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## DR Marvin Dillard Releases *The Quemunicator*



Addressing the need for a monthly administrative communication tool for the Chapters and the Brothers of the Second District to perform the duties of Omega efficiently and effectively, District Representative Marvin Dillard premiered the online monthly newsletter "The Quemunicator" in August 2006.

With the aid of the Executive Committee, the Quemunicator has contributing articles from the 1st Vice District Representative Roderick Richardson on the status of District Committees, 2nd Vice District Representative Terik Tidwell on subjects of particular interest to the Undergraduates and DKRS Kenneth Rodgers informs the District of the administrative needs of each Chapter with regards to the business of Omega. In contrast, The Omeگان, the Voice of the Second District, has traditionally chronicled the activities and accomplishments of the Chapters and Brothers of the Second District, is

only published three times per year and with spiraling printing cost, the need for an online cost effective monthly publication to keep the district current has been addressed. The Keeper of Records and Seal of each Chapter receives The Quemunicator and disseminates the online publication to the membership of his respective Chapters.

Remember The Omeگان reports what we have done, The Quemunicator informs us to what we need to do, in a timely manner. Kudos to our new Executive Committee and DR, for implementing this new communicative tool to serve needs of the Brotherhood.

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## The Undergraduate Summit- Strengthening Bridges

October 7<sup>th</sup> 2006, marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual undergraduate summit for the Second District. Of the eighty plus brothers in attendance, fifty-eight were undergraduates from chapters all across the district. The summit started at 10:30 am at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with an opening prayer from Brother Tiller. Following the prayer there was a welcome address from Bro. Robert Paterson (Basileus of Omega Delta Delta-Temple Univ.) and by Bro. Aaris Johnson (Pi Chapter-Undergraduate Rep.). After welcoming the brothers, Bro. Tidwell spoke on the state of the undergraduates pertaining to involvement and leadership on a national and district level, and its importance to the development and enhancement of Omega's presence on their respective campuses.

Following the report, the brotherhood were enlightened in either the KRS, KF, or Basileus Roundtable workshops that were moderated by Brother Kenny Rodgers, Kenny Jackson and Rod Richardson (1<sup>st</sup> Vice DR) respectively. Since most of the undergraduates were neophytes, this was their first training to help them understand more of their role and responsibilities to help provide efficient practices to strengthen their chapters E-Board.

The second session was the Questions and Answers session which provided the Undergraduate Leadership with knowledge of the undergraduates concerns and provide the undergraduates with feedback on vital information. Due to the slight changes in the MSP process, all the brothers were

attentive in learning more about the modified process. Bro. Robert Manning and Bro. Milton Harrison lead an intensive MSP workshop while playing "Good Cop-Bad Cop" to add a sense of humor.

During the Scholarship session, Bro. Mark Myers, Chair of Scholarship committee, provided the undergraduate brothers with vital information on the various District and National scholarships. Since there was few brothers that applied for scholarships last year, Brother Myers encouraged all brothers to apply for scholarships this year. Also to help with the effort of giving scholarships, the application for scholarships will be part of the application for membership.

Showing how the old school

brothers sung and stepped, Bro Tiller lead a thrilling singing and marching session (old school style). The interaction between the brotherhood help illustrate the TRUE Spirit of Omega. Brothers felt revitalized and thoroughly immersed as the session and the summit can to an end.

Remarks was given by Bro. Dillard (District Rep.), Terik Tidwell (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DR), and Donzelle Tiller (Undergraduate Advisor). For all brothers that were in attendance, they received an Undergraduate Summit Shirt and the book by Bro. James S. Avery (28<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus) "Others Thought I Could Lead". To conclude the successful summit all brothers joined in arms to sing Omega Dear.

## Bro. William Curtis Elected to Lead Ministers Conference



Newly inducted member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Iota Phi Chapter in Pittsburgh, PA, the Rev. Dr. William Curtis was elected to a four-year term as the president

of the Hampton University Ministers' Conference, which focuses on the tradition of worship in the African American church.

Brother Curtis has been the pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in the East Liberty section of Pittsburgh since 1997. During his tenure, the church's membership has grown from over 400 to over 7,100. In addition, Bro. Curtis takes his church's responsibility to the community seriously and implemented a community tithe program that returns over 10 percent of the congregation's offering to the

community.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Reverend Curtis accepted a call to ministry at the age of 17. He possesses a bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy from Morgan State University, a Master of Divinity Degree from the Howard University School of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. Pastor Curtis serves on the Board of the Urban League of Pittsburgh, and is a member of the African American Leadership Committee. In

2001, he founded William H. Curtis Ministries in an effort to expand his ministry throughout the United States and abroad.

The Hampton University Ministers' Conference is the largest group of interdenominational African-American clergy that meets anywhere in the world. Since 1914, the conference has served as a gathering of over 6,000 black clergy for a week of reflection and theology. The 93<sup>rd</sup> HU Ministers' Conference is schedule for June 3-8, 2007 at Hampton University.

## Gamma Pi Selected as 2nd District Chapter of the Year

Gamma Pi's hard work for the greater community and for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity continues to pay dividends for the 33-year-old chapter. When the dust had settled on the 58<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference held in Philadelphia May 4-7, Gamma Pi once again was selected as the District's Graduate Chapter of the Year. The award was for Gamma Pi's work in 2005. The chapter received the same honor initially in 2003 when the award was instituted.

"It was a great conference and a proud moment in the history of the "Super Chapter," Gamma Pi Basileus Teddy Taylor said to the chapter in a congratulatory email following the District conference. "Congratulations to Gamma Pi for repeating as the Chapter of the Year in the 2nd District and receiving

recognition for an outstanding Achievement Week Program."

To compete for Chapter of the Year, Gamma Pi submitted a scrapbook assembled by Brothers Gordon Everett (Keeper of Records and Seal) and Arthur Powell depicting public service projects and other activities for the year. Throughout the fraternity year, Gamma Pi plans and oversees a host of public service projects and events aimed at uplifting the local community and upholding Omega Psi Phi's Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Uplift and Perseverance.

In addition to the Chapter of the Year Award, Gamma Pi was also recognized at the 58<sup>th</sup> Second District conference for an outstanding

Achievement Week program in 2005. The chapter was one of five in the District cited for such an award. That program that was held last November and attracted a large audience to hear the keynote speaker, former Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Army and Omega Psi Phi member Rev. Major General (Ret.) Matthew Zimmerman. Last year's Achievement Week also marked the first time Gamma Pi brothers had held a chapter-only dinner fellowship to mark the occasion. The Second District conference also saw Brother Kenneth Rodgers, former three-term Basileus of Gamma Pi, elected as the Second District Keeper of Records and Seal. And finally, two chapter brothers, chapter KRS Gordon Everett and Roland Penn, both Winston-Salem State University graduates, won the Sec-

ond District golf competition on May 4 held as part of the District Conference. They bested 40 other golfers and, as a result, Gamma Pi will have possession of the District golf trophy for one year. Their names and the chapter's name will be engraved on the cup.

