.

As a result of the project, we were able to present a check to Mrs. Kay Dang for \$1,065, and one person gave another \$10.00 at the presentation which totaled \$1,075 in assistance. There were more than one-hundred people from the community to come out and express their feelings for Mrs. Dang, and as a direct result of our effort the store was reopened.



If there's a need to gauge whether or not the Men of Omega made a difference try this scenario; Mrs. Kay Dang stated to the media that she planned to close the store and move to Biloxi, Mississippi where she and Danny owned a second store. However, as a direct result of the outpouring of Love by people she didn't know, she now realizes that someone does care. She further stated that the efforts of the Omegas truly gave her courage and helped her in deciding to reopen the store and remain in New Iberia.



At the service, we also presented Mrs. Kay Dang and her family with a large sheet cake, which was donated by the local Super 1 Food Store's Bakery, with a poem written on the cake which came from a photograph which has been mounted in the store since it opened, with a message inscribed from Danny to Kay. Also present during the presentation ceremony were several Ministers, School Board, City, and Sheriff Officials, along with members of the local Chapter of the

NAACP, in uniform, and media coverage.

## STOP THE VIOLENCE MILITARY PRAYER WHEEL



The Prayer Wheel has been created and designed to encourage people to pray for our Service Men and Women who are serving in the United States Armed Forces throughout the world. It doesn't matter which Branch or Level of Service Offered, if the person is fighting to preserve the Freedom that we have come to Love, Cherish, and take for granted every day, we wish you well. **Say a special prayer for that person on the same day of the month each month.**

Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name
1	Joshua Sigue Ian Bernard	6	Corey Perro Sr. Laura Bernard	11	Pernell Baytop Stetson Lageman	16	Kathryn Bernard Bretlan Mosley	21	Christopher Wallace	26	Jerry Ledet Jr
2	Tremayne King	7	Nathan Ryder	12	James L. Young	17	Natalie Champagne	22	Dawayne Stewart	27	Ron Gage
3	Joseph Kelly Jr.	8	Mitchell Ryder	13	Johnny Baylor, IV	18	Kelan Louviere	23	Sud Robinson	28	Toprane Coatney
4	Jazman Jenkins	9	Aaron Crabb	14	Jarome Thomas	19	Brandon Miguez	24	Scott Landry	29	Patrick Polk
5	Jamal Foreman	10	Isaiah Lester	15	Jeremy Bowman	20	Shane Poche	25	Kimber Sallie	30	Joseph Simon

*If there is a 31st day, say a general prayer for all of our soldiers.*

## BROTHER REV. G. STANLEY LEWIS HONORED



Natchitoches, La – On April 17, 2010 Bro. Rev. G. Stanley Lewis was honored by more than 200 people for his contributions to the community, the University and Omega. The evening consisted of a roast/tribute program honoring Bro. Lewis. The black-tie banquet was hosted by alumni members of Theta Delta Chapter and various other members of the fraternity. Brother Lewis has served as advisor to Theta Delta chapter for over 25 years. Brother Odell Brown served as master of ceremonies for the event. Dale Sibley gave the welcome and Windell Bonner gave the invocation. Bro. Henri Wesley gave the occasion.

Brother Lewis has been a member of Omega since 1953. He has served the fraternity at the local level but has also served at the state, district and national levels. Bro. Lewis received tribute from numerous brothers, including 13th District representative Torrance Chism, 9th District Representative Shawn Brewer and former 31st Grand Basileus Bro. Burnel Coulon. Brothers Rudolph White and LaVelle Dickens also gave stirring tributes. Anthony Robinson dedicated a xylophone performance and Nancy Drawhorn and Marselette Roberson preformed vocal selections.

City Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow presented a certificate from the city of Natchitoches prior to the benediction given by Bryan Roberson. Another highlight of the evening were expressions made by his long-time friend and Councilmen Milton Crosby of Gretna, La. Milton was a high school football foe, a college classmate and now father of Bro. Lewis' daughter-in-law, Rene Lewis. Former members Iota Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority offered words of gratitude to Bro. Lewis and his wife Edwina, who was the first advisor for Iota Mu. During Iota Mu's and Theta Delta's years of service at NSU, the Lewis household served as a second home for the Omegas, Deltas and many other students.



Others in attendance included, representatives from NSU, clergy, church members and government officials. In his remarks Bro. Lewis expressed his appreciation for the banquet. The program gave him the opportunity to meet and greet many individuals who hold special memories for him. Additionally he recognized members of his family who attended and gave particular thanks to Brothers Erwin Wilson, Martin Fontenot, LaVelle Dickens, Odell Brown and Delta Rene' Lewis.

## RHO NU HELPS PRESERVE HISTORY



Galveston, TX — The Brothers of Rho Nu participated in an effort to restore the historic Rosewood Cemetery, which is Galveston's oldest African American cemetery. Rosewood was founded in 1911, which is a year dear to all of our hearts.

The land was donated to the Galveston Historical Society by land developers Judy and John Saracco in January 2007. The cemetery was established in 1911 by a group of African American citizens who organized themselves as the Rosewood Cemetery Association. The association purchased the land from the Joe Levy Family and 86 shares were divided among 26 shareholders. Churches, associations, societies and individuals, including the Wright Cuney Lodge, purchased the shares. The first person buried was Robert Bailey on February

1, 1912, and the last burial was Frank Boyer on June 29, 1944. The original cemetery was approximately eight acres in size. Today, all that remains, a space a little more than an acre in size, is what has been donated to GHF.

The cemetery was part of an eight-acre parcel of land at Seawall between 61st and 63rd Streets that Saracco purchased in the early 1980s. Since then, a Comfort Inn, Super 8 Motel, Waffle House and Beachcomber Inn have been built on the property that surrounds the cemetery. The cemetery sits directly behind the Comfort Inn off 63rd.

The Brothers joined several organizations to build a 300 foot fence at Rosewood. Volunteers included members of the following groups: Galveston Historical Foundation African-American Heritage Committee; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Galveston Alumni Chapter; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Galveston Alumni Chapter; the Galveston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Galveston chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Galveston Boys Rites of Passage and Mentoring; members of Galveston Boy Scout Troop 124 and their parents and Scoutmaster, Jeff Antonelli; and members and leaders of BSA Venture Crew 33.



### GAMMA RHO FOUNDATION 2010 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

By: Bro. Carl P. Johnson

New Orleans, LA- Gamma Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered in 1962 with a strong focus on community service and outreach programs. However, in an effort to broaden the socio-economical impact on our community, the Gamma Rho Foundation was established in 2002 to support and expand the Community Bridge Builders Programs: Project Manhood, Talent Hunt and Scholarship Program. All proceeds from the Foundation's Annual Community Bridge Builders Golf Tournaments are used to support these programs. Specifically, the Scholarship Program is designed to promote academic excellence and provide financial assistance to recent high school graduates that satisfy the requirements established by the Foundation. The Foundation awarded eight \$ 1000 scholarships to the following recipients:

Name- Allen Buniger High School- West Jefferson College- Louisiana State University	Name- Nathaniel Cyprian High School- LW Higgins College- Dillard University	Name- Willie Marsalis High School- LW Higgins College- University of New Orleans	Name- Mark Matthews High School- Belle Chasse College- Louisiana State University
Name- Trevor Johnson High School- Jesuit College- Louisiana State University	Name- Nickson Leo High School- LW Higgins College- Xavier University	Name- Steven Smith High School- LW Higgins College- Northwestern College	Name- Dominique Ventris High School- Helen Cox College- Jackson State University

From 2008-2010, the Foundation has awarded over twenty-four scholarships totaling \$32,000. The Brothers of Gamma Rho have committed to working to increase the number of scholarships and available funds. As a result, this will lead to building a strong and viable community that will help to inspire and prepare our youth to pursue excellence in education and become productive citizens in our community.

