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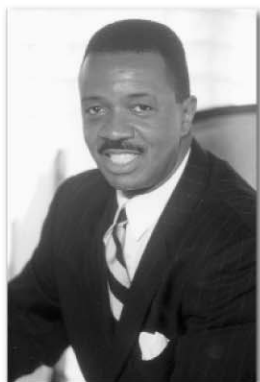
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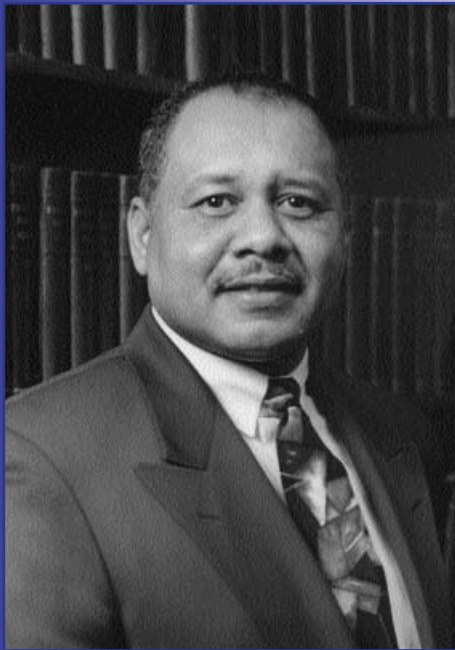
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National President



BROTHERS, SISTERS AND FRIENDS:

On behalf of the General Board, it is my pleasure to extend greetings and express great gratitude to the members of the Blue and White family, and to the thousands of families, friends and supporters of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Your unyielding dedication and continued support of programs of this great organization are a large part of what makes us the "Fraternity of Choice." We encourage you to join us the week of July 8-13, 2003, as we convene our National Conclave in Memphis, Tennessee to celebrate 89 years of first class brotherhood, scholarship and service.

The "New Millennium" affords a great opportunity for Phi Beta Sigma to take the lead in providing measurable service to various aspects of our communities, particularly with young males participating in our Sigma Beta Clubs. It is my firm belief that Alumni, as well as Collegiate members, must continue to play a substantial role in successfully achieving this endeavor, while providing leadership in the areas of membership development, growth, and stability in their chapters. My brothers, together we must take on this challenge if we are to continue to reap positive results in our respective communities.

Our focus remains on "Rebuilding Bridges to Bridge the Gap of Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service." We challenge you to continue your hard work by embracing the programmatic thrust of the Fraternity, and by continuing to implement this administration's long and short-range strategic plan. That plan includes improved membership service delivery, enhanced financial and budgetary support, and centralized and unified national programs instituted in our Sigma Beta Clubs.

Phi Beta Sigma continues to be the "Fraternity of Choice." This is evident by the array of articles in this issue of the Crescent Magazine. They reflect the national programmatic activities in our chapters' Sigma Beta Clubs involving "On the Job Training Programs" in Bigger and Better Business, "Tutorial Programs" in Education, and "Sigma Against Teenage Pregnancy Plus Programs" in Social Action to name just a few. The following pages also highlight the development and support of partnerships with the American Cancer Society through Project SWWAC (Sigmas Waging War Against Cancer), and more recently, Sigma's partnership with the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. This is a prestigious educational fundraising entity focused on providing scholarship opportunities to students attending or who desire to attend Historically Black Public Colleges and Universities. As you read this issue you'll also learn about and the introduction of the establishment of a Sigma Recognition Wall to be erected in our National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

We treasure the support of Sigma men, families and friends in the United States and abroad and challenge you to continue to be at the forefront in supporting our various national programs, projects and new initiatives. As we continue to embrace the Fraternity's motto, "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity" and to "Rebuild Bridges to Bridge the Gap of Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service", we are hopeful this issue of *The Crescent Magazine* will open the hearts and minds of Sigma men everywhere and encourage those who have gone astray to reconnect with our wondrous band and help "Sigma's Cause Speeds on its Way."

Fraternally Yours,

Arthur R. Thomas, Esq.
31st International President

Executive Director

Dear Brothers:

As we approach a New Year with great anticipation and confidence in our ability to make a difference, the mighty men of Sigma prepare to convene at Conclave Memphis 2003, July 8-13. It will be a time to remember.

Every able-bodied Sigma man who hearkens back to the day of his induction and hears that sweet refrain should give himself and his family a treat and make plans for Memphis - the grand homecoming! This is the hometown of none other than the Honorable A. Langston Taylor, one of our revered Founders. The Brothers of Memphis and the Southwestern Region cannot wait to welcome Sigma Brothers from across the land and overseas to this special reunion - a time for renewal and resolve.

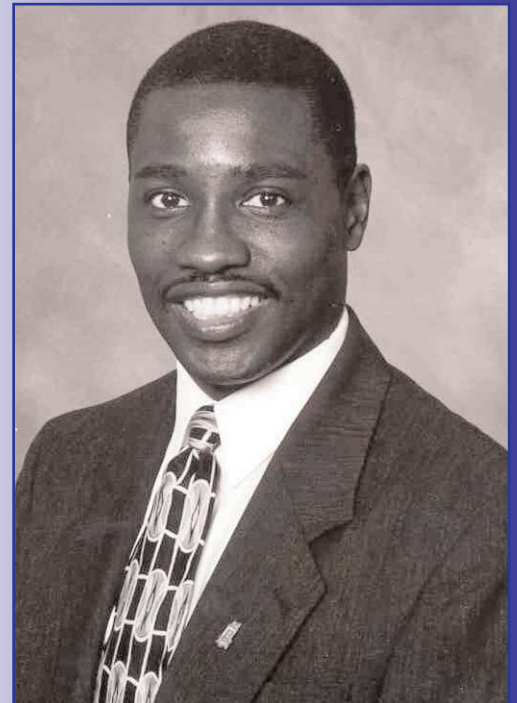
A time to remind us of those principles we embrace as men of Sigma committed to "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity". A time to renew old acquaintances, remember our own challenges as we started out in life and increase our resolve to help others through education to achieve their dreams. Participate in the issue forums and fun activities planned. Patronize the many national and local businesses represented and who have provided their support in sponsoring our programs. Let 2003 be a year of renewed vigor as your chapter implements the programs of our Fraternity and provides leadership and service in your community. Come to Conclave and share your accomplishments and claim your prize for a job well done.

For this 89th Anniversary Conclave, our host city Brothers have embraced the special theme: "Coming Home", welcoming our collegiate and alumni Brothers, Sigma Beta Club youth, our sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, members of the Greek Community and guests. The General Board, Conclave Planning Committee, Host Chapters and the staff at the Headquarters will work to make this our greatest Conclave ever. We simply need your presence. Let us know early that you will be there.

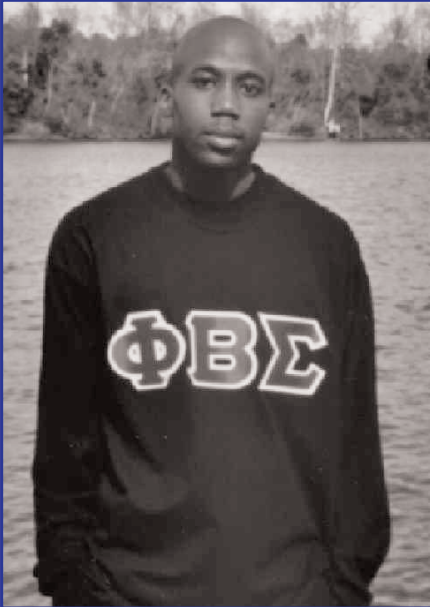
See you down home!

Fraternally yours,

Donald J. Jemison
National Executive Director



Editor-In-Chief



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Greetings Sigma Brothers,

On behalf of the National Staff of the Crescent Magazine, welcome. When I was a collegiate member, I would read the Crescent in awe of the wonderful things brothers were doing in the fraternity I love so much. As an alumni member, I wanted to bring back that kind of mystique to the magazine. You know, take it back to where it came from. During our early years, this magazine was held in very high regard because it was the only tool brothers had to keep informed of the news of the fraternity.

I firmly believe it is the local brothers that drive this fraternity; therefore, it is the brothers who will continue to drive the content of *The Crescent*. It is about what is important to YOU as a member. You see, I envision the Crescent going forward to the future while going back to its roots.

As a journalism professional educated in the arts of print journalism and public relations, I sought to include cutting edge articles, thought provoking columns, spectacular interviews, awesome pictures and graphics. Furthermore, I held my associate editors and staff to strict journalism principles and Associated Press style.

For staff, I used the very best writers our fraternity has to offer. The writing in this publication will rival other magazines you read daily. I promise you, once you start reading this magazine, you will not want to put it down. There will be something in here for each and every reader. I guarantee you will learn something new each time you read it. Furthermore, it will make you proud.

The theme of this issue is **"Brothers of the Present Making History: Educating the Nation."** My vision was an issue devoted to the brothers of today who will be in the history books tomorrow. As you can see the cover story features Bro. Dr. Rod Paige, the United States Secretary of Education.

Being the new editor of this magazine is an honor and a challenge. Journalism is what I do. It is my passion. It is my pleasure to bring this issue to you.

I give thanks to each and every brother and countless others who supported this publication not only with articles, graphics, ads, pictures, advice and wisdom but with your hearts. I did not do this alone; we did it as a team bound in Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service.

Please enjoy & GOMAB!
Bro. Carlos Williams II, MA
Editor-In-Chief

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Articles relating to the upcoming issue's specific theme are encouraged.

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An Open Letter to the Brotherhood



From the Honorable Brother Arthur Thomas
31st National President

Famous men and women are immortalized with statues and monuments. Some people leave their legacy with a foundation, scholarship, or building in their name, and others leave their mark on the world with a prosperous business.

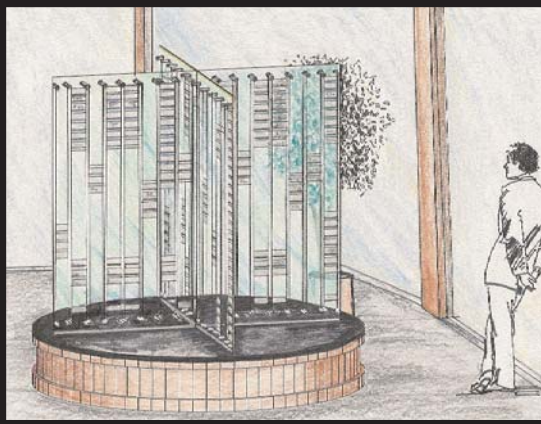
Now you too can have a legacy.

The General Board of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., during the November 17, 2001 General Board meeting, approved a plan presented by the Real Estate Commission and the Regional Directors, to establish a SIGMA RECOGNITION WALL at our National Headquarters Building in Washington, DC. The plan offers you the opportunity to immortalize your name on the "WALL" located in the atrium area of the building. It is envisioned that a free standing quadrilateral glass wall be erected either of granite or other suitable base and individual plates will be engraved with your name and initiation date into the Fraternity. A minimum contribution of \$500.00 per Alumni Brother and \$300 per Collegiate Brother is required in order to be eternally enshrined on the "WALL." Only Sigma Brothers including those in the Omega Chapter are eligible to participate.

Unfortunately, since the founding of our great fraternity in 1914, we have not offered the general Brotherhood an opportunity to be enthroned as a testament to their service and excellent life. This will truly be a permanent standing SIGMA RECOGNITION WALL for all to see and enjoy throughout the years.

The project will be managed by a committee co-chaired by the Honorable Thomas Washington, Distinguished Service Chapter, and Brother Keith Spinner, Chairman of the Real Estate Commission. All funds received will be managed by Brother Washington and deposited in the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union in a special earmarked account to retire the Headquarters mortgage. This committee will work in tandem with the Fraternity's Regional Directors.

On the next page, you will find an updated submission form needed to send in your contribution now and be perpetually recognized for your contribution. This offer is for a limited time. It will continue until all of the available spaces are assigned. Please note the new contribution amount for our collegiate brothers! The SIGMA RECOGNITION WALL will be completed and we will hold a National Founders Day Celebration and Dedication at the National Headquarters to "burn" the mortgage on January 11, 2003. I extend my congratulations to you in advance for your participation in this great effort.



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Conclave Memphis 2003

A Salute To Founder Hon. Bro. A. Langston Taylor

July 8, 2003. Tuesday -- "Leadership Arrival Day"

*General Board Members and Support Officers
Golf Tournament
Pre-Conclave Board Meeting*

July 9, 2003. Wednesday -- "Membership Travel and Arrival Day" Attire: Summer Casual

*Registration 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Delegate Certification Seating
Committee Meetings
Candidates Forum
Opening Ceremony
President Reception/Dance*

July 10, 2003. Thursday -- "Down to Business" Attire: Sigma Business (Attire Required).

*Registration 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Omega & Rededication Services
Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union Breakfast
Business Session I
Election Polls Open
DSC Luncheon
Miss National Phi Beta Sigma Pageant
National Step Team Competition
Sigma and the Blues (Downtown Entertainment)*

July 11, 2003. Friday -- "Developing and Growing Leaders" Attire: Sigma Business Casual.

*Registration 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
A. Langston Taylor Brotherhood Breakfast
Rotating Workshops/Business Session II
Honorary Candidates Private Reception & Induction
African-American Image Awards Banquet
Local Step Show and Concert*

July 12, 2003. Saturday -- "Confirming Our Future" Attire: Sigma Business Casual.

*Life Members Breakfast
Business Session III
Distinguished African-American Women's Awards Luncheon
Civil Rights Museum Event
Basketball Tournament
Blue & White Picnic
DSC Induction
Grand Orchid Ball*

July 13, 2003. Sunday -- "A Farewell To Memphis"

*Post Conclave Board Meeting
Ecumenical Service*

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By: Bro. Carlos Williams II, MA
Editor-In-Chief

There I was, sitting and breaking bread with the latest celebrity member of Phi Beta Sigma, Bro. Les Brown, initiated during Conclave Detroit in 2001. Bro. Eric Philips of CNN had just finished an interview with him.