More than 25 Gamma Pi brothers registered and attended the District Conference. In true Gamma Pi fashion, the chapter will seize upon the distinguished Chapter of the Year designation not as a laurel to rest on, but a challenge to take its service-oriented agenda to an even higher level in 2006. To Gamma Pi, the award is not just for the chapter or the community, but shared with the entire Prince George's County community that it serves.

## Gamma Pi - Project Enrich

Cardinal Principles of Scholarship and Uplift were turned into opportunity for many high school students in Prince George's County, MD when Gamma Pi chapter reinstated a once-popular and successful academic program to help high school students achieve.

Project ENRICH is back after a six-year hiatus. Its roots go back to 1985, when Gamma Pi took the initiative to address some of the educational ills of the youth of Prince George's County. The chapter, sponsored this very special and successful college preparatory program, which was designed to make high school students, beginning at the ninth grade level, more aware of educational opportunities and career choices. Project ENRICH provided support activities which built upon the students' academic programs and their personal

and intellectual development.

For 15 years (1985-2000), Project ENRICH was a vital option for the development of many of the county's youth. Through workshops, seminars, college visitations, writing competitions, and other presentations, students were presented with and introduced to information and resources that were significant to a student's academic success and college preparation. The program worked with over 600 students, with more than 95% of four-year participants going on to institutions of higher learning. The program was received favorably by both students and parents.

Due to the growing concern for the plight of our students today, Project ENRICH returned to Prince George's County in March 2006. Under the leadership of Social Action chairman Brother Roland Byrd, a retired educa-

tor, the chapter returned the program confident that it can repeat the success once achieved. With some added emphases to enhance the effectiveness, relevance, and productivity of Project ENRICH, the participants will receive greater exposure, involvement, and enriching academic experiences. The first year ended very successfully with nearly 20 students enrolled. These students, along with the Charles Drew Scholarship winners for 2006, were honored at a special program held at Bowie State University on June 10

Many of the students who participated in Project ENRICH needed to be encouraged, energized, motivated, and made aware of what is involved in preparing to attend college. Through the support activities, this is exactly what Project ENRICH provided its students.

Recently, it was reported that 22% of all ninth graders are repeaters or what is known as "permanent freshmen." It was also noted that these students are having academic difficulties, are not attending classes, and, thus, "have not been provided a quality education." The school system has been exploring options to help these students advance and eventually complete their public education.

The success of Project ENRICH suggests that it could be a viable option for addressing the "repeater" phenomenon. It would assist many of these students to be successful in the academic arena, getting them past their freshman year as well as to graduate from high school and to enter college and be successful.

## Bro. Ferney Dennis Elected USWA President



Brother Ferney Dennis was elected USWA (United Steel Workers of America) Local 12517 Union President 2006-2007, becoming the first African American to be elected to this position. Employed with the FMC Corporation since

1987 and a USWA member since 1975, Bro. Dennis was initiated into Delta Beta Chapter (Coppin State University) in 1977 and currently a member of Pi Omega Chapter. A Grandmaster Black Belt American in Kat-Sho-Du

Karate, he is life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and received the National Superior Service Award in 1999 and other awards at the chapter and district levels.

## Bro. Gregory Spenser Acquires Space Chemicals

In a move that will make him an entrepreneur of one of the largest Black-owned chemical companies in the nation, Brother Gregory Spenser announced that his firm, Randall Enterprises has acquired Space Chemical, Inc., an Indiana, PA., chemical manufacturer. Brother Spenser, who is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Iota Phi Chapter in Pittsburgh, PA, indicated that the agreement to sell was signed July 28, but that the terms of the deal were not currently to be made public. Spenser was excited by the

opportunities that come with this new business. "At one point, I was considering a janitorial company, but I wouldn't be able to use some of our people," he said, referring to his practice of hiring ex-offenders. "So instead of a cleaning service, we purchased the company that supplies the cleaning materials."

In his desire to contribute and give back to the community, Spenser is excited about the potential to create jobs and is considering relocating to the Pittsburgh area. He commented, "Providing job op-

portunities is one way to get some of the brothers off of the corners and streets."

Space Chemical, Inc. manufactures over 200 premium sanitary maintenance and industrial cleaning products in use for industrial, household, medical, janitorial, military and automotive purposes nationally and internationally. All of the products are environmentally safe, biodegradable and 200 percent guaranteed when used as directed.

Randall Enterprises, LLC is a privately held, for-profit real estate development and ser-

vices company with properties in Florida and Western Pennsylvania. With the new acquisition, Spenser becomes one of the largest Black-owned chemical manufacturers in the country. Spenser a former senior vice president at Equitable Resources, recently completed a term as board chairman of both the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania and the Negro Educational Emergency Drive (NEED).

## Mu Omega Host Delta VIP Reception

The Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted a VIP Welcome Reception for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. National President, Dr. Louise A. Rice.

The reception was held July 27th at the African-American Museum in Philadelphia, and helped to kick off Delta Sigma Theta's 48<sup>th</sup> National

Convention held in Philadelphia, PA.

In attendance were nearly 200 VIPs including Delta Sigma Theta National and Regional officers, members of the Pennsylvania State Legislature and members of Philadelphia's City Council.

Pennsylvania State Representatives Dwight Evans, Soror

Cherelle Parker (Delta Sigma Theta) and Bro. Thaddeus Kirkland, presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Dr. Rice and Delta Sigma Theta on behalf of their numerous social action programs.

All in attendance had a great time enjoying the night's festivities while listening to

the smooth sounds of jazz provided by Mu Omega's Bro. Richard Norris, and sampling some of the many delicacies on display.

The program was put together by Reception Committee Chair Bro. Julius Cromwell, and was sponsored by Aetna, Commerce Bank and Citizens Bank.

## Iota Phi Inducts "The Untouchables"

On Nov. 25, 2005, five new brothers were inducted into the fold of Omega: Bro. Ronald J. Hunt (corporate banker), Bro. Ernest Grover (purchasing manager), Bro. Leon R. Williams (dentist), Bro. William H. Curtis

(Pastor Mt Arrat Baptist Church), and Bro. Roger Kingdom (college track coach/Olympic Gold medalist). These were the "Untouchables" Their induction ceremony was conducted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. Rep. Greg Ack-

les. They contributed two major projects to the Chapter and have been diligent

workers in Omega proudly upholding the cardinal principles. Bro. Kingdom was recently conducted into the

Olympics Hall of Fame, and Bro. Curtis recently has spearheaded a Black History Month fundraising drive among black churches to help fund the forthcoming Pittsburgh Afro-American Cultural Center.