## LIFTING AS WE CLIMB by Bro. Daniel Juniel

The brothers of the Mu Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi have played a pivotal role in the development of the city of Monroe, La. Throughout the community the brothers continue to spread uplift through community service. Every week the members dedicate their time and patience to the children at the local schools around the city.



On March 27th 2010 the city of Monroe held a city wide clean up where nearly every member of Mu Lambda and Mu Tau participated. Throughout the day each of the brothers took time out of there day to help clean the streets of Monroe. All through the day Omega men could be seen in the city with the signature orange bags from the city wide clean up. The event was one of the most successful community service acts in recent history.

Not only have the brothers' help clean the city, the work they have done with the children



has been great for the city. Whether it is reading to the children or assisting with the field day, the Omega men have formed a bond with the faculty and the youth of Monroe. Almost every Friday, Mu Lambda visits Lincoln elementary school to talk to the children. The children had the opportunity to come to campus and follow Omega men around campus. The members of Mu Lambda have been a positive light in the lives of the children of Monroe. During Omega week the chapter members collected over 150 hours in community service. This shows a true dedication to the uplift of the Monroe community where the people notice and appreciate the brothers contributions. Mu Lambda continues to uphold tradition through showing the community positive men with high aspiration.



## WALKING FOR A CURE

By: Bro. Warren Stewart

On June 11, 2010 at the Ron Stevens Stadium, the men of the Psi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the 13th annual Relay for Life in the Lawton/Fort Sill, OK area. The Relay was an overnight event, beginning at 7 p.m. and continued until 7 a.m. the next day. The Relay for Life is the largest fundraiser of the American Cancer Society (ACS) to raise money to help find a cure for cancer. The Relay is an event that brings together people to celebrate those who have survived the fight with cancer, remember those who lost their lives to cancer and to help find a cure for this deadly disease.



The Psi Upsilon Chapter had ten Omega Men represent the chapter's team. As a team, the chapter raised over \$1,100 and walked over 100 total miles for the event. The chapter helped contribute to the Lawton/Fort Sill area raising over \$27,000 as a community

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Article submitted to the Spring 1993 Newsletter

### THE THINGS THAT I SEE, FROM MY VIEWPOINT

By: Willie F. Hinchon

How many undergraduates do you know that don't have the proper paperwork? What can be done about it? What are these guys called? Why do brothers with CARDS continue to create these "in-between" situations? Don't they realize that they are not only jeopardizing their cards but the existence of our fraternity as well? Who is telling them right from wrong? Who is responsible to help get this under control? What happened to the pride that once existed among under-graduates to truly welcome a new brother into our fraternity, legally? To have the ceremonies that would be befitting the occasion? To have a distinguished "Omega Man" whenever possible to conduct the service? To have their cards, history books and fraternity pin only days away from their hands? Come on, we all have had this done to us, for us...didn't we? How does it feel to not have a control number? How does it feel to be a part of being the reason a person doesn't have a control number? When you go to our fraternity meetings, District, Claves, Workshops, etc., don't you feel a little "left-out"? Why do some chapters have so many "no-control number" guys? Many of these guys graduated from campus and go into society with Omega etched into their lifestyle. Why do you give something to someone you promised, swore that you wouldn't? Why make your own rules? Why can't we go to a student id, drivers license, picture id – identification process at District, Clave meetings or whenever possible? After badge pre-registration packets?

I think that we have got to re-gain control of our membership roll on the undergraduate level. We must create a system of knowing who these guys are. If the guys on campus continue to recognize no-control number guys without letting campus advisors or area representatives know, in order to truly correct the problem, we will never control the situation. Perhaps each district, state and area could create a team to seek out these chapters/guys/men and get to the bottom of this problem. Surely, a review team on one of the above levels could be a functional effort to help assist the area rep by covering more territory until we clear the books of some of these cases. I do know this, that until we stop letting the guys with cards recognize guys without cards, we are in trouble! If a person has a legitimate claim as to why he doesn't have a card, let him step forward. If a brother knows someone like this, let him step forward with the guy! TWO WRONGS DO NOT MAKE A RIGHT!!!