We were in an upscale restaurant in the CNN Center and people were staring. Les paid it no mind. I guess he is used to it because people were locked into him like deer in headlights. Finally a young lady said, "Les Brown??? You ARE Les Brown! You are speaking at my church tomorrow. I can't wait to see you!" Les replied, "Yes, I am and I am looking forward to it! Make sure you are there."

Despite the stares, Bro. Brown was really talkative. When he is giving his speeches, he is not pretending. His normal conversation is chocked full of stories and examples.

Most of us know his story...how he came up from rags to riches. He was born in an abandoned building. Never been to college. Started at a radio station in Miami, Florida. At 57, he is a motivational speaker who travels the world. We see him on television and hear him on the radio.

He is normally surrounded by glitter and glamour. But sitting at lunch with Les allowed me to have a candid conversation with him minus the cameras, microphones and lights. Instead of interviewing him in a conventional sense, we simply talked. I had a chance to ask him real questions and get the raw answers. Some of his answers were hard to swallow but they needed to be said and, more importantly, they needed to be heard.

For example, my first question dealt with how he felt about the fraternity. I was interested because he's a relatively new member. He responded, "It is great, but Sigma can do even more outside of the box." He feels we are not maximizing our resources. Les said we could have him pushing almost every program we have from community service to t-shirts! I chuckled, but I fully understood his position.

Les explained if he had his way with our fraternity, he would organize the "Phi Beta Sigma Direct Training" for at risk children. Trying to think out of the box like Les, I asked him, "What number are you thinking about?" He said 500 kids at a time. I was still very much inside the box, trapped in my own consciousness.

His direct training "conference" would last 212 days...a Friday and Saturday. I had no idea Les was so

into at risk children and education. I should have known since he was an adopted child himself. But I figured to a certain extent Les was like many other celebrities who go from being poor to being rich and then don't give back. Well, he is not. Part of what makes him a great man of SIGMA as well as a successful businessman.

Let's face it. Les is at the top of his field and he is the best at what he does. As a highly demanded speaker, Les makes tens of thousands per speech. he has at least 400+ requests to speak per year, far more than he can accommodate. He is a multi-millionaire and, for a man without a college degree, he makes as much as some of our richest members.

"The rich pay me to teach them how to make more money," Bro. Brown explained. "I teach them to do things I have not done."

He spoke of the Essence Festival in New Orleans. He was asked to speak during the festival, but the budget they set for him as an educational speaker was not even close to what he usually makes. They were basically asking him to perform pro

bono because what they were going to pay him did not even cover his expenses. "We buy what we want and beg for what we need," Les mused.

Bro. Brown believes that Phi Beta Sigma gives him strong platform to give back to the community. Amazing! It seemed like he already had a solid platform but Sigma makes "Les Brown" even stronger. He's made himself available to the fraternity to speak at brotherhood functions.

He gives a substantial amount of his earnings from his Sigma related speeches back to the fraternity.

I was honored to have the chance to chat with Bro. Brown...a chance I almost missed! The day of the CNN interview I was running a little behind as usual. I was supposed to meet Bro. Philips and Bro. Brown at 10:45am to sit in on the taping. I did not arrive until 11:05. But they waited, and I was glad they did. Les lives by his schedule. Most very successful people do.

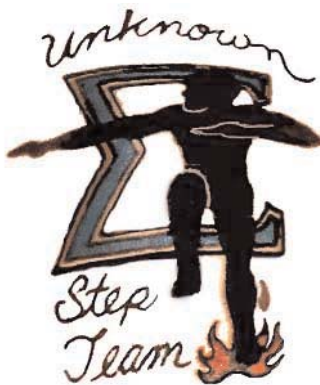
Bro. Brown, dressed in a black suit, blue shirt, tan and blue tie and black shoes, looked very sharp. I wished he'd had on a Sigma pin...that would have made his tailored suit perfect. I introduced myself and gave him my card and a copy of our southern regional newsletter, "The Southern Light." He immediately began to thumb through it. He said it was impressive.

Then the taped interview began. Les revealed during the taping that his PH level had doubled at the time. A range of 1-4 is normal. A



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By: Bro. Jerry Williams
Zeta Chapter
Morris Brown College



The word talented is not enough. Superb is only one of the adjectives that can describe them. One thing that can be said about these brothers is they are victorious. Who am I talking about and why do they deserve such a great description? I am talking about the Phi Beta Sigma UnKNOWn step team and their victory on the Black Entertainment

Television (BET) first ever Step-Off Competition in May 2002. Phi Beta Sigma is the BET Step Champions!

Yet, with a victory like theirs, it is ironic to call them the UnKNOWn Step Team because now they are known world-wide. With victories over Iota Phi Theta, Omega Psi Phi, and Alpha Phi Alpha, they could not have represented better for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. In a recent conversation with team member Bro. Mark "Mallet" Pacich, I asked about the experience.

Crescent: Ok, first things first, how does the VJ (Video Jock) Free really look in person?

Mallet: To the brothers, Free is exactly like you think she looks. She was really nice and supportive.

Crescent: How do you feel the crowd's participation helped/ didn't help you during the tapping?

Mallet: The crowd definitely helped during the tapings, especially the Sigma's and Zeta's that were present. The crowd was very supportive, especially during the finals when it was they who determined the winner.

Crescent: Where you guys present during the victory of the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.?

Mallet: Unfortunately we were not there when the Zeta's won. We performed before them and when the show was over they escorted us to the street to clear the studio. They told us that we could come back if the size of the crowd was minimal, but the crowd that came for the second show was bigger than the crowd for the first. It upset us because we wanted to be there to support the Zeta's. The Zeta's didn't know the situation at first and were upset that we

were not there, but they later found out the we could not control the situation and understood.

Crescent: Which organization do you feel gave you guys the most competition?

Mallet: I believe that the Omega's gave us the most competition. They were intense, precise, and they came out strong.

Crescent: I know that you get this question often, but do you feel that being a white bro. In a black organization/step team influenced the American choice?

Mallet: Being white in a predominately black organization may have influenced the American audience a little. If a white person were watching the show and they were not

familiar with stepping, they may have been more inclined to vote for our team. I can see that, however, I believe that our stepping was good enough to win anyway.

Crescent: Where are some more of the places you guys will be stepping soon?

Mallet: I really don't know when we will be stepping again, probably some time in September. We want to concentrate on going places we hardly go, like the Midwest and the west coast.

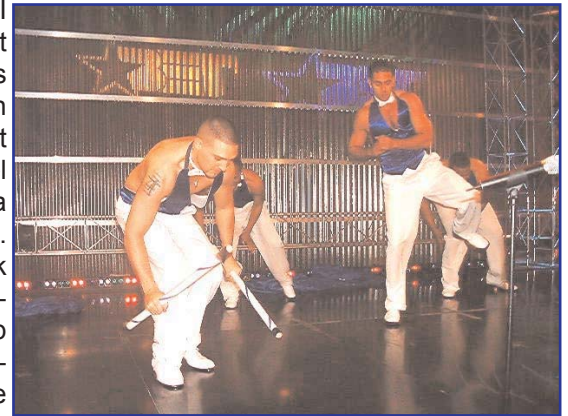
Crescent: Do you have anything that you would like to say to the blue and white family

and the rest of the world that helped in making you guys victorious?

Mallet: I would like to say to everyone, thank you! We definitely could not have done it without the support of the blue and white family. In this situation, our stepping ability could only take us so far. The Sigma's and Zeta's all over the world definitely contributed to our success. We can't thank you enough.

Crescent: What is the best way to get in touch with the UnKNOWn step team?

Mallet: The best way to contact Eric and myself are through our e-mail addresses. You can contact Eric at jaf260@aol.com and my address is



Phi Beta Sigma & March Of Dimes Rekindle 20-Year Partnership To Save Infant Lives

By Beth Levine
March of Dimes

More than twenty years ago, the March of Dimes and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. came together to focus on the serious issue of teenage pregnancy. Together, the two organizations established Project SATAPP (SigmAs Against Teen-Age Pregnancy Plus). Our partnership, in addition to other initiatives, has helped to decrease teenage pregnancy in our nation. Since 1991, teenage pregnancy has declined by 22%, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. In fact, in 2000, the teenage pregnancy rate was at its lowest since 1940, which was the first year that records were kept.

Last year, the March of Dimes and the Fraternity reactivated the partnership for community service and to educate men of all ages about healthy lifestyle choices.

"The March of Dimes and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. form a vital partnership since we're both dedicated to improving the health of the communities we serve. We are delighted to re-energize our relationship and expand local outreach through the revised SATAPP program," says March of Dimes President, Dr. Jennifer L. Howse.

The revised program, SATAPP (SigmAs Against Teen Pregnancy Plus), now targets men of all ages, single and married, and promotes healthy lifestyles and responsible parenting, as well as prevention of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

The program's goals are to give men critical information on healthy behaviors, risk factors that contribute to high rates of infant mortality, the rising problems of prematurity and low birthweight, and the consequences of teen pregnancy. Just as important, leaders

will help participants acknowledge the role of -- and understand the importance of -- fatherhood.

"Through this renewed initiative and the cooperative spirit with the March of Dimes, this will certainly assure success in making available to males the kinds of tools that will help lead to responsible fatherhood," says Arthur Thomas, Esq., President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

"We wanted to rekindle the spirit of cooperation between March of Dimes and the Fraternity by establishing a focused program that the entire Sigma organization could embrace," says Micheal Cristal, National Director of Social Action, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

In March and April 2002, SATAPP workshops were held at three Fraternity regional conferences, and the SATAPP Leaders Guide was distributed to all Fraternity chapters. In May 2002, all March of Dimes chapters received the SATAPP Leaders Guide.

"The great thing about this program is that through our chapters and our support system with the March of Dimes, we can do more than just meet once with students. We can offer continuing guidance through mentoring, extra-curricular activities and peer-to-peer counseling. With that, we can make a very strong impact on the community," reports Cristal.

Fraternity chapters that want to set up a SATAPP program are encouraged to contact their local March of Dimes chapter. March of Dimes chapters may be able to help by making contacts for program speakers and workshop facilitators, writing and placing press releases, and offering additional print and audiovisual materials to complement the program.

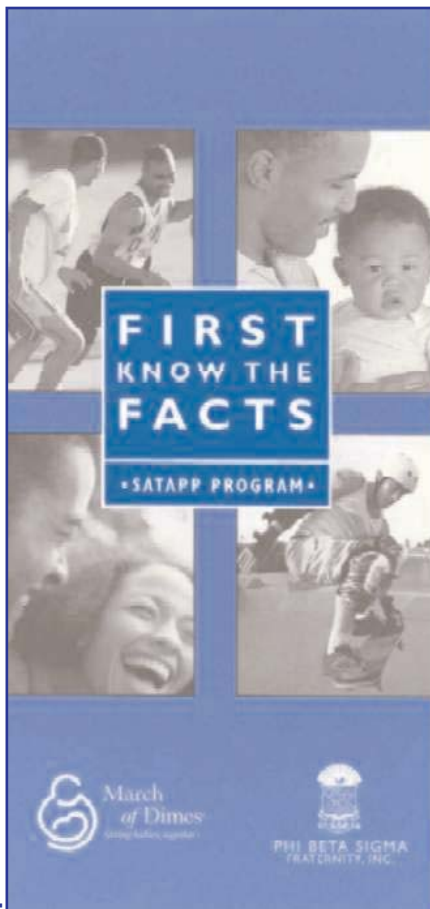
The March of Dimes is able to reach its goals through the support from our number one fund-raiser, WalkAmerica. These contributions fund lifesaving research and innovative programs, like SATAPP, that have saved millions of babies from disability or death. We provide critical health education to parents-to-be through the Pregnancy and Newborn Health Education Centers, and speak up for families in state and federal government.

For more than 64 years, the March of Dimes has been fighting to give all children a healthy start -- and it has been winning with achievements that include the polio vaccines, neonatal intensive care units, and surfactant therapy advances and genetic therapies. We won't stop fighting until we reach the day when all babies are born healthy.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Since 1938, the March of Dimes has funded research, community services, education and advocacy.

For more information, visit our web site at www.marchofdimes.com or call 1-888-MODIMES.

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March Of Dimes Volunteer Leadership Conference



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AND THE HEALTH OF
TINY BABIES



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Call Irene Tzeng, March of Dimes Coordinator, National Partners Programs
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Legal Column: *Crossing "The Burning Sands..."* *Risk Management Or The Extinction Of The Black Greek Letter Organization*

*Hon. Bro. John M. Turner
National Legal Counsel
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.*

In December, 1966 at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia I "crossed the burning sands" and became an undergraduate member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

At that time "crossing the burning sands" was an elaborate set of rituals, which constituted pledging for membership in the organization.

Pledging consisted of paddling (getting hit with a paddle on the buttocks), eating "greek" meals (raw onions known as "greek apples") performing "on line" in step shows and living for one week in a coal bin on the campus of the college. The foregoing list of "pledging" activities is not meant to be exhaustive of what I and the other pledges went thru during that occasion, however.

Thirty-five years have passed since I was initiated into Sigma. Since that time many things have changed. One of the major changes, however, is in the initiation process now mandated by state law and the risk management policies of the fraternity. Lawsuits caused by injuries resulting from the initiation process threaten the continued existence and viability of black greek letter organizations.

What was once known as the pledging process for membership in Sigma and other black greek letter organization is now defined as hazing and is illegal in many states.

Today all of the members of the fraternity who took part in my pledging process would be facing conviction in a criminal court and jail sentences for their activities. Today the fraternity would be liable in a civil law suit for monetary damages for allowing hazing to be a part of the initiation process.

From my perspective as National Legal Counsel, the greatest threat to the continued existence of Phi Beta Sigma and other black greek letter organizations is the specter of a hazing law suit which would economically devastate our groups.