## Bro. Charles Brandon Bolden - Omega Chapter

On July 5, 2006 Charles Brandon Bolden died and joined Omega Chapter after a four-year courageous and dignified battle with multiple myeloma. He epitomized all the cardinal principles of what an Omega Psi Phi brother should be. Charlie, as he was so fondly called, crossed the burning sands in June 1974 through Phi Nu Chapter,

Peekskill, New York. From this time to the present his contributions to Omega and other Greek organizations, and the Peekskill community are legendary. He was a life member of Omega Psi Phi and a bulwark for Phi Nu, serving at one time or another in every official office and major committee leadership, over his 32 years of service. He was a founding member of the Westchester Rockland Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and was instrumental in organizing the first black college fair in Westchester County, New York.

Charles was born January 24, 1943 in Peekskill, NY He attended West Virginia State College and obtained a B.S. in Mathematics in 1966. Later on he earned a Masters in Public Administration from Pace University in 1982. He served in the U.S. Army from 1965-1968 and then in the Army Reserves from 1968-1993, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He began his career in August 1969 as a case worker with the Department of Social Services, White Plains, NY, becoming a Program Coordinator, Assistant and Deputy Commissioner, and retiring in

September 1998 as Associate Commissioner.

Charlie was a member of the National Association of Black Social Workers, the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, a member of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, The Priory of St. Patrick, and a trustee of the Peekskill Field Library.

Among Charlie's many interests was his collection of Buffalo Soldier memorabilia and history. He was always interested in young people and was a high school tennis coach and a basketball referee and official.

## Bro. Charles A. Preston Jr., (Beta, Spring 48) - Omega Chapter

Brother Preston was a second generation Omega Man and served as KF and Basileus during his collegiate years at Lincoln University, graduating in 1950 with a BS in Economics. He was also the recipient of the Alumni Association

Achievement Award of Lincoln University for his continuing support and fund raising efforts. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy appointed Charles A. Preston, Jr. the first African American Postal Inspector in the

United States. Before retiring in 1986, he also became the first African American General Manager of Real Estate in the Postal Service. He was the contracting officer for site acquisitions and leasehold agreements in the Eastern

Region's Real Estate Division administratively supervising over 8,000 facilities. He was the father of four children and seven grand children with the help of his wife of 55 years, Shirley Ross Preston.

## Bro. Ernest Talliaferro - Omega Chapter

Born in Springfield, MA, he moved to Harrisburg in January 2006. Prior to moving to Harrisburg, he lived in Upper Freehold Township for 38 years. Advertisement Addison

received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Lincoln University, PA and a Masters of Public Health from Columbia University. He retired from the New Jersey Dept. of Health after

25 years of service. A Brother of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, he served both as a member, and also as President of the Upper Freehold Regional School Board and Past

Director of General Assistance of Upper Freehold Twp. He was a founder and incorporator of Check Mate, Inc. of Asbury Park, NJ where he proudly served on the Executive Board for over 20 years.

## Bro. Thomas L. Hasty Jr. - Omega Chapter

Initiated Pi Omega Chapter on March 11, 1977, Brother Hasty served the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity very faithfully for almost 29 years. Having

served in a number of leadership capacities throughout his Omega Life, he truly made a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than he and in

the lives of those living in his community. At the time of his passing, he was a financial member of Pi Omega Chapter, Baltimore, Maryland.

Brother Hasty set a very high standard for all Omega Men and others to follow.

## Robert Eugene “Bob” Busby, Sr.— Omega Chapter



Bro. Robert Eugene “Bob” Busby, Sr. sculpted a dynamic and inspirational memorial for himself as a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through more than 44 years of tireless dedication, commitment, and energy to the Fraternity. His proud, full-throttle walk through his Earthly life as an Omega distinguished him as an Omega man’s Omega man – full of enthusiasm, eager to hear the call to service and a genuine friend to all of his Brothers.

Brother Busby began his accomplished Omega journey on April 14, 1962 in Kappa Psi chapter in Washington, D.C. He also was a charter member of Omicron Gamma Chapter at the former D.C. Teacher’s College in Washington, D.C., where he also served as Basileus and Vice Basileus. In 1963, as a young Omega man, he became part of national history by participating with other Brothers in the local area in the March on Washington led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Through four decades of service to Dear Omega, Brother Busby served in a variety of key positions at the Chapter, District and International levels. At the time of his departure to Omega chapter, Brother Busby was a longtime member of Gamma Pi chapter in Prince George’s County, Md. near Washington, D.C. Simply put, Brother Busby was not satisfied with just having his name on the roll of our Beloved Fraternity. He not only believed the Four Cardinal Principles -- Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift – but he lived them and put them into action for the benefit of all Omega men everywhere. As a result of his contributions, he was known and respected in every District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Brother Busby often said about Omega Psi Phi: “Bring into the Fraternity men with like attitudes and like attainments; how else would one understand what Omega men are all about.”

In a tribute to his level of commitment, Brother Busby holds the distinction of being the first member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to simultaneously serve as Chairman of the Reclamation Committees at the chapter, District, National and International levels. Supremely dedicated to

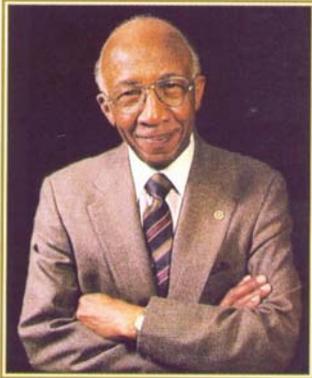
getting and keeping men active in Omega, he was Chairman Emeritus of the Second District Reclamation Committee (1984-1999) and is also a former International Reclamation Chairman (1988-1999). In a 10-year period, Brother Busby helped reclaim more than 2,000 Omega Brothers worldwide. To help with Reclamation, Brother Busby originated the “Omega Business Card.” Brothers still use that Omega business card today to greet each other. It has also proven useful for directing newly arrived Brothers to Omega activities within the community. Brother Busby’s work in this capacity was so outstanding that he was the first member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to receive an honorary award for Reclamation.

Much of Brother Busby’s contributions to the Fraternity at the District, National and International levels came during his tenure in Gamma Pi chapter, where he is a Past Basileus (1995-96), Parliamentarian Emeritus, a former Gamma Pi Omega Man of the Year (1982) and the first recipient of the prestigious Founder’s Award given for noteworthy contributions to the Fraternity at the local, District, National and International levels. Brother Busby also chaired Gamma Pi’s

Achievement Week for many years and served on numerous other committees for the chapter. Some of his contributions to Gamma Pi were very subtle and practical, such as a telephone communication system that he donated to the chapter. Today, that system remains a vital communications tool that allows the chapter to disseminate important information rapidly. He also donated the chapter banner that hangs at major chapter events.

But the measure of all Omega men extends beyond the Fraternity itself to our role and contributions in the broader community. In that regard, Brother Busby, a tall man physically, was even taller in stature. Professionally, he was one of the few Black actuaries in the entire country. The actuarial profession has consistently been rated as one of the top five jobs in the United States according to *Jobs Rated Almanac*. He also taught Mathematics at the USDA Graduate School and loved working with young people to make them all they could be. In Gamma Pi chapter, the love for education, youth and Mathematics led Brother Busby to coordinate the Mathematics component of the chapter’s Project ENRICH initiative.