If others who have been approached by men with no control number, what do you do or tell the people? Is it fair for us to be placed in the position of, "Well, he is but...And last, but certainly not least, can we as district develop a plan for other districts to follow that would allow the fraternity to actually clear up as many of these situations. If the Intake Program does all that it says, these young brothers should be the first to step forward in the process of not creating non-control numbered people.

This article was not written to point fingers nor was it written to gripe about an issue. The true intent of this article is to bring to light – in a positive manner – a problem that truly plagues us as an ago.

## OMEGA'S HISTORY, LESSONS AND FACTS

### The Truth about Mrs. Lottie Wilson

By: Bro. Van Newborn

Brothers, I am sometimes offended by some of the ways I have heard Mrs. Lottie Wilson mentioned in the Fraternity. Mrs. Lottie Wilson is not and will never be the B word of the frat! She should be held right under our founders as someone who help build and nurture this fraternity. Please review the preamble to our constitution if you are not familiar with what our attitude should be towards women.

When we were a very young and fragile organization, Mrs. Lottie Wilson offered security, compassion and stability. She can for all intents and purposes be referred to as the Mother of our Fraternity; for those who insist on giving her a name. When the prospect of establishing Beta chapter was bleak, she came to the rescue. She provided shelter and encouragement to our founders and early members. If our founders cared and respected her enough to make her a member of this fraternity, what gives anyone the right to call her out of her name? We need to do a better job as a whole of encouraging the proper treatment of our women in society. We often look everywhere but where we should for fraternal guidance. So let's all read and comprehend all the material that we already have and Omega will be better for it. See our Preamble to our constitution below:

*We, the members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., believing that men of similar ideals of fellowship should bind themselves together in order to form a more perfect union among college men; to promote the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift; to further brotherly love and fraternal spirit within the organization; and to protect the sanctity of the home and the chastity of woman, do enact and establish this Constitution and accompanying Bylaws for the governance of its members.*

## THE TEA PARTY?

Commentary by: Bro. Van Newborn

I would like to address what I have been seeing in the media ever since President Obama took office. We have the Tea party calling everything reverse racism and making a mockery of the civil rights movement. Can someone tell me what it means to "Take our country back?" Take it back where? When black folk knew their place? When a little black boy could be anything but President? We as decedents of the Sons of Blood and Thunder should take our stand and speak out against those who want us to take a back seat. The Tea party feeds on the fear of the average American who needs someone to blame for not having something that they want or being successful. The default answer nowadays is that it is President Obama's fault. I had a Tea Party friendly guy start talking about affirmative action and he said that he didn't want to lose his job because of it. I thought to myself, do I know of anyone who has directly benefitted from affirmative action? I know hundreds if not thousands of college educated African Americans and I can't recall anyone saying, I got one of those affirmative action jobs. I then thought to myself, this guy has some nerve, he doesn't even have a degree. I have never worked with an African American that did not have some type of degree. Most of them were actually over qualified for their current positions. I don't want to rant but our very own founder said "It's easy to go along with the crowd but the man or the woman who carries civilization afar is the individuals who take leadership and go against the public opinion if it is not in harmony with the highest ideals of the individual. Prove yourself to be a man. Prove yourself to be a true Omega Man." Let's be true Omega men and take a stand. We should be actively participating in our local NAACP and not just joining because of a fraternity mandate.

The opinions expressed and the content of this article in no way reflect the opinions of the 9th District or Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. The views expressed are those of the author and the author only.

## CONGRATULATIONS & LAGNIAPPE

### SMU-NK

SMU graduate Warren Seay ('10) has been named a third-team member of the USA Today All-USA College Academic Team.