As a result, we must insure that our collegiate members understand that all hazing activities and underground (illegal) lines must cease. They should also clearly understand that hazing is personally destructive behavior for those who engage in such activities because the result is criminal and financial liability as well as expulsion from the fraternity.



All members of the fraternity must understand and be guided by our risk management policies. Failure to comply with either the law or our internal policies may result in the ultimate extinction of our fraternity. To avoid this possibility, this article is written to set forth the prohibitions and policies concerning hazing.

Additionally, I want to focus on risk management and its relationship to the future survival of our fraternity. In order for us to survive organizationally, we must put the genie of hazing black into its bottle.

Brothers, especially collegiates, must understand that when they engage in hazing activities, they are seriously threatening the continued existence of their organization.

HAZING AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. risk management standard defines hazing as "any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule".

Our risk management standards specifically prohibit the following activities:

1. Forced or coerced consumption of alcohol or food.
2. Calisthenics of any type, at any time.
3. Paddling, striking or any form of physical abuse.
4. Any type of abandonment such as kidnaps, "ditches", or "bags".
5. "Road Trips" or transportation with no education experience.
6. Any form of "line up."
7. Prevention or deprivation of sleep or study time.
8. Duties not shared equally with members such as house clean up, answering telephones, giving rides, serving meals or purchasing meals.
9. Requiring candidates to carry things such as paddles, matches, books, change, bricks, the manuals of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
10. Acts of personal servitude.
11. Verbal harassment or yelling at any time.

The Power to Save Lives: Project SWWAC

Working Together With The American Cancer Society

By: The American Cancer Society, Home Office
Atlanta, Georgia

Saving lives from cancer is a cause that's close to all of our hearts: African Americans are more likely than people from any other racial or ethnic group in the US to develop and die from cancer. But as Sigmas have shown lately, we're also an active group when it comes to doing something about the cancer problem.

Chances are, you've seen or heard some of our recent activity related to Project SWWAC – Sigmas Waging War Against Cancer. It's a team effort with the American Cancer Society, the leading cancer organization that fights the disease on every front – groundbreaking research, vital community education, advocacy with lawmakers, and services for cancer patients and their families. Our efforts so far have been focused in four key areas:

- **Fundraising** – Each chapter has been asked to donate \$150 and each brother to donate \$10 to the American Cancer Society this year, in addition to taking part in Society fundraising events such as Relay For Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

- **Cancer Control** – Each chapter is urged to hold a "Cancer Awareness" program for its members. Many chapters are holding prostate cancer awareness programs in conjunction with local hospitals and their American Cancer Society.

- **Advocacy** – We can have a big impact on the Cancer Society's public policy efforts by mobilizing our communities to speak up on key issues. Opportunities are also available for Brothers to act as public speakers.

- **Volunteerism** – There are endless volunteer possibilities with the American Cancer Society, and all provide a chance to involve other African Americans in our communities in the fight against cancer.

Many of you have been working together with the American Cancer Society to reach out to the African American community with important cancer messages. Here are some examples of our accomplishments from August 2001 to May 2002:

- Brother Arthur E. Thomas, Esq., International President, highlighted cancer issues for African Americans when he participated in a panel discussion during the Congressional Black Caucus "Cancer in the 21st Century: Prevention and Access to Treatment – Are We Doing Enough?" in Washington, DC, in September 2001.

- Brothers Peter Adams, Esq., and Raphael Forbes – presented at the American Cancer Society's Diversity Roundtable to key staff and volunteers in October 2001.

- Raphael Forbes also participated in a panel discussion at the Society's National Assembly Board Meeting in November 2001, reaching 200 key volunteers and staff.

- Sigma Brothers throughout North Carolina participated in Advocacy Training in November and December

- Six of our seven 2002 Regional Conferences featured American Cancer Society presentations on cancer awareness, prevention, and early detection.

- SWWAC representatives reached out to the collegiate population with presentations at campuses across the country, from University of Central Florida to Langston University.

- Phi Beta Sigma and American Cancer Society representatives hosted Cancer Awareness Days at five Value City Store locations in June, providing local referrals for screenings and information on prevention to over 900 customers. More than 65 Brothers and a few Sisters from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority were available to help distribute the material.

- Since last September, SWWAC activities have reached approximately 2,000 Brothers and members of the public.

What can you do to make a difference and save lives? Work through your Regional Project SWWAC Coordinator and talk to your chapter members about how you can participate. Set a goal to reach at least 50 percent of your chapter members with lifesaving cancer early detection and prevention messages. And don't forget goals for fundraising and recruiting fellow advocates. Another great way to get involved in the fight is to participate in Cancer Society events such as Relay For Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. And, perhaps most importantly, start with yourself: Get regular checkups and talk with your doctor about the early detection tests you may need for diseases such as colon cancer, prostate cancer, and others. Together, we will conquer cancer.

Spotlight on Fundraising

Phi Beta Sigma Chapters have been busy raising money for many American Cancer Society programs. The Zeta Sigma Chapter raised \$10,000 at their 19th Annual Blue & White Weekend. Chapter members around the country are participating in Relay For Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Send an email to Project SWWAC at pbs1914.org to get involved.

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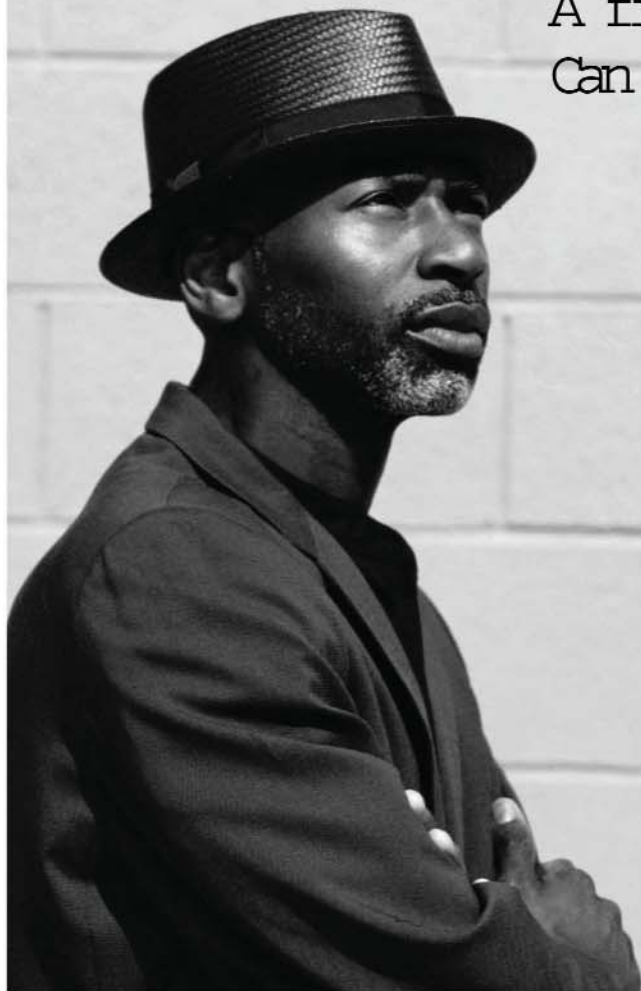
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Zeta Kappa Chapter Supports Project SWWAC Makes \$10,000 Donation to ACS; Largest In Fraternity

*By: Bro. Paul Wright
Public Relations Chair
Zeta Kappa Chapter*

July 15 - 21, 2001 the "World Famous" Zeta Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., at the University of Florida, hosted its 19th Annual Blue and White Weekend in Gainesville, Florida. As a result of the overwhelming support and generous donations of the community during the event, the chapter proudly presented the American Cancer Society with a donation of \$10,000 in the name of Project SWWAC.

To date, Zeta Kappa Chapter's donation as a collegiate chapter is the largest of any chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. collegiate or alumni in the world. Their donation also made the Southern Region the region with the largest contribution.

Keeping in line with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's national partnership with the American Cancer Society, Project SWWAC (Sigmas Waging War Against Cancer), the event's overall objective was to increase the overall awareness of cancer and the importance of early detection, and to donate the proceeds from the dance marathons to the American Cancer Society.

The monumental presentation took place August 31, 2001 at the University of Florida, on the steps of Tigert Hall at high noon. Our national president Hon. Bro. Arthur Thomas as well as executives from the American Cancer Society were present for the event.

Zeta Kappa Chapter was honored further during the Southern Regional conference in Biloxi, MS with a number of awards for their service to the community and the fraternity. The chapter thanked each and everyone who helped contribute to this worthy cause and we look forward to your support again for further events. Blue and White Weekend brings members of Sigma and Zeta from the far reaches of the country.

During this event the brothers of Zeta Kappa Chapter involved the community in promoting the Fraternity's ideals of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service and achieved success. In what originally started out as a weekend event in the summer of 1982, has now grown into a week long event attracting thousands of people to Gainesville, Florida each summer.

Past year's Blue and White Weekends included community forums, a health fair, a free cookout, exhibition step shows, a charity basketball game, and dance marathons.

The officers of Zeta Kappa Chapter are:

Bro. Al Moore, President

Bro. Vernon Wright, 1st Vice President

Bro. Demetrius Griglen, 2nd Vice President

Bro. Julius Berry, Treasurer

Bro. Cory Campbell, Recording Secretary

20 Bro. Christopher Wilson, Corresponding Secretary

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range of 4+ detects cancer. At that time his level was 14.9, which indicated his cancer was out of remission.

Proponents claim the intracellular pH of tumor cells is usually very low (acidic) compared to normal cells, and some treatments increase the pH level of tumor cells back to a normal level, which may be detrimental to the cancer's growth. Les had undergone radiation seed therapy in the past. He was offered an aggressive cancer treatment plan that he declined. He opted instead to use an herbal and prayer based treatment. His PSA level had stabilized at 14.5. Because of this, he seemed very much in control.

Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) is a substance made by the normal prostate gland. Although PSA is mostly found in semen, a small amount is also present in the blood. Most men have levels under 4 nanograms per milliliter (ng/mL) of blood.

When prostate cancer develops, the PSA level usually goes above 4. If your level is above 4 but less than 10, you have about a 25% chance of having prostate cancer. If it goes above 10, your chance of having prostate cancer is over 67% and increases further as your PSA level increases.

He says "I am healed" to himself each morning because he believes if a person continues to believe in an illness, it will affect the chemical balance in the body and make them more ill. "The things you say to yourself are very important. If you claim it, you have it." That is the difference between having cancer and cancer having you," Les passionately explained (since the taping reports from doctors have indicated that Les' cancer is back in remission).

After the taping, I asked Les if he had ever seen "The Crescent" magazine.

"No, I haven't," he responded.

I keep forgetting, technically Les is a neophyte. I then went into the process of explaining the magazine and my position to him. I explained I was writing a story on him for the magazine. Eric and I then offered to take Les to lunch.

At the restaurant, Les got very healthy foods such as cottage cheese, fruit, and a salad. Eric and I were obviously not eating as healthy. Between us we had pasta, pizza, roast beef, chicken, and that was just after our first pass of the buffet.

Les' phone ran constantly throughout the couple of hours we were together. The last time his phone rang, it was a fraternity brother calling to check on Les to make sure he was okay. "I am here with Eric and Carlos," Les explained. "They are taking good care of me."

After Eric and I made a few more trips to the buffet table, the three of us settled down to eat lunch. Then came my questions...then came his candid answers.

Make no mistake about it. Bro. Brown leads a full life, but a very satisfied life. As he put it, "I am living my dreams!"

NCACLC Meeting Proves To Be Productive and Valuable Discussion For Collegiate Leaders In Attendance

By: Bro. Carlos Williams II, MA
Editor-In-Chief

It was a hot summer day on August 17, 2002 in Atlanta, GA when all seven Second Vice Regional Directors from across the country convened with our International President Hon. Bro. Arthur Thomas, our National First Vice President Bro. Sidney McCray, National Director of Collegiate Affairs Bro. Christia Rey, and our National Second Vice President Bro. Marco McMillan to discuss issues and the future of collegiate members in Phi Beta Sigma.

All of the collegiate members of the 7 regional boards were called together for the National Collegiate Advisor Council Leadership Cluster (NCACLC) to discuss fraternal issues.

The purpose of this cluster was to train the collegiate leaders on policies and procedures, teach them new strategies, and share experiences from different parts of the country.

"What makes this cluster meeting work is unity. Because if the collegiates are not functioning as a unit, the fraternity as a whole won't work," Hon. Bro. Thomas explained to the attendees. "What you do as a collegiate must fit into the bigger picture. That way you won't be viewed as being outside of the box."

Furthermore, Hon. Bro. Thomas stressed he is very committed to our collegiate members, so much that the meeting did not cost the fraternity any funds because it was privately funded from his resources.

The Second Vice Regional Director is referred to by different titles depending on the region but in theory it is the highest position a collegiate can obtain in the region. The position is the collegiate voice on each regional board. In other terms, he serves as the collegiate representative. Therefore, he must be in touch with the collegiate needs, wants and desires from the leaders of our fraternity.

The Second Vice Regional Directors in attendance were Bro. Dewayne Walker from the Eastern Region, Bro. Jonathan Greer from the Great Lakes Region, Bro. Shawn Abdul from the Gulf Coast Region, Bro. Dwayne Malcolm from the Southeastern Region, Bro. Lyric Cosby from the Southern Region, Bro. Alfred Baldwin from the Southwestern Region and Bro. Willie Ealy from the Western Region.

The leadership cluster was held at the luxurious Castleberry Inn and the newly rebuilt historic Paschal's Restaurant owned by Bro. Herman Russell and Bro. James Paschal respectively.

Bro. Russell is the owner of Russell Construction, the largest black-owned construction firm in the country. He has built many projects all over Atlanta and the world.

Bro. Paschal is owner and CEO of Paschal's Restaurants which has been a part of Atlanta from decades. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other pioneers of the civil rights movement in the past had their meals and meetings at his restaurant. His family has owned the restaurant for years and has franchise restaurants in other locations including Hartsfield International Airport.