## Bro. Richard T. Greene, Sr., - Omega Chapter A Banker Who Invested In People



Some cynics believe finding a genuine local role model in this social climate is like searching for a needle in a hay stack. Nothing could be further from the truth, because on August 3, 2006 a genuine local role model died. He was 93 years old. His funeral was held at J. Foster Phillips Funeral Home on August 8, 2006. He was eulogized by the Reverend Spencer Gibbs. Among those who paid tribute were Minister Eric Toodles of Westminster Presbyterian Church and Dr. Livingston Francis of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

When a genuine local role model passes from labor to rest, it is important to provide an accounting of his deeds for the purpose of posterity. With this thought in mind, here is an edited biographical sketch of the late Richard T. Greene, Sr.: A Banker Who Invested in People.

Richard T. Greene, Sr. is a member of that great generation of

black people who made the dreams of their enslaved parents a reality. He was born on July 18, 1913, in Charleston, South Carolina, to Martha Black and Richard D. Greene. The new arrival and his brother, Paul, completed their immediate family unit. Despite the difficulties of a childhood in the segregated south, he exhibited a fierce desire to move beyond the limits society set for a young black man. He developed an early interest in business through his management of the finances associated with his boyhood paper route. This experience laid the foundation that ultimately helped him to become an esteemed and accomplished banker.

Richard spoke proudly of his school years at the Avery Institute in Charleston and at Hampton Institute in Virginia, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1938. At Hampton, Richard met the beautiful M. Virginia Lea, a nursing student. They married in June 1942 and had two children. He did post-graduate work at New York University, the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Banking and Finance, and the American Savings and Loan Institute. Richard received an honorary doctorate from St. John's University in 1992.

His business career began in 1938 at Citizen's Southern Bank and Trust Company in Philadelphia, but it was interrupted with service in the United States Army from 1941-45. He was discharged with the rank of captain and later promoted to major during tenure in the Army Reserves. Between 1945 and 1960, Richard worked with Associated Publishers, Inc. and Interstate United Newspapers, as national advertising representative and business manager.

His thirty-five year career at Carver Federal Savings Bank began in 1960 when founder and president, Joseph Davis, hired Richard as his executive assistant. He then held various positions in the Brooklyn office, culminating in vice president and manager. Richard was promoted to executive vice president and relocated to the main office in Harlem in 1968. He rose to president, chief executive officer, and director the following year. During his tenure Carver grew into the largest black banking institution in the country. Richard's primary concern was the economic and social development of the communities Carver served in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Long Island and nationally. Due to his leadership in the banking industry, he was featured in Fortune,

American Banker, Black Enterprise, Newsday and the Daily News.

Richard participated in many business development organizations, such as the Apollo Theater Foundation, the Harlem Urban Development Corporation and the Harlem Business Alliance. He worked with David Rockefeller in the New York City Partnership, Inc. His professional affiliations included service with the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York from 1989-92, serving thrift institutions in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Furthermore, he held membership in the Washington based American Savings and Loan League, Inc.

Richard was an elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, New York. He was associated with organizations, such as the NAACP, the Urban League, and the Hampton Alumni Club. His social network included membership in 100 Black Men, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

By his example, Richard T. Greene, Sr. leaves behind an important lesson to be learned and remembered: A man has no control over the social station he is born into, but he alone determines the social station he acquires through hard work and ambition.

## Steve Owens Smith - Omega Chapter

Steve O. Smith worked for Kraft Foods North America for over 21 years and received numerous sales awards. He started as a Sales Representative and ascended to the position of District Sales Manager of the Mid Atlantic Pizza Division until his illness.

Some of the many awards he received were the Eastern Region Vice Presidents Award in 1987, Account Management Award in 1989, Sales Leadership Ring Award in 1994 (He always wore the ring) and he was most proud

of the Frank C. Carr Inroads Award. Inroads is a mentoring award. One of God's greatest gifts to Steve was his love and ability guide and mentor people, giving back what was so freely given to him, total selflessness.

While attending the University of Maryland, on April 20, 1974 Steve was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Chi Delta Chapter. Affectionately known as "Daddy", Steve bonded with other Black college educated men of high ideals living the

Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

Upon relocating back to Baltimore, he joined Pi Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and served and chaired on numerous committees. He loved serving on the Board of Directors for the Pi Omega Foundation, where he served as Treasurer from 1991-2006. During his tenure, he single handedly converted this 55 year old foundations record keeping practices from

manual to computer automation. Steve remained financially active in his beloved fraternity his entire life.

Steve had a deep love of God and was a man of great character. A consummate businessman, an insightful thinker, an in your face, no nonsense kind of guy, positive about life, meticulous in his dress, professional and articulate, he was all about the details.

## Iota Phi's Talent Hunt Winner

Iota Phi Chapter held its Annual Talent Hunt on February 19, 2006 at the Creative and Performing Arts High School (CAPA) in the heart of the city's Cultural Center.

Bro. Alexander Nichols, Committee chairman, presided as the Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Carlton Heywood presented the Welcome mentioning Black History Month as an outgrowth of Black History Week started in 1926, and Bro. Brandon Jennings announced the winners

after ten terrific performances.

Brothers, parents, and friends were treated to great creative dance, a Gifts of Love vocal with a degree of difficulty of "10", classical music and a lively mini-concert that held us spellbound. The special presentations during Intermission must have been prohibited from participating because these HS youth were high-caliber professional quality – Margot Bingham, a CAPA HS senior sang her

soon-to-be or soon-better-be commercial CD (automatic Grammy!!) and James Porter's mime finale of the power of God bought the house down.

Winners were: *in Art* Justin Carter - Westinghouse HS; *in Dramatic Interpretation* Janaya Berry (1<sup>st</sup> place – CAPA HS), Alexandra Toy (2<sup>nd</sup> place – Freeport Area HS), and Ramone Gowder (3<sup>rd</sup>Place – Westinghouse HS); *in Vocal* Daeja D. Baker (1<sup>st</sup> place – CAPA HS) and Michael Joseph

Jackson (2<sup>nd</sup> place – Westinghouse HS); and *in Instrumental* Emily Hawkins (1<sup>st</sup> place – CAPA HS), Sheila Roberts (2<sup>nd</sup> place – CAPA HS), and Lemeul Paul Harper (3<sup>rd</sup>place – CAPA HS). Emily Hawkins will represent the Chapter in Philadelphia this May. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners today each received a trophy and cash award. In 1999, Iota Phi sponsored the national winner. We are more than proud to sponsor another worthy national talent.

## Tau Lambda Lambda Blood Drive

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter conducted Phase I of the Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive on April 10, 2006. Brother Irving Copeland served as the Chairman for the program where the focus was not only to increase the blood supply in the local area, but to increase the re-

cruitment of African American donations in the Greater Chesapeake Potomac Region. Trauma victims, premature infants, cancer patients and many others rely on a safe and adequate blood supply to survive. Therefore, it is important for blood supply to be replenished to ensure that

blood is available for every patient.