### Brothers Needing Career Assistance

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Jon Kileen - NK - Business Management- jckillen@gmail.com  
Michael Lewis - AΔΔ - Industrial Engineering - mrl1911@gmail.com  
Rod Harris - AΔΔ - Construction Engineering -rj\_harris023@yahoo.com  
Hulan Washington - AΔΔ - Business/General - hulanwashington4@gmail.com

### Spring 2010 Graduations

#### Southern Law

Freddie King - AΔE

#### Southern Methodist Univ.-NK

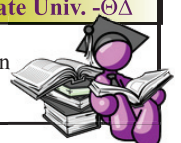
Jon Killen (MBA)  
Warren Seay  
Jason Jackson  
Scott Beckendorf

#### Univ. LA-Monroe-MA

Keith C. Haydel, Jr.  
Darnell L. Barbour

#### Northwestern State Univ. -ΘΔ

Kasey Brown  
LaPatrick Steadman



## OMEGA CHAPTER - They may have left from our gaze but they shall always be in our hearts!

### Bro. Dr. Johnny B. Johnson

Bro. Dr. Johnny B. Johnson (11/17/1946, Tau Sigma) a long-time administrator at AM&N/UAPB, has moved on to the Omega Chapter due to prolonged illness. Bro. Johnson served two terms as interim chancellor of UAPB and one of the dormitories, the JBJ Complex, named in his honor. Bro. Johnson was a stalwart supporter of AM&N/UAPB, the Dollarway School District here in Pine Bluff, and Omega.

A lot of the history of Tau Sigma and Tau Phi resided in his home from memorabilia he kept over the years including: district meeting souvenir books from the period when Arkansas was in the 8th District; programs when dignitaries such as Founder Love and Bro. Langston Hughes appeared on the AM&N campus as speakers; and AM&N/UAPB annuals and campus newspapers highlighting the contributions of Omega.



### Bro. Traversia Julius Viola Sr.

Traversia Julius Viola Sr. (91) was born in Brazoria, Texas. He attended elementary school in West Columbia and Jack Yates High School in Houston, Texas. During these formative years, his father trained him as a blacksmith. He took pre-med courses and graduated Prairie View A&M in 1941. Taking advanced courses in restorative art, he attended and graduated mortuary college in Houston, Texas. Traversia operated E. Viola and Son Funeral Home for over 60 years.

A member of Blue Run Baptist Church; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Cemetery Association; Lion's Club; the National Rifle Association; and 100 Club and he also served as a member of several Boards. Earning many, many accolades, awards, and trophies, a few include his Outstanding Man of Year for Contribution to the African-American People (West Texas Conference of the A.M.E. Church); Outstanding Community Service from the Citizens of West Columbia; and the Melvin Jones Fellow for Dedicated Humanitarian Services (Lion's Club).



### Bro. Michael Mason

Brother Michael Mason was born March 9, 1966 and lived in Shreveport, LA and went home to be with the Lord in Omega Chapter on June 13, 2010, and Brother Mason was initiated into Theta Delta Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in Spring 1985 located on the Campus of Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La and served this great fraternity in numerous ways and in many capacities culminating his service as the Basileus of Theta Delta Chapter. He was awarded a Bachelor Degree in Marketing from Northwestern State University. Brother Mason was the father of 1 son and 1 daughter, (Matthew, 16 and Micayla, 17). He joined Baptist Temple Church and served his church as a Deacon and he was the best example of real brotherhood I've seen displayed in my 26 years as an Omega. Bro. Adrian Saldana lifelong friend and Spr.86 Theta Delta is the godfather of the children, and he and his wife Trudy have taken them into their home since their mom preceded Mike in death.