The brothers in attendance for the Leadership Cluster, thought the meeting was productive, informative and needed. The agenda included: a review of the National Constitution, the implications of hazing on the fraternity, different strategies to raise funds for example the Miss Phi Beta Sigma Pageant, and other issues. To cap off the meeting, 17th International President Hon. Bro. R.O. Sutton attended the cluster luncheon to discuss the fraternity, to inspire, and to fellowship with the attendees.

National First Vice President, Bro. Sidney McCray addressed the changes in the membership intake process and the importance of the collegiate leaders stressing to the brothers on college campuses to follow the process. He explained that not only are their consequences for violation within the fraternity but there are now various federal, state, and local laws on the books now addressing hazing.

The Second Vice Regional Directors discussed how each region handles issues within the fraternity as well as insight on how they handle certain issues such as recruiting, fundraising, the toll of hazing on the fraternity and the implications for the collegiate member.

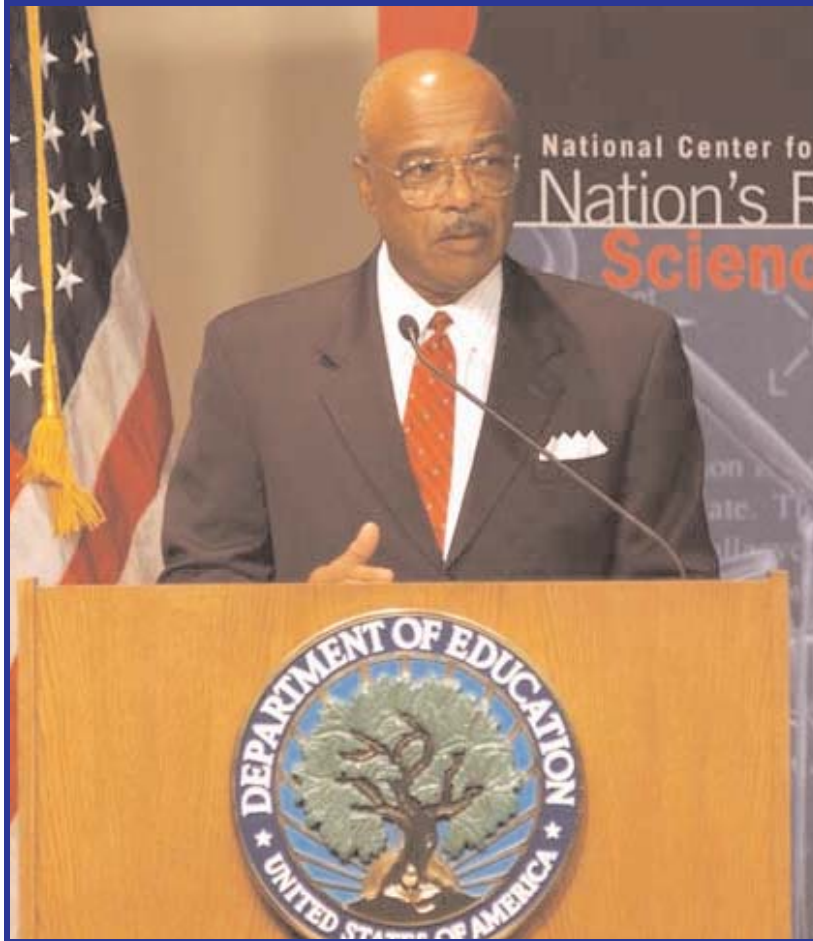
The meeting ended with the brothers being entertained by local brothers in Atlanta, GA.



The seven 2nd Vice Regional Directors pose for a picture with Bro. Marco McMillan, National Second Vice President and Bro. Christia Rey, National Director of Collegiate Affairs.

COVER STORY: United States Secretary Of Education Bro. Dr. Rod Paige

A Sigma is at the forefront of education reform...leaving no child behind



By: Bro. Carlos Williams II, MA
Editor-In-Chief

I did not know what to expect. I've seen the US Secretary of Education Bro. Dr. Rod Paige on television all the time since he was appointed to his position. But when I heard he is a member of Phi Beta Sigma, I paid even closer attention, trying to get a picture in my mind of what he would sound like, his personality, and his demeanor. Therefore, when I finally got an interview with him after a month of trying, I prepared my interview questions meticulously trying to make sure I asked the things we wanted to know.

Even though my time talking to him totaled all of 30 minutes, he spoke of important issues that are not only pertinent to our organization but to all minorities and all Americans as well. As I interviewed him, I could hear others on the phone listening to the conversation and his staff members working in the background...a clear indication of how important this man, this SIGMA MAN is to America.

I started with the questions that we all ask of a new brother, "Where did you pledge? When? What number are you?" Bro. Paige, 68, pledged at Jackson State University in 1968 on a line of 8. He was number 6. One of his line

brothers Bro. Walter Reed is his Chief of Staff. Bro. Paige chuckled when I asked him did he step back then because he explained, "stepping like you all do it came after us. We did something similar to it but it was nothing like we see today."

In his college days, Bro. Paige was very involved in his chapter doing things he advocates for today. He participated in tutoring programs, Sick and Shut In Visiting Programs, as well as raising money for and awarding scholarships. Since receiving his new position, Bro. Paige regrets that he has not been as active as he would like to be with the alumni chapter in Washington, D.C. but he stressed he was very active in his alumni chapter back in Houston, TX.

"Phi Beta Sigma put me in contact with a lot of people who were not only positive but community rolemodels," Bro. Paige explained. "I was always meeting up with people who were doing good things for the community." Bro. Paige seems to have always represented the blue and white to the best of his ability.

Every brother in the fraternity was excited when Bro. Paige wore the Southern Regional Conference Phi Beta Sigma T-Shirt in his 2001 Ebony Magazine article. He was shocked when I told him the brothers were very excited and energized about the picture.

"I did not know any brothers realized I wore the t-shirt," Paige proclaimed. "I got that shirt at a reception in Mississippi the brothers threw for me and I wore it as a tribute to them." (Mu Sigma Chapter, a Mississippi Alumni Chapter, sponsored the reception.)

I found it almost impossible to believe that Bro. Paige did not realize the Sigmas were excited over his article, but ever since the September 11 attacks, he explained that he has been very shielded and more cut off than ever from the public. "I run into brothers back in Jackson, MS or in the airport but that is about it," he said.

I know you are thinking it so I will ask it for you, how did a Sigma from Mississippi get to be on the cabinet of the president of the United States and the head of education for the entire country???

Bro. Paige grew up in a family who was committed to education. Three of his sisters worked in the field. One was a dean at Norfolk State University, the other was a teacher in Tacoma, Washington, and the other was on staff at Mississippi State University. So Bro. Paige explained, "It was natural for me to work in education." As Bro. Paige advanced, his career brought him to Houston as a professor. When a seat became open on the local school board, his colleague urged him to run. He did. He was elected. He eventually became school superintendent.

"Houston is in a big urban district," he explained.

"My philosophy was that a big urban school district can work properly." Because of Paige's leadership, it did. Since Houston was the largest district in Texas, Governor George W. Bush paid attention. His father, President George Bush Sr., is an old friend of Bro. Paige. He worked on Bush Sr.'s campaign.

"President George W. Bush is a solid human being much like his father but more tenacious," Paige stressed. "A salt of the earth kind of guy." What is the difference between them? I wondered.

Paige explained the difference is that like his father "George W. Bush is a gentle and kind man [but] with a streak of toughness." (Paige makes the president sound like a pit bull...nice at playtime but always ready to attack.) "Both father and son have a deep sense of service, good service to people," He concluded.

I wanted a clearer picture of just how close Paige is to the president. "I don't have to talk on the phone to the president, I can just open my mouth and talk," he said. "I ride with him on Air Force One. I travel with him a lot so there is lots of one on one conversations."

It was George Bush Sr. who introduced Bro. Paige to the Republican Party. But when I asked what is the appeal of the party to him, he explained it was the principles of the party more than the party itself that appealed to him.

Bro. Paige told me of the some of the principles that included, small government, individual's right to own property, the individual's right to do business, responsibility for your own decisions, and strong family values.

"Most African-Americans share these principles but are not members of the Republican Party," Paige said. "For example the Right to Life is a principle of the party and if you go to any Baptist church you will hear the same thing." He expounded further, "I think it is some of the people in the Republican Party that blacks do not like, but democrats have some of the same types of people."

Paige's first educational initiative is the "No Child Left Behind Act." He explained that his agenda relates to Phi Beta Sigma's National Program of Education. He said the similarities include closing the achievement gap of minority children especially blacks compared to Asian and Hispanic kids. He responded to research that might claim that black children are genetically scholastic underachievers by saying it has nothing to do with black children's brains. "That is not the issue. It is about giving opportunities to them," Paige explained. He believes we need to improve and expand our role models to include more than athletes and musicians and we should give them more visibility.

The *No Child Left Behind Act*

focuses on:

Strengthening Accountability -- Under the *No Child Left Behind Act*, states will be responsible for setting strong academic standards for what every child should know and learn in reading, math and science at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Beginning in the 2002-03 school year, schools will have to measure student progress and better target resources by administering tests in all schools in each of three grade spans -- grades 3-5, grades 6-9 and grades 10-12. Beginning in the 2005-06 school year, tests must be administered every year in grades 3-8 in math and reading. Beginning in the 2007-08 school year, science achievement must also be tested. The president's FY 2003 budget requests \$387 million to help states develop and implement accountability systems.

Improving Teacher Quality -- The *No Child Left Behind Act* requires that there must be a highly qualified teacher in every classroom by the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Using the new provisions in the *No Child Left Behind Act* in conjunction with President Bush's budget request, the federal government will invest more than \$4 billion in 2002 alone to improve teacher quality and strengthen teacher recruitment throughout America.

Increasing Parental Involvement -- Because of the *No Child Left Behind Act*, every parent in America will have access to information on how well their child's school is performing. Parents can use this information to get more involved to strengthen their child's school. Also, the *No Child Left Behind Act* gives low-income parents with children in persistently failing schools the ability to transfer their child to a better public school or use federal Title I dollars for supplemental services to improve their child's education.

Strengthening Reading Programs -- The *No Child Left*



April 23, 2002: Education Secretary Rod Paige, Amidon Elementary School Fourth Grade Student Chantice Smith and Education Department employee Claudia Gaines: As part of National Volunteer Week, U. S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige highlighted the volunteer efforts of Education Department employees who regularly mentor students at the Department's adopted school, Margaret Amidon Elementary, Washington DC

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Behind Act fully implements the president's Reading First initiative. The new *Reading First State Grant Program* will give six-year grants to states, which will give competitive subgrants to local communities. Local recipients will administer screening and diagnostic assessments to determine which students in grades K-3 are at risk of reading failure and provide professional development for K-3 teachers in the essential components of reading instruction. The new *Early Reading First Program* will make competitive six-year awards to districts to support early language, literacy and pre-reading development of preschool-age children, particularly those from low-income families.



January 24, 2001: In the photo left to right: Vice President Cheney, President Bush, Secretary Paige, his son, and his brother: Secretary Paige's swearing-in ceremony, Washington, D.C.

The president's FY 2003 budget requests \$1 billion for Reading First and \$75 million for Early Reading First.

Bro. Paige told me just ten minutes prior to our 3 p.m. interview that he just concluded a meeting with the Council of Negro Women. Dorothy Height, chair and president emerita of the council, brought together the council including all the presidents of "every sorority you can imagine" because they are linking their existing programs to his No Child Left Behind initiative. He explained this would be a national partnership between his office, the Council of Negro Women which includes each and every black sorority. Incredible.

"Our new Partnership for Academic Achievement will help bring to life the principles of this law. We will work with Dr. Height and NCNW to challenge our entire country to work together on closing the achievement gap," Paige said. "Together, we will work to dramatically raise African-American children's reading and math performance. The task before us is great, but the goal is certainly within our reach. Together, we will leave no child behind."

Over the next three years, the partnership will expand the reach and impact of the best practices of these high-performing, high-poverty schools. Some of the practices include aligning curriculum to clear, appropriate per-

formance standards; offering frequent feedback on children's learning; providing incentives for teachers to be on-board with the other elements of reform; and collaborating with families and other segments of the community to hold children to high achievement standards.

"I want the same thing on the fraternity side," Paige envisioned. "A collective effort of all the fraternities lead by Phi Beta Sigma to get kids squared away in school." He did not know of any political body that could pull all the fraternities together for such a feat. I spoke by phone with Bro. William Powell, Phi Beta Sigma National Director of Education and gave him the information. Hopefully before long we will have a plan to get on board with this initiative.

Now that we have a better understanding of Bro. Paige as the US Secretary of Education, but what does this brother who deals with all these serious issues do for fun?

"Now I understand what kids mean then they say get a life!" Bro. Paige joked then becoming serious. "I am so booked up, its like I am on a campaign. I am moving all the time. In my office we have to move fast. I am on the road fifty percent of the time talking to adults and children about education."

His favorite place to travel is Las Vegas. But he swiftly explained, "Not for the gambling! I love to watch the shows, people and all the spectacular scenes. I especially like the dry heat there because in Houston, the heat is unbearable! I can handle heat as long as it is dry heat!"

What would be surprising to know about Bro. Paige US Secretary of Education?

On the weekends (this brother has "weekends?") during football season, he will go to the early service on Sunday and then go home and cook, that's right, cook. Bro. Paige loves to cook. By 3 p.m. he likes to sit down in front of his television watch the game and eat. That is one of his favorite pastimes.

"In my travels I dine all the time," he explained. "I like to dine but I love to eat!"

When he cooks he prepares lots of healthy "stuff" like fish, salmon, and other types of seafood. He also cooks collard greens, potatoes and he is fascinated by the way red beans and rice are cooked in New Orleans. I am not sure how Bro. Paige can get more of a life than that. He is a man with his TV and his food. But I had to admit to him he was making me hungry. I told him I was going to get something to eat after the interview.