Brother Irving Copeland worked with local representatives of Red Cross in La Plata, MD to conduct a two-phase approach. The results from phase I resulted in 43 productive units being col-

lected. This effort alone makes the difference in at least 129 lives. The local Red Cross representative stated that TLL donors have proven vital in the community's effort to provide a strong and consistent blood supply to our area hospitals.

## A Supreme Activity For Pi Omega Chapter



### Pi Omega's Omega Academy with Justice Clarence Thomas

On Monday June 26, 2006 Pi Omega Chapter (Baltimore, MD) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Pi Omega Foundation sponsored a once in a lifetime field trip to the Supreme Court of the United States. Participants in this event included brothers of the chapter and members of the Omega Academy Mentoring Program. Included in this activity was a one hour meeting with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

The Omega Academy provides programming for 20 Baltimore City and 20 Baltimore County males, ages 8-14 years old. Mentoring guidance with Brothers of the Chapter occurs twice monthly on Saturday mornings for the Baltimore City program and on Thursdays for the Baltimore County program. The sessions involve tutorial and computer literacy through

computer labs, community service projects of /clothing and food drives, special holiday meals for the community residents, numerous field trips and social activities to enhance manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift.

The day at the Supreme Court began with the group having reserved seating at the final day of the 2006 Session. The group witnessed for nearly an hour the decisions made by the Court presented in turn by the dissenting and unanimous Justices. Immediately following, was the Omega Academy's private meeting in Conference Chambers with Justice Thomas. Justice Thomas gave an inspiring account of his life and struggles in family, education, and employment. Questions from the youth were given careful consideration and encouraged. It was powerful

testament encouraging the mentoring participants to work hard, have dreams fulfilled and never give up. The presentation culminated with a photo session and personal hand shaking with Justice Thomas.

The group was given behind the scenes tours of the Supreme Court Library and the private Gymnasium and Fitness Center used only by Supreme Court Staff. We were provided a buffet lunch catered to our program as well. This unique activity was arranged and presented to the Pi Omega Chapter through the efforts of one of our recent Chapter inductees, Bro. Quentin McClintock. Bro. McClintock is the Secret Service Agent assigned to Justice Thomas.

## Iota Phi's Mardi Gras Helps Uplift Omega Foundation for the Future

**Pittsburgh, PA** – On March 11, 2006, Iota Phi Chapter held its annual Mardi Gras in the Greater Pittsburgh Coliseum. The purple and gold beads, the big  $\Omega$  patrons strutted through upon entering, festive decorations and “Quesino”, the abundance of food and drink, the music, the rhythmic parade, the prizes, jovial people with some costumed, and of course ... the non-stop party ... embodied an at-

mosphere that would make New Orleans proud.

Participation in the Quesino and silent auction was at a high level. The Deltas won first place for The Best Decorated Table. Drums and trumpets in the Parade set the stage. Bro. Ron Coursey won the Best Male Costume with his Don King wig and Ida Clowney won the Best Female Costume with her “Ida the Clown”. Brothers stepped. A grand prize of

\$4,000 was raffled. The party continued.

This was *our best* Mardi Gras yet. We had our greatest mix of young to old patrons, most creative raffle and Quesino small games of chance, most attendees with optimal dance space, and most funds raised at our Mardi Gras yet. It was highly successful.

Brothers Marty Hampton, Brandon Jennings, and

Carlton Heywood chaired with Marty as Chairman. The funds raised contribute towards scholarships and social action programs such as Black College Tour, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and of course New Orleans relief.

Uplifting Omega's foundation ... *Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, Uplift* ... for the future.

## Our Youth hard At Work - Pi Kappa Kappa Talent Hunt

On Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2006, the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Sicklerville New Jersey hosted our third annual Talent Hunt. This event encourages and supports the local talents of our high school youth from the Sicklerville and surrounding areas through art, expression & sound!

This year, the categories judged included art, dance,

drama, music and vocals. A panel of three judges awarded the winners:

First Place - Miss Jocelyn Greer, a junior at Eastern High School, who serenaded the audience with a piano selection won \$400 and a first-place plaque.

Second Place - Miss Krystle Lennon, a senior at Winslow High School, for the dramatization of “Maureen’s Gift.”

She landed a second-place plaque and \$250.

Third Place - Miss Phylicia Bathwaite, a junior from Winslow High School, who sang “Hero” by Mariah Carey. She took the third-place plaque along with \$100.

On behalf of our Basileus, Bertrand C. Harry Esq., and the brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi

Phi, Inc., we would like to thank the Talent Hunt committee spearheaded by Bro. Walter Bissic; the Talent committee members; the many talented performers, the judges, the Joy Songs Youth Choir who blessed our audience with a few of their favorite selections, Ulticom Incorporated and Bro. & Mrs. Wayne Harris for making the 2006 Talent hunt a complete success.

## Nu Nu Chapter Gives Scholarship

Brother Greg Ackles, Second District Representative and Brother Thomas H. Mayfield, Nu Nu Chapter Scholarship Chairman, present a scholarship assistance check from The Second District to Alexander M. Cheatham at Burlington City High School in Burlington, New Jersey.



## "Rise to the Occasion" is The message to Philadelphia Youth

**"Everyone is born with a destiny, a dream and an untapped reservoir of potential waiting to be awakened. The gap between realizing one's true potential and destiny is the ability to learn how to 'Rise To The Occasion', especially above all life's challenges and obstacles." Brother Thabiti Boone.**

These words were delivered at the T.M. Pierce Elementary School where Brother Terrell Parris, Principal and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, welcomed Brothers George Grace, Grand Basileus, Gregory Ackles, Second District Representative, and sixty members of the Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc.

The occasion was the 58<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference and the District Conference Social Action Program under the leadership of Wayne Hamer, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Social Action Committee Chair.

The keynote speaker was Brother Thabiti Boone, a 41 year-old father, author, educator, and inspirational speaker who has developed a curriculum called Rise to the Occasion — Read to Succeed. In this book, the author uses hip-hop music and sports to encourage inner-city children to read, study and think critically. It also urges them to persist in striving for success. Brother Boone's appearance and Read to Succeed is a major component of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's national Assault on Illiteracy program.

"When you rise to the occasion, there's no 'just getting by,'" says Thabiti Boone of his efforts to be a strong black male role model to inner-city children. "My best is connected to my family, my future, my community, and to making the world a better place."

Boone makes use of his sometimes provocative and engaging teaching methods by telling his audience that he was born to a 13-year-old mother and a much older father who was immediately brought up on statutory rape charges. According to Boone, his maternal grandmother fought hard in court to keep him from becoming an institutionalized baby.

During his presentation, Brother Boone assumed several dribbling motions of Oscar Robinson and told the students that he loved to play basketball and showed great talent for college ball and a potential for the professional game. The audience gasped when he told them that when he was 12, his mother attempted suicide, jumping from the roof of the housing project where they lived. Miraculously, she survived — and so did her son's will to make a better life for him and others.