### Bro. Randy C. Harris

Brother Randy C. Harris was initiated in 1970 at Xavier University through Xi Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, he was also a campus leader, having served as President of his senior class, and has served the local chapter, Zeta Phi, as Chapter Basileus; Bro. Harris helped to balance the scales of justice through his work as a Manager of Employment Practices and EEO. His most recent position was Director of Human Resources with Rolls-Royce, until his retirement after 36 years; He leaves to cherish fond memories his wife, Anita; son, Carlan; two daughters, Darian and Dr. Yelena Harris; sister, Audrey Dozier; and brothers, Fred Harris, Elder Russell Harris and Stephen Dean. They shared many years of love and happiness.

### Bro. Dwayne Etienne - Omega Kappa (F'84) - Nicholls State

He was a faithful member of Xi Omega Chapter in Tulsa, OK. In addition to holding several offices within the chapter, he was directly involved in the chapter's primary fund raising project, the Annual Fish Fry. He often drove to Louisiana to transport farm-raised catfish for the event. He would then spend the entire day in the heat, deep-frying the catfish and french fries so the dinners could be prepared. Brother Etienne succumbed to a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer.



Omega Accomplishments: Basileus - Omega Kappa, Dean of Pledges - Omega Kappa and Xi Omega, Vice Basileus - Xi Omega, Keeper of Peace - Xi Omega and Oklahoma State Ques Association, Outstanding Service to Omega, Omega Man of the Year

### Bro. Langston Felix Reed



Langston Felix Reed was born on December 1, 1933 to the late Edgar Joseph Reed and Ursul Desvignes Reed. He was preceded in death by his younger brothers, Daniel Robert and David Edgar. Lanky, as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, graduated from McDonogh No. 35 Senior High School. He loved working with his father, a pharmacist, at the family owned drugstore. He then matriculated from Xavier University, College of Pharmacy, where following in the footsteps of his father, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy in



## OMEGA CHAPTER CONTINUED

1954. Dr. Reed practiced dentistry for forty-six years while owning his own dental practice in New Orleans.

**Bro. Sylvester Stemsley, Beta Sigma 1957**

**Bro. Joe Miller, Gamma Gamma Fall 1957**



### THE DR'S DESK

Greetings to the Mighty Ninth District,

Brothers, it is with great joy that I greet you through this Summer Addition Newsletter, the first from this administration. Special thanks to Van Newborn, our Director of Public Relations, for a job well done! Not only for an excellent publication, but also for fulfilling his commitment to get this out to all Brothers with verified addresses.

Your District Council is working hard to provide you with leadership and service that you can rely on. We are committed to giving you what you need to improve on our goal of superior "Brotherhood and Community Support: Uplift for Mankind". There are several events to look forward to, including Spiritual Wellness events (month of September) and the 9th District Undergraduate Summit (October 3, 2010, Baton Rouge, LA). Additionally, begin now making your plans for the 74th Ninth District Meeting in Monroe, Louisiana (April 20-23, 2011). Registration is available and there is much planned for you and your families. Stay tuned to our website ([www.mightyninth.org](http://www.mightyninth.org)) for information pertaining to the district and all of our fraternal events.

I appreciate all of you for your support of this administration. If there is anything that we can do to support you in your efforts to uplift your respective communities don't hesitate to call on us.

Fraternally,  
Brother Shawn Brewer -9th District Representative  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



### MESSAGE FROM THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Brothers! YOU did an outstanding job of providing information for this edition of the District's newsletter. Please continue to provide this type of information, so that the world can see our great deeds. I hope that you found this edition informative as well as entertaining. I will always aspire to keep the newsletter up to Omega's lofty standards. I want to once again thank the Brothers for your support and the vote of confidence. I would also like to give special thanks to Brothers Nathaniel Mitchell and Paul Adams for helping me edit the newsletter and Bro. Avery Matthews for his help with the layout and graphics. Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or concerns. [9thdistrictpr@oppf.org](mailto:9thdistrictpr@oppf.org) or [van@vannewborn.com](http://van@vannewborn.com)

In Friendship,

*Van Newborn - Spr. 95 AΔ<sup>2</sup>*

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