Then suddenly, it was over as quickly as it began. Bro. Paige had another meeting. In hindsight, I felt like I had been talking to a frat brother from the past that I had not spoken to in years. He is just like his public persona, very stern with a passion for the welfare of our nation's youth. He took that passion, nurtured first as a Sigma at Jackson State University, all the way to Washington, D.C. Bro. Paige is the first Sigma to ever ride on Air Force One.

He is changing the world, one child at a time. But in spite of who he is and all his achievements, he is humble, down-to-earth, very intelligent, passionate, concerned, funny at times, and definitely about business.

Our US Secretary of Education Bro. Dr. Rod Paige reflects the qualities of a true Phi Beta Sigma Man, which is what I should have expected.

Blue Chips Technology Column: Phi Beta Sigma Tackles the Information Age Through Resources

By: Bro. 2LT Christia Rey
National Director Collegiate Affairs



Feeling swept off your feet? Even those of us who work with information every day--and are constantly looking for more--are at the same time overwhelmed with everything there is to read and absorb.

The advent of information technology is ever changing the way we lead our lives and the impact of this technology cannot be understated as it is ever present in today's global village in one way or another. Other Greek letter organizations are using technology

“Technology is no longer a young sigma brother thing. Technology is used by older brothers as well to send emails to one another, place conference calls, software development and updates, and to support the growing membership in a more efficient manner.”

as the benchmark between the haves and the have-nots.

Who would have ever thought technology would become the very lifeline of American business and culture.

Phi Beta Sigma finds itself at a point in its history that calls for huge technological over hauls that must support the new age tech brother. Technology is no longer a young sigma brother thing. Technology is used by older brothers as well to send emails to one another, place conference calls, software development and updates, and to support the growing membership in a more efficient manner.

Chapters use the information age to plan national, regional, and state conferences. They build websites to promote their chapters, and to keep brothers abreast with communications from chapter newsletters, and mailing.

The pace of technology is so fast that even the Fraternity can not keep up with the many changes that take place in this high tech world. Software that is implemented today is usually outdated within a two-month span.

How do you make it cost effective for Sigma? Should our Fraternity spend gobs of money to update and streamline the headquarters to make the flow of business and the customer service more efficient? These are the difficult decisions that must be made by the General Board.

If we are to be competitive among our peers it is crucial that we continue to explore areas of technology that will provide a better service to the brothers of our Fraternity, and to prospective members. Organizations are

measured today by their turn around time and service productivity to their membership. Phi Beta Sigma must take the lead on this subject and exploit all areas for the sake of not being left behind.

What can be done? There are many brothers who are in the technology field, and provide some type of service to other organizations. Even though this may be your lively hood, you still have a responsibility as a member of our wondrous band.

We are constantly looking for new ideas for our technology efforts. Brother Romondo J. Stewart, the National Webmaster, and Brother Reginald J. Reed, the National Director of Technology, have developed great ideas into technological advances for Phi Beta Sigma.

There are chapter websites from all over the world on the internet. We now have at our fingertips information about other brothers and chapters that in the past was simply unavailable.

The information age, in a sense, now functions as our link to each other. The internet is one of the fastest form of communication we have at the present time. It would place our organization at a severe disadvantage if we did not utilize this to give Sigma the ultimate impact and return.

Presently we are merely scratching the surface with our use of the information age.

It is up to each brother with this type of expertise to lend a helping hand. If you have any ideas, contact Bro. Stewart or Bro. Reed through the national website at www.pbs1914.org.

The members of Phi Beta Sigma deserve the best service possible, and technology is the key to providing that service, so let us not be left behind.

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mallet_pbs@hotmail.com.

Crescent: Are there any other comments you want to add?

Mallet: Any other comments? On behalf of the team, I would definitely like to say thanks to the brothers in New York for their help. Especially Alec and Sha. They let us stay with them, picked me up from the airport, and took us everywhere we needed to go. They showed TRUE BROTHERHOOD, no question. We also want to thank all of the brothers and sorors for doing the same when we travel all around the country performing. Since 1997 we have come across the true meaning of brotherhood and support. I am proud to be a Sigma and to represent the fraternity in a strong and positive way. That is the main reason that we started the step team, to represent Sigma to the best of our abilities.

Summer Convention In New Orleans Attempts to “Tighten Up” the Constitution

By: Bro. Carlos Williams II, MA
Editor-In-Chief

Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. came together July 12-14, 2002 during the Boule of our sister sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., for our Constitutional Convention at the Hotel Inter-Continental in New Orleans, Louisiana.

There were 34 delegates in attendance at the convention from all 7 of the fraternity regions.

The convention objectives included but were not limited to:

1. reviewing each article and by-law of our National Constitution
2. comparing each article and by-law to other sections with relating ideas to make sure they are not conflicting but complementing
3. make revisions or modifications to eliminate redundancies and/or inconsistencies
4. considering all revisions, modifications, additions and deletions as proposed by committee members.

“The National Constitution of our fraternity is the system of fundamental rules and principles of our organization which determines the powers and duties of the Conclave, General Board and officers, and guarantees certain rights to the members. It is the compilation of basic rules governing Phi Beta Sigma,” Conference Facilitator Bro. Charles Talbert explained in his report to the General Board.

The Convention identified a number of rationale that were applied to their recommendations. These included the fact that our fraternity is an organization of college men (this was an underlying tenet of the Founder’s philosophy) and whatever provisions they made to the constitution should all define in accordance with the Founder’s philosophies.

The convention felt there is a need for tighter, better defined language with less room for interpretation. There should be a separation of concepts because certain sections or paragraphs contained too many concepts which tended to confuse issues when their should have been only one thought addressed. Lastly they wanted to correct any grammatical and any stylistic errors.

There were a number of recommended changes and additions made to the constitution that must be brought before the Conclave before they can be ratified.

It appears the convention merely cleaned up the language in the constitution so it flows easier and the ideas are clearer.

They made recommendations to change the language of the sections for the General Board, membership intake, organization and operation of chapters, the

Crescent Club, size of chapters, delegates to the conclave, the payment of dues and membership in the fraternity.

The recommendations that were approved and endorsed by the Constitutional Convention, were presented to the General Board for approval on September 14, 2002 in Memphis. The board must now endorse the recommendations before they will be presented to the Constitutional Revisions Committee at the upcoming Conclave in Memphis.

Although the convention received mixed reviews, overall it seemed productive because brothers came together to review the constitution and discuss its contents which should bring forth a better understanding of it. This is very important as we set a course for our fraternity in the upcoming new fiscal year.

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC. 2003 REGIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

EASTERN REGION

April 24-27, 2003
The Brooklyn Marriott
333 Adam St
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Regional Director: Scherod Barnes
(718) 246-7000
Fax (718) 246-0563

GREAT LAKES REGION

April 10-13, 2003
Wyndham Milwaukee
Center Hotel
Milwaukee, WI
Regional Director: James D. Stephens
(414) 291-4762

GULF COAST REGION

April 17-19, 2003
Inter-Continental Hotel
New Orleans, LA
Chairman: Lynard Carter
(504) 242-8549

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

April 4-5, 2003
Executive Park Marriott
Charlotte, NC
Regional Director: Jimmy Hammock
(423) 585-3204

SOUTHERN REGION

April 10-13, 2003
Sheraton Gateway Hotel
College Park, GA
Regional Director: Calvin Glover
Chairman: Richard Duncan
(678) 613-7083

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

April 10-13, 2003
Westin Hotel
One North Broadway
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
(405) 235-2780
Regional Director: Michael Cristal

WESTERN REGION

March 27-30, 2003
Quality Hotel and Resort
3600 North Second Ave.
Phoenix, AZ
(880) 256-1237
Regional Director: Phillip Hubbard
Chairman: Charles Ranson
(702) 285-1852
(602) 340-9874

Bro. Smith Breaks All-Time Rushing Record

From Press Reports:



Cowboys running back Bro. Emmitt Smith thanks fans.

On Sunday October 27, 2002, Bro. Emmitt Smith, 33, broke the long-standing rushing record in Texas Stadium, in front of his people at the home of his team the Dallas Cowboys. He went into the game wanting to do that. He calls himself the "hammer and hard hat" running back. On this day Bro. Smith became the NFL's all-time leading rusher, passing his idol

Walter Payton with an 11-yard run with just under 9 1/2 minutes left in the fourth quarter of a 17-14 loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

Bro. Smith needed 93 yards on that Sunday to pass Payton's total of 16,726 yards. In 13 years with the Chicago Bears, Payton played in 190 NFL games, three less than Smith, who earlier this season broke Payton's career record for carries.

Rushing Record-Progression 1932 --Oct. 27, 2002

(NFL started keeping individual stats in 1932)

16,743 -- Emmitt Smith, Dallas (1990-present)

16,726 -- Walter Payton, Chicago (1984-2002)

12,312 -- Jim Brown, Cleveland (1963-83)

8,280 -- *Joe Perry, San Francisco, Baltimore (1958-62)

5,860 -- Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia (1949-57)

3,860 -- Clarke Hinkle, Green Bay (1941-48)

3,511 -- Cliff Battles, Boston-Washington (1932-40)

*-Joe Perry gained 1,345 yard in the All-American Football Conference, that are not recognized by the NFL.

In that October game against the Seahawks, Smith gained a season-high 109 yards on 24 carries, (both season highs) increasing his career total to 16,743 yards, and also recorded his 150th career rushing touchdown.

Bro. Smith had to put his right hand down to keep his balance and surged forward. With the 11-yard fourth-quarter run, the Dallas Cowboys' star broke Payton's NFL career rushing record.

"I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy this moment like me," Smith said.

Unfortunately, the Dallas Cowboys (3-5) lost the game despite Smith's performance. It was Dallas' second straight lost in the debut of rookie quarterback Chad Hutchinson, who went 12-of-24 for 145 yards and threw a 39-yard TD pass to Joey Galloway. Seattle's Rian Lindell kicked a 20-yard field goal with 25 seconds left to give the Seahawks a 17-14 victory.

Seattle (2-5) lost quarterback Trent Dilfer for the season when he tore his right Achilles' tendon in the second quarter. Matt Hasselbeck relieved Dilfer and went 12-of-19 for 131 yards with an interception.

Midway through his 13th season, Smith has 16,743 yards. Payton finished his 13-year career in 1987 with 16,726. Payton, who played his entire career for the Chicago Bears died in November 1999 from cancer. He was 45.

On the record-breaking run, Bro. Smith cut left, saw a hole and plunged ahead. When an arm hit his legs and sent him stumbling, he put down his right hand to keep his balance and finished off the 11-yard gain.

"Once I broke the line of scrimmage, I knew that had to be the one," Smith said.

Bro. Smith's NFL Records

Career yards: 16,743
Career attempts: 3,929
Career touchdowns: 150
Most rushing TDs in a season: 25
Postseason rushing yards: 1,586
Postseason touchdowns: 19
Postseason 100-yard games: 7
1,000-yard seasons: 11
Seasons with 10 TDs: 8
Tied with Jim Brown for fastest to 100 TDs — 93 games



Bro. Smith rushes past a Seahawk defender to become the leading all time rusher.

Eastern Region

New York City Sigmas Support The Relay For Life

During the weekend of June 21-22, members of Epsilon Sigma Chapter (Manhattan) and Kappa Beta Sigma Chapter (Brooklyn) participated in the RELAY FOR LIFE, sponsored by the American Cancer society.

The weekend event began at the Harlem Riverbank State Park on Friday evening, June 21 and concluded with a victory lap around the field at noon Saturday June 22nd. Several brothers of Epsilon Sigma spent the night in the park by playing games, participating in group activities, and raising funds for the American Cancer Society.

Brother Greville French (Eastern Region Project SWWAC Coordinator and Eastern Regional Director of Social Action), Brother Ralph Davis, (Eastern Regional Treasure), and Brother Kenneth Abrantes (Eastern Regional Director of Publicity) attended the event and participated along with members of the Epsilon Sigma chapter.

The RELAY FOR LIFE continued in the borough of Brooklyn the following day with participation from the brothers of Kappa Beta Sigma Chapter. The one-day event was held on the field of the George Wingate High School and received the support from the residents of Brooklyn and Queens. This faction of the RELAY FOR LIFE began at 12 noon and concluded with a midnight vigil, which honored cancer survivors, and remembrances of those who succumbed to the disease. Brother Jonathan Mason (National Project Coordinator for Project SWWAC), Brother Greville French (Eastern Region Project SWWAC Coordinator), and several members of Kappa Beta Sigma Chapter participated in the Brooklyn event.

Monies raised during the weekend of the RELAY FOR LIFE event will be donated to the American Cancer Society in the name of Project SWWAC.



The New York City Sigmas proudly display their letters and signs as they participate in the Brooklyn Area Relay For Life.

To Give Or Not To Give? That Is The Question.

Bro. Daniel J. Tann, Esq.

20th Eastern Regional Director



A few weeks prior to Conclave Detroit I found out that one of our most visible brothers was suffering from a kidney disease, which will require a transplant in order for him to have a chance at maintaining a good quality life. What is the problem, you may ask? There are over 77,000 people waiting for organ transplants. According to the UNOS (United Network For Organ Sharing) a new name is added to the national waiting list every 14 minutes. Everyday, fifteen people die waiting for an organ and 1,100 individuals waiting for an organ are children under the age of ten.

Many African Americans believe that the "Rich and Famous" get preference over everyday regular people. In reality the length of time it takes to receive a transplant is governed by factors such as blood type, length of time on the waiting list, severity of illness and other medical conditions. Please note that race, age, gender, celebrity status, or income are NEVER factors in deciding who receives an organ.

We have all heard the story about the business man who was away from home on a trip, met a very attractive woman, took her back to his room and woke up the next morning in a bathtub full of ice, the phone in his hand, and a note that says "don't move, call 911...we have your kidneys." For the record there is no proof that this event ever happened and due to the complexity of transplantation, piracy is for all purposes impossible. Also, Public Law 98-507 prohibits the sale of human organs.