Thabiti graduated high school with honors and a basketball scholarship from the University of Florida. He was on his way to the next phase of his promising basketball career. Although he dreamed of pursuing a career in the NBA that changed after his freshman year when he became a teenage father. Upon discovering that he and the baby's mother wanted different things, he made a decision that was highly unusual for a 19-year-old college student: to raise his infant daughter, Kim, as a single dad.

After sharing this story with the young students, he asked several of the young boys in the audience, "What would have done?" Both responses were, "I would raise my child." Brother Boone continued by saying that he felt his daughter deserved the best chance at life I could give her. "I wanted to prove you can make mistakes in your life, but instead of being irresponsible and walking away, you can choose a different path. I wanted to make a change in myself and in how I would be perceived in and defined by this society as a Black man."

Through out the dialogue with the audience, the students sat in rapt attention as he spoke. Brother Boone challenged the young kings and queens to channel their passions and stay focused on the things that make them unique." Rising To the Occasion" teaches youth about the connection between sports, academic excellence, leadership development, life skill strategies and the fulfillment of dreams.

Pierce Elementary School is located at 23rd and Cambria Streets in a neighborhood where dreams are supposed to wither and expectations are supposed to be bleak.

When you walk through the doors something a bit out of the ordinary forces you to take notice — the students and staff seem intent on proving that the bleakness doesn't apply to them.

Following Brother Thabiti Boone's address, the Central Region's Superintendent Dr. B. Lefra Young commented on the importance of Brother Boone's inspirational message and the symbolism of having that many professional men meet with students in Pierce. She spoke passionately about the success of the students in Pierce, the disturbing achievement gap between girls and boys and the need for positive role models for all students.

The assembly was then addressed by Omega District's leader Brother Greg Ackles who briefly shared his own story of overcoming negative expectations. Brother Ackles announced that the fraternity had no intention of showing up for the day and then disappear. Beginning in September, the fraternity and a major financial services firm would partner to deliver an eighteen week financial literacy course that would include a stock market investment challenge.

Brother George Grace provided words of support for the program and encouragement for the students. Dr. Young along with Mr. Rueben Mills, Director of Support Services and Linda Hargrow pledged their support and will work with the fraternity to get their program underway. Earlier in the day Brother Boone and several of his fraternity brothers participated in a similar program at the Pastorius School where Brother Steve Sykes is the principal.

## “Still Going”...Nu Upsilon Social Action in 2006

**Wilmington, Delaware-** Recent recognition as the 2005 Second District Social Action Chapter of the Year, has not decelerated the pace of the brothers in the Nu Upsilon chapter. Like the “Energizer Bunny”, the chapter is “**STILL GOING**” in their efforts to uplift the community Wilmington, Delaware through its mandated program of Social Action. During the first half of the 2005 - 2006 fraternal year, Nu Upsilon has sponsored several community activities: **Talent Hunt, Omega Village Enrichment Program (OVEP), Adopt-a-Highway, Boy Scouts 5K Walk/Run, and the Charles R. Drew Blood Drive.**

In March, 2006, Nu Upsilon sponsored its Annual Talent Hunt Competition, in which 12 contestants from local high schools participated. Contestants’ talents ranged from instrumental and vocal music, to dance and dramatic interpretation. In all,

there were 35 brothers and 250 guests who supported this successful project. Our winner Hose C. Carmona III, of the competition represented Nu Upsilon at this year’s 58<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference Talent Hunt, where he was crowned the overall winner.

Since the 2003-2004 fraternal years, Nu Upsilon has sponsored a youth enrichment program “Omega Village Enrichment Program (OVEP)”. This program is comprised of two groups of students ranging in age from 9-15 meets four times per month. OVEP aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of young males in the areas of leadership, African American History, conflict resolution, money and banking, and good health habits. It also aims to educate them on the accomplishments of famous Omega men. One of the highlights thus far this fraternal year was a trip to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland, in Baltimore. The students enjoyed

a guided tour of notable personalities from Baltimore, Md. and their impact on our history. Additionally, they enjoyed a hearty lunch in the museum’s cafeteria and bought memorabilia. Future plans will consist of a partnership with Merrill Lynch and the use of their leadership and finance curriculum.

April, 2006 brought about the Adopt-A-Highway Project, where several brothers and family members participated in a day of cleaning a specific area of Wilmington, DE. It was an opportunity for brothers and family to fellowship while providing admirable community service. In all, 20 bags of trash were collected for disposal.

Several brothers participated in the Boy Scout’s 5K Run/Walk on May 20, 2006. This is the third year in which our chapter has supported this effort, by being a Silver Sponsor. The chapter aims to continue in its support of

the local Boy Scouts and this event.

The kickoff of our Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive was June 3, 2006. Approximately fifteen brothers, family members, and sisters of the Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. participated in a day of blood donation. In all, a total of fifteen pints of blood was donated.

As the 2006 fraternal year continues so too will the brothers of Nu Upsilon. Upcoming events include Feeding the Homeless, Scholarship Program, and Achievement Week with a Family Fun and Educational Fair, aiming to promote learning and family unity.

Nu Upsilon, “STILL GOING” after fifty-five years of SERVICE to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and the community of Wilmington, Delaware



*Nu Upsilon Talent Hunt Awardees and Contestants*



*Nu Upsilon Adopt -A- Highway Program*

## Chi Rho Achievement Week Program

On April 1 2006 Chi Rho Chapter held its Achievement Week Recognition Program. The Awardees for the year 2006 were as follows...". (In the Picture) Brother Basileus Oliver Coutrier "The Basileus Award", Mrs. Valarie Jackson "The Citizen of the Year Award", Brother KRS Louis "Stonie" Hertzog Jr. "Omega Man of the Year Award, and Brother Chaplain Jim Wallace "The Superior Achievement Award

Each was awarded for their Contributions and their Commitments to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Chi Rho Chapter and their Community and Mrs. Valarie Jackson for her Continued Work in The Community as well as Principal in the North Babylon School System. For their Excellence and Perseverance and Outstanding Service, these individuals are well deserving of the Honors Bestowed on them.



### Bro. Kevin Brockenbough - Omega Chapter

Nu Upsilon Chapter- Wilmington, Delaware

### Bro. Oliver D. Wolcott - Omega Chapter

Initiated into Zeta Psi Chapter in Brooklyn, NY. He. was a Charter Member of Alpha Upsilon Chapter "Brooklyn Omega 1949".

### Bro. B Marshall Henderson - Omega Chapter

Educator, Department Chairman- Biology: Lincoln University, Beta Chapter

### Bro. Marshall " Tiger " Evans - Omega Chapter



## Brother Robert Stevens Opens First Ever Quiznos Subs in Harlem

Bro. Robert Stevens, a Harlem native saw one of his dreams come to fruition as he opened the first Quiznos in Harlem, located at 2530 Frederick Douglass Blvd. Brother Stevens was initiated into Gamma Epsilon Chapter (Hampton University) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and currently serves as the Vice Basileus of Nu Omicron Chapter in Queens, New York. He also is an active member of the New York Hampton Alumni Club. He poignantly had a soft grand opening on Father's Day weekend 2006 and plans to have a bigger celebration later in the year. He plans to open at a second location in Harlem by Spring 2007.

It has long been a dream of the entrepreneur, event planner, and revenue planner to open a business in Harlem. He's blessed to be able to give back to the community by providing jobs, a quality product, and good service. He currently employs 20 neighborhood residents ranging from 16 to 50 years of age. He recently started a partnership with The Brotherhood/Sister Sol Foundation where he hired high school students to assist in local sales marketing

"Support from the neighborhood has been phenomenal" says Stevens. "I was a little worried about maintaining the corporate brand of Quiznos while staying true to the neighborhood. But people really appreciate my efforts and staff, especially since where we are located. There are fewer options for quick quality food than I initially realized." When asked about any other motivating factors to opening his business, Stevens wanted to show that black business, although thought to be rare, can begin and survive in Harlem.



"People are always saying THEY need to put a store like that in Harlem... THEY are taking over Harlem ..... If WE want to OUR culture to survive, WE have to keep the culture alive. We have to open businesses, buy the brownstones, and support each other. Too many people are waiting for the super grant, reparations, the politicians, and the government to step in.

Then we get mad at other races and creeds when they come into New York, especially Harlem, and collectively live, patronize, and support one another. This results in their economic wealth, survival of their families and ways of life for generations." Stevens feels blacks should be more

active and proactive in taking back their communities.

"Right now, I'm just starting something I hope will become big, an empire possibly", says Stevens. Something he hopes to provide economic support for himself, his family, and friends for generations. "I do not know how successful I will be, but I do know when it is all said and done, good or bad, I can say I tried to show economic development and black-owned business can become a reality. I hope others use my modest beginning as inspiration to take a few chances as well as risks and make their dreams come true." Brother Stevens is a proven leader in the community and it's evident he will continue to lift as he climbs!

BOY SCOUTS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, DIVERSITY BY  
AWARDING DR. FRANK 'TICK' COLEMAN NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD  
African American Eagle Scout Dr. Frank Coleman Celebrates 80-Plus Years in  
Scouting

As a young African American, Frank Coleman found a place in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) that accepted him, encouraged him, and helped prepare him for life as citizen and a successful professional alongside youth of all colors and credos, despite societal prejudices of the day.

In 1927, Frank "Tick" Coleman became one of the first African Americans to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest rank achievement, leading the way for thousands of other African American youth. Coleman joined a Scout troop through the local Episcopal Church in his neighborhood because his mother wanted something for him to do after school.

"I wanted to become an Eagle Scout because this was the top honor you could get in Scouting," said Coleman. "It is a great achievement, and regardless of what I got involved in, I wanted to be at the top. It was hard and very interesting to get to that level, but I was anxious to walk down that road."

The BSA has long been a celebrant of diversity, providing youth and character development programs for children across ethnic, income, and religious boundaries. The BSA has celebrated diversity and the inclusion of African American Scouts and professional Scouters as far back as 1911, when the first African American Scout troop was chartered in Elizabeth City, N.C. By the end of 1927, African American troops were chartered in every region of the United States, and ten years later, Scouts from these troops participated in the first National Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C.

Like many other youth in America, Coleman received encouragement and support and gained skills and experiences through Scouting that would not have otherwise been available to him at the time, such as outdoorsmanship, lifesaving and swim-

ming. His involvement with Scouting helped him overcome societal barriers as well as challenges that come with growing up in an urban area.

As with Scouts today, Coleman benefited greatly from the support of parents, his church and his Scoutmaster, Mr. Morgan. Scouting helped Coleman in his youth and in his professional career, particularly in times of struggle, which he faced regularly as a reflection of the attitudes of society.

A 1935 graduate of Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, where he is a trustee emeritus, Coleman also holds a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and an honorary doctorate from Lincoln. He retired from the school district of Philadelphia in 1981 but remains an active community leader.

In honor of his years of service and his trailblazing Scouting experience, the Boy Scouts of America National Council Scout reach division will award the first Dr. Frank "Tick" Coleman National Service Award for full-time paraprofessional Scouters this month during Black History month. Scout executives at more than 300 local Boy Scout councils throughout the United States will nominate their top full time program aide, and each of the four Scouting regions will select eight recipients of the award. The Award will be given every other year.

"We honor Dr. Coleman's involvement and support of Scouting," said George Randall, director, Scoutreach Division, BSA. "Since its inception, the BSA has strived to ensure that all youth are provided with the opportunity to experience the long-term benefits of Scouting, and we remain committed to developing programs that will help us

to achieve this through the efforts of great people like Dr. Coleman."

Today, African American Scouts and Scouters have a profound impact in communities throughout the United States and at every level of Scouting--from Tiger Cub to Eagle Scout--and they include such icons and dignitaries as former NBA stars Michael Jordan and David Robinson; key political figures such as Togo D. West Jr., former secretary of the Army, and Samuel Pierce, former secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and celebrities such as Richard Roundtree. The BSA continues to specifically address the needs of these Scouts and other multicultural youth through culturally relevant programs that speak to unique needs. BSA's programs build upon the commitment to ensure that all youth in urban and rural communities have an opportunity to join Scouting.

Since its inception, the BSA has trained young people in citizenship, service, and leadership to better serve America's communities and families through its quality, values-based program. In the past 95 years, the nearly 110 million members of Scouting have provided countless hours of service. The more than 1.7 million Eagle Scouts alone have provided an estimated 36 million hours of service through their Eagle projects.

Serving nearly 4.5 million young people between 7 and 20 years of age with more than 300 councils throughout the United States and its territories, the Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. For more information on the BSA, please visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

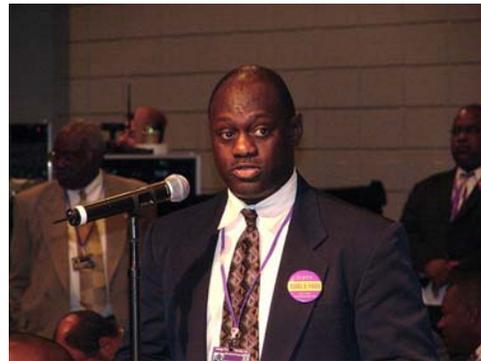
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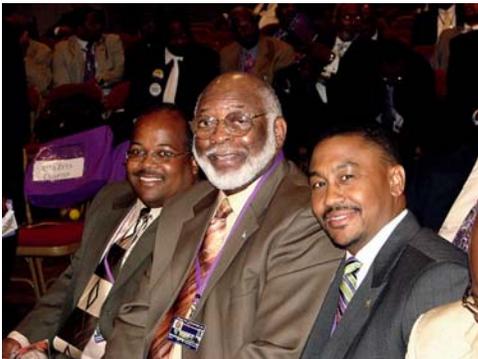
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## History of the Term " The Ques "

The term "QUES" obviously did not originate with our Esteemed Founders. There is no mention of this name in any of our official fraternal documents. In looking for the answer to the question what are the QUES, one has to go back to the time period when this term became used in the fraternity. Our Esteemed Founders in 1911 had only one adjective in mind for the membership, OMEGA MEN. All members of our organization were simply known as OMEGA MEN or MEN of OMEGA. This was and still remains today a powerful identification for exceptional men

As time went on in the 1940's or there about, it was popular on the college campuses of the day that some type of nick name be given the various organizations on the "Yard". This practice was akin to the naming of sports teams. The Braves, The Tigers, The Lions, The Ravens, etc. Especially on African American campuses, you know the Sisters and Brothers had to come up with their own ID.