Another myth that has been spread about organ donation is that if I am an organ donor, the doctors will take all of your organs and mutilate your body. As an organ donor you will have the right to designate which organs you want to donate. The process to remove the organs are done by surgeons who use the same techniques that are used on living individuals.

Most states now have driver's licenses where you can indicate if you want to be an organ donor and that is the first step in helping to extend the life of another human being. According to the Living Bank, which is the national registry for organ and tissue donation, most people who receive the "Gift of Life" are living productive lives more than five years after the transplant surgery. In today's age of medical advancement, a lot can occur in five years that may lead to the discovery of cures for many of the diseases that attack the organs. Your donation may allow someone else to live his or her life to its natural end, rather

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than succumb to a premature death because an organ donor could not be found.

If you want to become an organ donor, please visit the Living Bank at www.livingbank.org/ where you will find a Donor Registration Form. The registration is free, there are no annual fees, members are representative of all fifty states and 63 foreign countries and they have a computer data base which lists the identification of the next of kin with phone numbers and they staff a "hot line" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer questions. It is also suggested that you let your next of kin know your wishes and put it in a Health Care Directive, so that your desire to be a donor is properly noted. Additional donor information can also be found at www.transweb.org/ Brothers, please think about becoming a donor because the life that you save may be your Sigma Brother.

Zeta Delta Sigma's Sigma Beta Club Celebrates 25 Years

The men of Zeta Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. were bound to present fourteen



young men at their 25th annual scholarship and awards banquet held on June 9th, 2002 at the Henry Maxwell Family Life Center in Newport News, Virginia. The theme: "Preserving the Past and Embracing the Future" was an exciting voyage. These young men reenacted portions of speeches from such prominent black orators as Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, and Bro. Alain Locke, Martin Luther King, Jr., and poet Langston Hughes. After an inspiring poem entitled "The Man" by one of the club members, two other young men presented a power point presentation on the "Digital Divide" and its effects on the black community. Individual awards followed with the most rewarding being special recognition for eight of the fourteen participants who have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Our fraternity recognizes that early intervention in the lives of our young black men is crucial and to that end our club includes students starting in the sixth grade. These young men not only had fraternity members as role

models, but more importantly the older sophomores and juniors, their older peers, serving as role models as well. All Sigma Beta club members are planning on returning next year and there will be four graduates. Sigma presence (an all time high) coupled with delicious food, and a fantastic program, all yielded an unforgettable evening.

Upcoming 89th Anniversary Eastern Regional Conference. April 24-27, 2003

By: Bro. Robert Berry, Sr.
President

Kappa Beta Sigma Chapter

On the behalf of the Brothers of Kappa Beta Sigma chapter, it is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 89th Anniversary Eastern Regional Conference of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. Your Brothers of Kappa Beta Sigma are especially pleased that you are coming here during the celebration of our 75th Anniversary of service to Brooklyn, New York, the fifth largest city in the nation.

The Brothers of Kappa Beta Sigma, Beta Lambda, Xi Epsilon, Alpha Alpha Phi Chapters, and our Sigma Wives have worked diligently to prepare a conference that will prove to be productive, memorable and entertaining for all attendees. It is our quest to show you the richness and variety that New York City has to offer. To that end, our Conference Planning Committee, co-chaired by Brothers Alvin Blackshear and Jonathan Mason, have spared no effort in providing for your comfort.

In New York City, this Millennium began with a devastating reminder of how small the world has become. But from that devastation we were able to experience a unity of spirit that transcended race, religion and nationality. We all became brothers and sisters under God. It is our hope that this conference will emit that same fraternal energy. We pray that Spirituality will bridge our rich legacy of Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service throughout this New Millennium.

The newly constructed New York Marriott Brooklyn Hotel is Brooklyn's first major luxury hotel located within the Brooklyn renaissance Plaza. The hotel is only five minutes by subway from the sights and sounds of Manhattan's Wall Street and the Financial District. Embracing the city inside and out, the New York Marriott Brooklyn is an outstanding venue for our 89th Anniversary Conference. We are proud to have negotiated a very favorable room rate for our conference: RATE: \$135 Single/Double (registration deadline – March 23, 2003) – Executive Suite (contact the Marriott Brooklyn Event Manager) New York Marriott Brooklyn Hotel, 333 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York

Hotel Reservations: To make reservations call 888-436-3759. Make your hotel reservation no later than March 23rd and indicate that you are with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity to receive the special conference rate. You can reserve your room with a major credit card by contacting the hotel.

Great Lakes Region

Great Lakes Education Foundation Acquires 501 (c)3 Status

By: Bro. Danny McSpadden
Chair, 1914 Education Foundation

Greetings My Brothers in Sigma

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the Great Lakes Region the 1914 Education Foundation. The foundation is part of the vision that our Regional Director has for our region to take a more active role in our efforts or promoting education and service to our brotherhood and community at large.

The Education Foundation recently acquired its 501-C3 status which provides the opportunity for all donations to be tax deductible. Monies raised through the 1914 Education Foundation will be earmarked to provide additional programs and services to the community and the Great Lakes region membership. A few of the services that will be provided are: an annual scholarship to a deserving high school student and an undergraduate Sigma. Additional funding will also go towards providing quality programming during the Regional Conference and throughout the year such as the Sigma Undergraduate Leadership Retreat.

Brothers let us continue our long standing tradition of pride and commitment to the Great Lakes region. Great leaders have been produced within this region. Your contribution to the foundation will allow our region to continue educating and nurturing brothers so they can become outstanding leaders in the community and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Our region can boast of some of Phi Beta Sigma's greatest leaders ranging from Past National President to several DSC members. This is a heritage that we can be proud of, and your contributions and work with the foundation and the region will help this tradition to continue. Thanks for supporting the endeavors of the "Great" Great Lakes Region.

XI SIGMA (PBS) & MU TAU ZETA (ZFB) HOST THE INAUGURAL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION AND SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

On Saturday, March 9, 2002, the Xi Sigma Chapter hosted a wonderful banquet recognizing brothers and members of the community for their outstanding contributions. The event was honored with the presence of two International Presidents, Bro. Arthur Thomas, Esq. , and Soror Barbara West Carpenter.

The food was excellent, the company was exquisite, and the entertainment enjoyable. Thank you to Xi Sigma and Mu Tau Zeta for being wonderful hosts!

Great Lakes Region First To Provide UIFI Scholarships

The Great Lakes Region, leading the way for Phi Beta Sigma, is proud to be the first historically Black Greek

organization to provide scholarships to the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI). Held each summer, these intensive leadership workshops combine a top-notch curriculum with outstanding facilitation. Collegiates that participate will join a twelve-year tradition in the Great Lakes Region. Ten of the twelve sessions are held in Indiana from May to August. Current Regional Board members, Brothers Robert Willis and Damien Duchamp will be supporting the workshops as facilitators. For more information, please visit: www.nicindy.org



THE GREAT LAKES REGION LEADERSHIP RETREAT. Mission Impossible: "Making Time for Phi Beta Sigma"

On September 15, 2001, the Great Lakes Region brought together some of the finest and most able young men of Sigma to participate in a leadership retreat that would bring out the undiscovered strengths we all possess as Sigma Men.

"Cutting edge leadership is required for Phi Beta Sigma to meet the needs of a global society and communities in the new millennium.

Our fraternity recognizes that competent leaders must be developed at all levels to ensure stamina and remain the premier brotherhood.

Outstanding leaders in the field of business, education, organizational consulting and training are being assembled to guide participants through a one-day Leadership Training event. These practitioners have customized sessions to accelerate the development and enhancement of the necessary skills, knowledge and capabilities demanded of Phi Beta Sigma Leaders"

The Seminar Objectives were to develop core leadership competencies, enhance your ability to formulate and implement comprehensive strategies for fraternity growth, sharpen personal leadership skills, provide hands-on learning, case studies, role-plays, team learning, and to build lasting relationships, network and share best practices. Some brothers walked away with Palm Pilots, some brothers walked away with knowledge.

The Great Lakes Region appreciates the assistance provided by Ford Motor Company, GM, Marshall Fields, and the Kellogg Foundation.

A Salute to Brothers

Bro. Frank X Walker received honorary Doctors Degree from the University of Kentucky.

Bro. Dr. Samuel Robinson recently received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Northern Kentucky University. He was also inducted in the Kentucky's Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Bro. John White-Receives National Recognition from Sodexo. White received the "Clients for Life" Award for Sodexo's Central Division.

Great Lakes Region

Bro. John White-Elected to American Red Cross Board of Directors for Kentucky. A two-year term which began August 14, 2001.

Bro. Quinton J. Ward Elected To National Second Vice President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.

This past October, Brother Ward was elected to the position of National Second Vice President for the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Quinton was initiated into the Epsilon Phi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He currently serves as Vice President of his chapter, Treasurer of the NPHC, and is an active member of the Black Student Union and NAACP at Bowling Green State University.

Frater Ward was born in 1981 in Detroit, MI to The Rev. Estella E. Brown and Jerome Ward (deceased). He graduated from Detroit's Mumford Senior High School in 1999 where he was an honor student and captain of three varsity sports (football, swimming and track). Quinton was an All-State track athlete and All-Detroit football and swimming.

Quinton J. Ward is a junior Visual Communication Technology Major at Bowling Green State University.

IOWA: Kappa Psi Chapter Tutors Children

By: Bro. Christopher A. Bozeman
Iowa State Director

Kappa Psi Chapter at the University of Iowa - Organized and participated in their weekly tutoring and study table program. Free services were provided to all students every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at an on campus location.

Rho Kappa Chapter at Loras College - Organized and participated in they're annual "Back To School Barbeque" where all students were invited. Donations were provided by local businesses, which allowed brothers to make this event free to the public. This event also helped to promote interest of membership in the fraternity.

Kentucky Sigmas Gives Gift to American Red Cross

During the Phi Beta Sigma-Kentucky Fall Meeting the Brothers presented a Check for \$500 to the Louisville Chapter of American Red Cross. These funds were raised from a Charity Step Show during the Fall Meeting held at hosted by Tau Chapter and Epsilon Beta Sigma Chapters. This is the second year that the State has hosted a Charity Step Show. Last year the State of Kentucky presented a \$400 check to the Kentucky African Americans Against

Cancer Coalition.

Kentucky's Collegiate Chapter of the Year 2001/2002 Academic Year

Congratulations to Murray State University-Omicron Xi Chapter Phi Beta Sigma- Kentucky Chapter of the Year. This years chapter of the year for Kentucky was chosen by a highly competitive point system. Chapters were evaluated in following categories: Chapter Presentations, Academic Standings, Punctuality during Fall Meeting, Sigma Knowledge Bowl, Scrap Book and Chapter display.

Zeta Psi Chapter - Indiana State University

The school year 2001 started with the brothers of the Zeta Psi chapter, partnering with the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to help the freshmen move in to their dorms. Both organizations purchased bottled water and served hotdogs for free.

Zeta Psi Chapter SSWAC Initiative

In the month of November, Zeta Psi Chapter partnered with the local office of the American Cancer Society and created "Survivor Kits" for smokers to be distributed on the Great American Smoke-Out Day, which was November 17, 2001. The kits contained gum, candy, pens,

pencils and information on prevention of cancer and warning signs. The chapter distributed over 100 kits. The chapter also donated \$250.00 to the Joda Shields Foundation, which is a foundation established in memorial of a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Nu Chapter on Indiana State's campus.

March Of Dimes Initiative

The chapter did their annual sleep-out during which they collected money for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Division. The chapter collected and sent \$400 dollars. They also sponsored a Sigma in the Walk-a-thon in Terre Haute, IN. Every 4th Monday of the month the chapter goes to Lakeview Rehabilitation Center and plays bingo with the residents. The chapter also serves as mentors at the Ryves Hall Youth Center.

Greek Educational Program

The Zeta Psi Chapter raised \$1500 from departments, offices and student organizations to bring Dr. Walter Kimbrough, Vice President of Student Affairs at Albany State University, Albany, GA to speak to the campus community concerning black Greek life. Dr. Kimbrough is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Officers from the State of Ohio including our 27&29 International President Hon. Bro. Carter Womack

Gulf Coast Region

Gulf Coast Give Scholarships In Honor of Great Sigma Leaders

Three scholarships were awarded during the 2002 Gulf Coast Regional Conference held in Houston, Texas. The scholarships were awarded in honor of three pioneers of the Gulf Coast Region...Bro. Lewis Engram, Bro. John Westberry, and Bro. Charles Y. Thomas. These brothers shaped the Lone Star/Gulf Coast Region as men of distinction, integrity, and innovation.

In observance of the high ideals set by these brothers, the Gulf Coast Region has selected three deservingly innovative scholarship recipients: Bro. James Milligan, Jr., Mr. Orlando D. Morriesette, and Mr. Davis Jno-Finn.

The first scholarship is in memoriam to Bro. Lewis Engram. Bro. Lewis Engram was a professor of Dairy Science at A&T College, Greensboro, North Carolina; Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky; and Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas.

He was inducted into Alpha Beta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in 1950. He served as Chapter President, Regional Director of the Lone Star Region, Founding Regional Director of the Gulf Coast Region, National Director of Bigger and Better Business and a member of the National Distinguished Service Chapter. Mrs. Beatrice Engram the widow of the late Bro. Engram shares our sentiments; she too loves and misses this brother of the dove.

The second scholarship honors Bro. John Westberry. Bro. John Westberry was an exceptional life achiever. At the age of eighteen he received his B.S. Degree in Mathematics from Livingstone College, and when the patriotic duty of WWII called he served in the US Army and was awarded the Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Service. After his tour of duty, he received a M.S. Degree in Mathematics from Atlanta University and a M.A. Degree from the University Of Michigan.

He began his career in education as the Registrar and Director of Admissions for Texas Southern University for over forty years. His many accomplishments include President of the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission officers, member of The National Task Force on Education, selected by the Department of Defense to serve on the Hope for Education Team, Secretary and President of Upsilon Chapter, Secretary and President of Alpha Beta Sigma Chapter, Director and

Associate Director of the Lone Star Region, National First Vice President (two terms), DSC Member #81, and Twenty First National President. When this Brother of the Dove departed this life on May 12, 2002, he left a legacy for Phi Beta Sigma and lives on in Sigma's heart and Mrs. Maxine Westberry's essence.

The third scholarship pays tribute to Bro. Charles Y. Thomas. Bro. C.Y. Thomas received his BS Degree (1936) in Mechanical Arts from Prairie View A&M University, a Degree in Radio Servicing (1946) from Chicago Technical College, and his MS Degree from the University of Illinois.

He did not stop serving his community upon retirement, but continued as an election judge for Precinct 1346 for 10 years and the Code Blue Neighborhood Patrol. Alpha Theta Sigma Chapter is especially proud of this brother because he has held all local chapter offices, was the 25th

National Life Member, was a former Regional Director, was a member of the Regional Distinguished Service Chapter, and in 1997 was inducted into the National Distinguished Service Chapter.

Bro. James Milligan, Jr. was awarded the Bro. C. Y. Thomas Scholarship (\$500). Bro. Milligan is a member of the Delta Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. at Southern University at New Orleans.

He is the president of his chapter, a Computer Information Systems Major, a Naval Reservist, a keyboardist and drummer at Bethany Methodist Church, a husband and father, works forty hours a week, and finds time to give to the community by mentoring in "Love a Life" foundation, a Christian organization for the youth in the New Orleans area.

Mr. Orlando D. Morriesette was awarded the Bro. Lewis Engram Scholarship (\$500). Mr. Morriesette graduated from Evan E. Worthing Senior High School, Houston, Texas with honors.

His leadership and academic abilities are reflected in his accomplishments of being Vice President for the National Honor Society, a member of National Society of Black Engineers, a member of the Student Council, a member of Young Men for Christ and the Varsity Baseball Team.

He has performed many hours of community services such as neighborhood clean-up, volunteering at the Children's Museum, visiting orphans, and providing clothing for needy families. He is attending the University of



Mrs. Beatrice Engram (Widow of Hon. Bro. Lewis Engram, Orlando Morriesette, and Bro. Reginald Tyiska (Regional Director of Education)

Gulf Coast Region

Mr. Davis Jno-Finn was awarded the Bro. John Westberry Scholarship (\$500). Mr. Jno-Finn graduated from Charles H. Milby Senior High School, Houston, Texas with honors. He is a member of the Business Professionals of America, of the History Honor Society, of the French Honor Society, and of the Student Council. He is majoring in Computer Engineering at the University of Houston.

Iota Iota Chapter Celebrates 25 years in Existence

The Iota Iota Chapter at University of Louisiana at Lafayette had a successful spring 2002 semester. The chapter celebrated 25 years on the campus of UL-Lafayette on March 20. During the spring semester, the chapter continued to make strides in their goal to rebuild the image and attitudes toward the chapter. Though small in numbers (9), these brothers had completed about 125 hours of community service with some brothers carrying 18hrs and working during the semester. Some of their service projects included blood drive, donation and information table for Project S.W.W.A.C, tutoring at local adopted school, participate in St. Jude's "Up 'Till Dawn" and various walks for different causes.

At the end of the spring, the chapter ranked second among NPHC chapters and fifth among all fraternities in overall G.P.A. During the spring, the chapter won several awards at the Order of Omega award ceremony, which awards Fraternities and Sororities for the achievements. The chapter won for largest charitable donation and most community service hours also second place in membership selection and education, & campus involvement. At the Louisiana State Meeting in Alexandria, La., the chapter won for best collegiate chapter report, Bro. Nathaniel won for collegiate of the year and was elected State Director of Social Action. At the Gulf Coast Regional Conference, the chapter won for best collegiate chapter and best collegiate chapter display.

During the fall and spring semester, the chapter hopes to double its community service hours, include more national and other projects in its activities, and increase the chapter's overall g.p.a. ranking. The chapter is also hoping to work with its graduate chapter, Iota Xi Sigma to create a Sigma Beta Club. The brothers constantly challenge each other to make new strides in brotherhood, scholarship and service. By end of the spring 2003, four brothers will have graduated Bros. Frederick Brown in Accounting, Chad Triggs in Education, Gerald Rhode in Graphic Design, & Torrey Landry in Business Management. The chapter would like to give a special thanks to their chapter's graduate advisor, Bro. Claude Krause and to the Gulf Coast Regional Director, Bro. Theopolis Woodard for their continues support of the chapter and its members.

To learn more about the Iota Iota Chapter, they invite everyone to view their website @ www.angelfire.com/la2/iotaiota

Sigma and J.C. Penny Work Together To Keep Kids Warm During Winter

A beautiful joint venture with J. C. Penney Department Stores Town Center and Ridgmar Mall in Fort Worth, has proven to be beneficial. For the past eight years Alpha Theta Sigma has been in partnership with J. C. Penny to provide coats to elementary school kids in the Fort Worth Independent School District. During this association more than 200 elementary school kids have been provided coats.

The Coats for Kids project originated as a used coat give-a-way. The coats were cleaned and provided to elementary kids. To supplement coats that were donated, additional coats were purchased from Goodwill Industries and resale shops.

A brainstorming session between chapter members resulted in Bros Johnnie Young and Walter Roberson approaching the manager of J. C. Penney Store in Town Center Mall informing him of the chapter's desire to have the store be a part of their Coats for Kids project. The manager was receptive to the idea and the partnership began.

The chapter selects an elementary school for each year's give-a-way. The counselor at each school identifies those students and sizes of coats needed for the give-a-way.

Coats are purchased, and a time is scheduled to make the presentation to the school principal, counselor and students. It is the aim of the Brothers to have coats delivered prior to the Thanksgiving break. During the presentation, Brothers place coats on kids and have photographs taken.

Members of Alpha Theta Sigma felt that its association with J. C. Penney would end when the store at Town Center closed. However, this was not the case.

The manager recommended that chapter members visit with Ridgmar Mall Store manager and inform him of the Chapter's objective and make a plea for the partnership to continue.

Brothers Young and Roberson met with the manager of the Ridgmar and informed him what had been taking place with their sister store and the Chapter's desire to have him continue the relationship. Once again the Chapter's request was met with an approval from J. C. Penney.

What was once Alpha Theta Sigma's venture has grown to become a community venture. The Chapter has as its associates in the Coats for Kids Give-a-Away, the local chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Rescue Lodge #20 Prince Hall Mason and Fort Worth Chapter Amice, friends of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

According to Jerry Thomas, a fellow Greek and writer for a local newspaper, "this could be the beginning of many organizations making a contribution to those students in need for the winter as well as a contribution to families in the city in need."

Southeastern Region



Newly inducted members of the Distinguished Service Chapter Bros. William Walker and Larry McCutcheon with Bro Arthur Thomas.

The Southeastern Regional Conference Is "A Grand Affair"

*By Brother Charles A. Amerson
Southeastern Region Director of Publicity*

The 2002 Southeastern Regional Conference was held at the Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center in Columbia South Carolina.

The agenda items included a Regional Miss Phi Beta Sigma Pageant, and the printing of a Regional History book. The Southeastern Regional Director Bro. Hammock also took time out to discuss his idea for a Southeastern Region Outstanding Service Club. Also new Brothers from various chapters within South Carolina were initiated into our fraternity.

The Southeastern Region's 1914 Club had their



Newly inducted Brothers after their initiation ceremony during the conference.

annual Breakfast for its members. The 1914 Club is a regional initiative started by two former Regional Directors, Brothers Dr. Dudley Flood of Eta Sigma, Raleigh N.C. Alumni & Reverend William Walker. Brothers in the regional are asked to give a \$19.14 membership fee to join the club and in return they are treated to the breakfast at every regional meeting and they get a membership card. The money from the 1914 Club goes towards sponsoring various projects.

The new elected 2002-2003 officers are as follows:

Bro. Jimmy Hammock — Southeastern Regional Director.
Bro. David Miller — Vice Regional Director
Brother Dwayne Malcolm— 2nd Vice Regional Director.
Bro. Marion Wright — Regional Secretary
Bro. Kelvin Wilson— Regional Assistant Secretary
Bro. Meredith Jackson —Regional Director of Bigger, Better Business.

Bro. W.L. Rose—Regional Director of Education
Bro. Henry Wooten—Regional Treasurer
Bro. Willie Conner—Director of Social Action
Bro. Quentin Goodwin—Director of Collegiate Affairs.

The State Officers (Brothers Darryl Prince, North Carolina Director, Gary Williams, South Carolina Director, and Emmitt Terry Eastern Tennessee).

Regional Director Bro. Hammock noted that communication within the region has



Bro. William Walker, Director of SWACC Programs gives the Southeastern Region Donation check to the American Cancer Society.

greatly improved. Brother Booker has continued to oversee the publishing of the Southeastern Region newsletter and Brother Charles A. Amerson is maintaining the new Southeastern Region website (www.southeasternpbs1914.org).

As part of the conference midday luncheon, Teddy Bears were presented to the Richland/Columbia Police Departments in conjunction with Operation: Teddy Bear. The Southeastern Region also presented a check to the American Cancer Society.

We had two newly elected members of the Distinguished Service Chapter, Brothers William Walker & Larry McCutcheon. They received their certificates and pins.

Southeastern Region

Brother Writes Southeastern Region History Book

By Bro. Charles A. Amerson

Southeastern Region Director of Publicity

Brothers are the life blood of our organization. History is the heart that makes the life blood flow. The heart is our body's hardest working muscle. No other region could be considered the heart of Phi Beta Sigma for its History more than the Southeastern Region.

"So much is missing from the history books," said Brother Robert Booker of Pi Sigma Chapter of Knoxville, Tennessee. We as Sigma need to be more mindful of our history while we are making it. Two Brothers who are doing just that are Brothers Gary Williams & Bro. Booker.

Brother Williams is the current South Carolina State Director and a member of Iota Theta Sigma Summerville Alumni Chapter. He edited and researched the material for the South Carolina State History book, "Our Wondrous Band." This 132 page, hard bound volume, tells the story of the Brothers, Sisters, chapters & events that

...We as Sigmas need to be more mindful of our history while we are making it...

have made our Fraternity the preeminent Brotherhood in the state of South Carolina.

Bro. Williams commented on how the Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma helped him gather records and history to complete the publication. "The best thing that happened to me was running into Brother Daniel Thompson." Brother Thompson was initiated at Alpha Omicron at Allen College in Columbia, South Carolina on December 19, 1941.

Brother Williams mentions that the tried and true way he got so much information and materials for the South Carolina history book is by "...going to the home of the older Brothers." such as Brother Thompson. Through Brother Thompson, Brother Williams learned about the first 50 years of Phi Beta Sigma's existence in South Carolina that is detailed in the book. The history book also contains individual history & information about all the South Carolina chapters.

One thing that Brother Williams comments on is the photography not only in the South Carolina History Book, but also from the older Brothers archives. "They called in professional photographers to take the photographs." These photographs have withstood the test of time and are still good today.

Brother Booker also edits the Southeastern Sigma, the newsletter of the Southeastern Region.

"People who are not interested in history don't pre-

serve it," said Brother Booker. He feels a strong connection and bond to Sigma history that we should all model.

Currently the Southeastern Region is finishing up its efforts to fund the publication. The task of creating the History Book started at a Southeastern Regional Board Meeting in 2000. The chapters of the Southeastern Region have been asked to assist the Southeastern Regional Board in financing the book by purchasing patron ads that focus on contributions to Sigma history made by the chapters. An initial printing of 500 copies will be made before the end of the year.

Information about the South Carolina History book can be obtained by writing:

Brother Gary Williams
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
P.O. Box 191
Summerville, S.C. 29484

Information on the Southeastern History Book & other publications written by Brother Robert Booker can be obtained from:

Brother Robert Booker
2621 Park View Road
Knoxville, TN 37914

Information about both books can be obtained from the Southeastern Region Website at:
www.southeasternpbs1914.org



Soror Sheryl Underwood and Regional Director Bro Jimmy Hammock say Blu-Phi to the brothers attending the regional conference award banquet.

Southern Region

Bro. Spivey Named Rust College Male Student Of The Year

From Press Reports

Bro. Romaro Spivey, a senior at Rust College was named Rust College Male Student of the Year for the 2001-02 academic year on Thursday, April 18, 2002. Rust College students, faculty and staff selected Spivey for the award.

Spivey, a Computer Science major at Rust said, "It's a great honor to be Male Student of the Year at Rust College. It gives me the opportunity to show my leadership skills and be an inspiration to students at Rust College and in the community."

Spivey, a native of Chicago, Ill., is the president of the Gamma Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., the vice-president of the Rust College Student Government Association and a recipient of the Ronald McNair Scholars Program.

Bro. Karvis Jones was also named Rust College Male Student of the Year Runner-Up for the 2001-02 academic year. Jones, a senior at Rust is majoring in Mass Communications/Broadcast Journalism and is the Director of Publicity for the Gamma Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and a member of the National Association of Black Journalists. Jones is a native of Holly Springs, Miss. where Rust College is located 30 minutes from Memphis, Tennessee.

Alabama Brothers Raise Cancer Awareness

*By: Bro. Perry C. Mosley
Alabama Director of Social Action
Alpha Eta Sigma Chapter*

The Community Care Network sponsors a large Health Fair every year. Since this is the only one that is



promoted by drug companies, it the largest Health Fair in the state of Alabama, serving between 1200 to 2500 people in need of health care each year. This Health Fair had 75 to 100 doctors and nurses on site helping and assisting those in need of Health Care.

Nine brothers got together to promote our motto "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity" and did so by using our two national programs, SATAPP and Project SWWAC.

"It's a fact that, economically, we're not as well off as other members of our society," Bro. Jeremy Hodge, of Alpha Eta Sigma Chapter, said. "It helps people who are not fortunate enough to have insurance."