Normally, a social/fraternal group would use the name of the organization to develop a short cut name/nick name for their respective organizations. If we took the term OMEGA MEN and shortened it, you may come up with a term "The O M's", these initial standing for The Omega Men. This nick name would be too difficult. Conversely, the fraternity could name them selves with sport team monikers. "The Omega Bears, The Omega Lions, The Omega DOGS". As one can see by taking on the persona of an animal for a fraternal group would not be consistent with the will of our Esteemed Founders. Especially being called a DOG. All of these terms demean the purpose of the fraternity as envisioned by our Esteemed Founders.

Our Brothers on the "Yard", being as smart and inventive as they can be, came up with the following solution. Take the name OMEGA. The Greek letter that represents the OMEGA character appears

to be an "inverted letter U or the appearance of a horseshoe". The Brothers choose not to call themselves the "Horseshoes" or the "U's". Again, these nick names would be difficult for many reasons.

Our Brothers put their Scholarship and Perseverance to the test and developed the following nick name for the fraternity. Since the closest letter in appearance to the Greek symbol OMEGA is the English letter Q. The plural of Q is "Ques". Thus our nick name QUES spread across the great Omega Nation. QUES being "short" as a reference name for the Men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Prepared by:

Bro. George K, McKinney

22nd 2nd District Representative

September9, 2006

## History Lesson: Fraternal Fallacy Regarding Col. Charles D. Young

Brothers,

After hearing and reading of the exploits of our beloved Col. Charles D. Young and the "challenge" that is associated with him, I set out to do some research on this military and ethnic Icon. Research is not "rehashing". Contrary to popular beliefs, Col. Young NEVER had a horse named "Blackjack". The ONLY association Col. Young ever had with anyone/anything bearing the moniker "Blackjack" was with Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing whom he served under.

By the way, Gen. Pershing was given that name via his constituents/fellow officers as a term of derision/taunting for his history and desire to lead "colored" troops. To cut to the chase, the actual name of the horse on which he made that legendary ride from Xenia, Ohio to Washington D.C. was "Dolly", a bay (reddish brown) mare (female).

I have listed several sources:

- 1."The Soldier Who Wouldn't Surrender" By Lerone Bennett Jr. Ebony Magazine (Nov. 1974, pp. 85-95

( See paragraphs 17&18)

2. The Buffalo Soldiers Website  
<http://www.buffalosoldiersresearchmuseum.org/research/books/young.htm>
3. American Roots  
<http://www.americasroots.com/cyoung.html>

I think that it is a slap in the face that we have "Scholarship" as one of our Cardinal Principles but rarely exercise it. We not only promote and perpetuate this historical and fraternal fallacy, but we also punish/wreck those Brothers who don't know (and all the while, the questioners themselves, don't know).

It is also a travesty that our inquiry regarding the name of his horse, trivializes Col. Young's accomplishments, 3rd Black graduate from West Point, first Black to earn the rank of Colonel, highest ranking Black officer during WWI, just to name a few.

Thanks to Pat Holscher of Military Horse ([www.militaryhorse.com](http://www.militaryhorse.com)) and Pat O'Reilly of The Long Riders Guild (<http://www.thelongridersguild.com>) for all of their assistance and encouragement. I have also included two(2) letters from The Long Rider's Guild celebrating the inclusion of Col. Young into their organization. This should remind us that, "Great Omega Men are not the sole property of Omega, they belong to the world".

Still strivin'

Guy Lipkins  
3-Zeta Phi-03  
Vice Basileus  
Zeta Phi Chapter  
Indpls, In  
Tenth District Bylaws Chairman

"Endeavoring to present and represent Omega in the most positive and favorable light possible

# OMEGA WILL SURVIVE BECAUSE BROTHERS CARE!!!

***IT IS YOUR DUTY TO PROTECT OMEGA AT ALL TIMES!!!***

The following men have been **EXPELLED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and no longer have any rights or privileges afforded to the **'Men Of Omega'**.

Allron Monsanto, Psi Iota

The Brothers listed below are currently **SUSPENDED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pending further investigation. *(If you're suspended, you're the reason!!!)*

Abdul Abdullah, Tau Zeta  
Larry Cowan  
Melvin Hill, Chi Delta  
Samuel Korpoi, Psi Epsilon

Travis Mayfield, Psi Epsilon  
Demetrius McDade  
Edward Murray, Nu Nu  
Ezra Naughton, Rho Lambda Lambda

Kelvin Robinson, Chi Delta  
Andre Smtih, Chi Delta  
Jean Sylla, Chi Delta  
Eric Watson, Chi Delta

These men should not be admitted into any formal fraternity meetings. Failure to adhere to these directives of the District Representative will result in the **SUSPENSION** of the Brother or Chapter who is in violation of the same. **THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!!!**

## Photo Gallery





**59<sup>th</sup> Annual Second District Conference  
Pittsburgh, PA**



**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Brother Marvin C. Dillard**  
*District Representative*

**Brother Keith Clark**  
*District Marshal*

**Brother Harold B. Vereen**  
**Brother William Edmondson**  
*Deputy District Marshals*

**Conference Registration Form**

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*Fees paid by check or money order, are to be made payable to: 59<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference.*

Registration	Undergraduate	Graduate
<b>Pre-registration – Deadline 1/31/2007</b>	\$90	\$150.00
<b>Regular Registration – Deadline 04/28/07</b>	\$90	\$175.00
<b>On-site Registration</b>	\$90	\$205.00

**Registration Includes:**

Conference bag (reports) and tickets (1 each) Undergraduate Luncheon, Founders Banquet, March Down and Pan- Hellenic Dance.

**Additional items**

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Pan Hellenic Dance	\$20.00			<b>Amount</b>
March Down	\$15.00			<b>Amount</b>
Life Membership Luncheon	\$25.00			<b>Amount</b>
Golf	\$90.00			<b>Amount</b>
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**Special Request Meals - Luncheon:**  Vegetarian      **Banquet:**  Vegetarian

All requests for refunds must be in writing to Bro. Milton Harrison, ADKRS, at the address below on or before April 7, 2007 for amount equal to that paid less administrative fees (i.e. processing fees, etc.)

**Mail To:**

**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**  
**Second District Conference**  
**Attn: Brother Milton Harrison, Assistant DKRS**  
**21106 Camomile Court**  
**Germantown, MD 20876**

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