In spite of the weather, the Health Fair turned out to be a success. The forecast called for rain but it did not keep people away from getting breast cancer screenings, blood pressure screenings, dental exams, diabetes screenings, osteoporosis screenings, vision testing, foot care screenings, cholesterol screening, HIV/AIDS screening and much more.

(In Story Picture To Left): Bro. Perry C. Mosley, Bro. Thomas Patterson, Bro. Windsor McKnight, Bro. Roy Brown, Bro. Paul Blackmon, Bro. Jeremy Hodge, Bro. David J. Hickman, Bro. W.W. Steel of Alpha Eta Sigma Chapter in Montgomery, Alabama and Bro. Gary Gordon of Gamma Sigma Chapter in Tuskegee, Alabama attended a Health Fair on the football field of St. Jude Catholic school.

Sigma Beta Clubs putting on the Ritz in Mississippi

The Sigma Beta Club of Eta Zeta Sigma Chapter, Clarksdale, Mississippi celebrate Blue and White Week annually.

The week is an opportunity for the Sigma Beta Club members to enhance their relationship with each other, the fraternity and the community.

The club sponsors several activities that encompass social, cultural, service and educational programs.

The club members fellowship with the members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Archonette Club at New Covenant M.B. Church to begin the week's festivities. Other activities for the week included an Esquire Workshop, Health and Fitness Workshop, Community Service Program, and an awards and honors program.

The speaker for last years' Honors Program was Bro. Dr. John G. Igwebike. The Blue and White Ball culminated the week's festivities. The lavish occasion was very rewarding.



Chi Chapter Alumni Endow Scholarship in Brothers' Memories

*By: Bro. Michael Johnson
Project SWWAC Southern Regional Coordinator
Lambda Sigma Chapter*

A group of Chi Chapter Alumni (Morehouse College), along with current chapter brothers have begun an effort to endow a scholarship at Morehouse and are seeking your support.

The scholarship will be in the name of the fraternity as well as Bros. William Moody and Dylan Houze whose untimely passings occurred in the fall of 1999. During their lives both men were committed to their families, their communities and without question our fraternity.

The scholarship will be administered by Morehouse and awarded based on criteria used to select all academic scholarship recipients. It will cover the cost of the books for two students per year. A total of \$25,000 is needed in order to endow the scholarship and the brothers have secured commitments for much of the money.

In addition several fundraising activities have been planned and all contributions/donations are tax deductible. This obviously is an opportunity to advance the ideals of our great fraternity on several different fronts as well as to memorialize two upstanding Men of Sigma.

All contributions may be sent and made payable to: Morehouse College, Office of Alumni Affairs, 830 Westview Drive, Atlanta GA 30314. Contributions should contain the notation Moody/Houze Fund to ensure proper credit and a return address so a receipt can be sent out acknowledging the donation. Any questions may be directed to **moody_houzufund@yahoo.com**. On behalf of everyone involved in this effort, thank you in advance for helping "Our Cause Speed on its Way!"

"HARD" Alpha Eta Easy On Kids During Sigma Story Time

*By: Bro. TyQueen Stanley
Alpha Eta Chapter*

The brothers of Alpha Eta Chapter hosts their "Sigma Story Time" event annually for the children of the New Beginnings Day Care Center. New Beginnings as well as the Alpha Eta Chapter are located on the beautiful campus of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Sigma Story Time is an annual event, that the chapter has been hosting for the past three years. The purpose of this event is to promote education, specifically reading, through positive male interaction and example.

In brief, the children (ages 2-5) are escorted across campus to the Sigma Plot. Upon arrival to the plot, the youth are divided into smaller groups where Sigma brothers read short stories, and administer various interactive games for their entertainment.

"The kids really appeared to have a had a good time," stated Bro. Kevin Martin.

At the conclusion of the event, the kids are treated to pizza and snacks, complements of the Alpha Eta Chapter, as well as a small exhibition by the Alpha Eta Step Team.

The Sigma Story Time Event is just one of numerous community service events that the brothers of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. partake in its quest to help our cause speed on its way.

Upcoming Southern Regional Conference April 10-13, 2003 in Atlanta, Georgia

The Southern Regional Conference will be in Atlanta, GA the week of April 10-13, 2003. The conference hotel will be the Sheraton Gateway Hotel.

The hosts chapters are Lambda Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Chapter, and Kappa Alpha Sigma Chapter. We want members of Phi Beta Sigma from all over the US to come attend! The theme of the conference will be "Bridging The Gap: Building A Better Sigma."

The conference hotel is the Sheraton Gateway Hotel. To reserve your room go to www.southernregionpbs1914.org or call 1-800-325-3535.

Southwestern Region

Memphis Awards Academic Excellence During Image Awards

The Memphis Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. sponsored their 8th Annual African American Male Image Awards Scholarship Banquet at the Memphis Marriott Hotel on Thousand Oaks on November 8, 2002 at 7 p.m.

The Image Awards are presented to individuals in the Memphis community who exhibit a sense of Brotherhood for all mankind, who have a respect for Scholarship, and who are involved in community Service.



These are the three ideals under which Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded according to Anthony Kimball, President of Tau Iota Sigma Chapter.

The keynote speaker for the dinner for Coach Rod Barnes, Head Basketball Coach at the University of MS. Coach Barnes has taken his basketball team to several trips to the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

The Image Awards began as a national program of the Fraternity and has presented awards to very prominent members of society on a national level.

Some of the recipients include: Father George Clements, Civil Rights Activist; Tevin Campbell, Singer; John Lewis, United States Congressman; Blair Underwood, Actor; Walter Turnbull, Director, Harlem Boys Choir; Herman Russell, President, HJ Russell Construction; and Preston J. Edwards, Publisher, Black Collegian Magazine. The local awards recognize those who have made an impact on the local community in the areas of (1) Business, (2) Education, (3) Religion, (4) Corporate, and (5) Community Service.

In addition to the Image Awards described above, four \$1000 scholarships were also given to individuals who exemplify all the ideals of the fraternity, but who exemplify a great respect for scholarship.

Since the inception of the chapter Image Awards, we have given \$19,000 worth of scholarships, according to Bro. Kimball.

The dinner was attended by over 300 people.

Chapter Honors Bro. "Ted" Jackson With A Chapter Scholarship

In memory of the late Bro. Theodore "Ted" Jackson the chapter has established a scholarship in his name.

Bro. Jackson faithfully served Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for many years. He was an active member of the chapter until he became ill in 2001.

The scholarship will be awarded to an African-American male chosen by chapter who:

1. is a graduating high school senior for any public, private, or parochial school in the St. Louis Metropolitan area;
2. has a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale);
3. submits a 250-word (typed) biographical essay contained future goals; and
4. submits a letter of acceptance from the college of university he will be attending.

All materials must be postmarked by Friday, May 31, 2002 for the chapter to review.

For more information concerning this scholarship, please contact Bro. Keith Batey at 314.524.3372 or at KeithBatey@yahoo.com. All brothers are asked to donate \$10.00 towards this scholarship.

St. Louis Sigma Man Of The Year

The 2001 Sigma Man of The Year was named at the joint Founder's Day Celebration sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. on January 19, 2002 at the downtown St. Louis Convention Center.

This year's winner of this prestigious award was Bro. Jourdon Morgan.

Bro. Morgan was honored for his dedication in planning the celebration, for his loyal service to the chapter and for his commitment to service.

Bro. Morgan has been a member of the Kappa Sigma Chapter for several years. He was initiated into this great fraternity at the Epsilon Lambda Chapter at Central Missouri State University.

"Bro. Morgan is an asset to the chapter," said Bro. Marcus Gowins, chapter president, "He continues to give 110% in his service to the fraternity."

"I was shocked and humbled by the announcement. I thought it was going to be another member of the chapter," Bro. Morgan replied. "I think every brother should have the opportunity to experience the joy I felt knowing that I am appreciated by my chapter brothers."



Bro. Jourdon Morgan is awarded the Sigma Man of the Year by Bro. Marcus Gowins.

Southwestern Region

Mighty Xi Iota Chapter, Southeast Missouri State University Does SATAPP

On October 2, 2002 the men of the Xi Iota Chapter organized an Informational booth with March of Dimes. The booth included information on our national partnership with the March of Dimes...SATAPP as well as various information on childcare after birth. Educational pamphlets were also given out to further educate and heighten awareness of the March of Dimes.

To continue to build on our partnership with the March of Dimes, the Xi Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma as well as the Tau Omicron Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. volunteered time and effort at a local K-Mart store during the "Make A Difference Day" sponsored by the March of Dimes. The day showcased insurance information for families that may not be able to afford it.

Southwestern Regional Leadership Conference. April 11-13, 2003

The brothers of the host chapters of Delta Beta Sigma, Theta Chi Sigma & Kappa Tau Sigma are looking forward to you joining us at the 2003 Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City. This convention will be held along with our sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. who will be in town for their regional convention.

The conference has been planned with our colleagues in mind. There will be workshops geared on various subjects that will assist them in enhancing their chapters as well as discussions of important issues that relate to life after college. Some of the workshops planned for the conference are: Risk Management, Building Your Chapter's Membership, Embracing Membership Intake/Certification, Effective Chapter Advisors, Implementing National Programs within your community/campus, Collegiate Roundtable: What can we contribute to the Frat, Life After College: Career Development, Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, Making the Most of Your Finances, Using Technology to Advance Your Chapter, Implementing an Effective Sigma Beta Club for your Alumni Chapter.

In addition to our fraternity education sessions, we have planned excitement for everyone...one being a Greek Show with the winner receiving \$1000 along with the opportunity to represent the region at the Conclave in Memphis.

The hotel is the Westin Hotel. One North Plaza. Oklahoma City, OK 73102. The room rates are \$84.00 single to quad. Traditional level suites are \$138.00 so please make your reservations early to secure your room at this great rate. The hotel number is 405.235.2780 or 1-800-Westin-1.

Early Registration (Oct. 30 2002-Feb. 15, 2003) Collegiate \$75, Alumni \$85, National Officer \$50, Guest \$50, Sigma Beta \$45. On-Site Registration: Collegiate \$90,

Alumni \$100, National Officer \$75, Guest \$75, Sigma Beta \$60.

Early Registration is both a time saver and less expensive; it is recommended so that the host chapters can have an approximate number of brothers participating.

The Opportunity Of A Lifetime

By: Bro. Marcus Gowins

Southwestern Regional Secretary

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has many notable and famous members, past, present and future that have made significant contributions to society.

On Thursday, October 17, 2002 the local alumni chapters of Kappa Sigma, Epsilon Lambda Sigma and Nu Gamma Sigma of St. Louis, MO, East St. Louis, IL and Belleville, IL respectively, had the opportunity to meet one of our most notable members of today. Bro. Dr. Rod Paige, the US Secretary of Education was the guest speaker at a dinner sponsored by the Republican National Committee at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis, MO.

There were over twenty brothers who came to show their support for Brother Paige. He is the first African-American to ever be appointed to this position. Bro. Paige had his plan, "Leave No Child Behind," made into law. He has proven his theory to be successful in the Houston Texas School District.

It was truly an honor to be able to meet with a distinguished brother like Dr. Paige. To show our appreciation, we presented him with a plaque to recognize him for all of his hard work. In addition to the t-shirt we gave him to wear while relaxing at the White House. GOMAB!



Western Region - The "Wild Wild West"

Western Region Update

Under the leadership of its Newly Elected Regional Director, Philipp Hubbard III, the Western Region is in good hands and promises to continue to grow and implement quality programs.

Brother Hubbard directed the region's membership to focus their efforts on the Fraternity's three major programs, Social Action, Education and Bigger and Better Business. Brother Hubbard's philosophy is that if these programs are carried out in a professional manner, the region will grow in number and in stature as a result of the visibility of high quality programs.

Indeed, one need only look at the Regional Director's own chapter, Alpha Alpha Epsilon Sigma, to see a model of how quality programs are implemented.

The chapter's Social Action program is spearheaded by the directors efforts with the chapter's Annual Bike-A-Thon which is done in conjunction with the American Cancer Society to raise monies for prostate cancer.

The chapter's Education program has three major efforts, the chapter's Annual Golf Tournament designed to raise scholarship monies (which is run by the director), the Fraternity's first nonprofit 501c3 Foundation designed to raised scholarship funds which was established by Brothers Augustus Clark of Alpha Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chapter and Bro. Errol Briggs of Phi Beta Sigma Chapter, and the chapter's very robust Sigma Beta Club which boasts over 60 members which is coordinated by Bro. Earl Tillman and Bro. Ernie Rhone.

So as you can see, the Western Regional Director practices what he preaches. The brotherhood in the west is also looking forward to a region-wide step contest which will be done in connection with the national effort and a region-wide Miss Phi Beta Sigma Pageant for the purpose of raising scholarship funds.

Are Your Chapter Meetings Efficient?

*By: Bro. William J. Savage, Jr.
Western Region Parliamentarian*

Greetings brothers of the Western Region. As your newly appointed parliamentarian, I ask, are your chapter meetings and committee meetings efficient and effective?

I have some other questions to ask of you: Are meetings fast-paced and interesting? Does all "planned for" business get disposed of or even covered? Are discussions personalized and not directed through the chair? Do the majority of members have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) which is the authority cited by our national and regional bylaws?

I truly hope that all but one of the above questions were answered with a resounding YES. However, since I

majority of the questions would not be answered in that manner, and the lone question that should not have been, would have been.

Robert's Rules of Order have proven over the years to foster focused and interesting meetings. From the time of Jefferson's Manual, to Cushing's manual, and to General Robert's Rules, there has been and always will be a need for procedures to insure the smooth conduct of meetings, and we would be well advised to adhere to them.

The advantages of doing so will pay your chapter huge dividends in the form of fast moving and highly interesting meetings, where personality differences and clashes are kept in check.

I often hear brothers and others say about RONR, "Well, I guess it helped some."

This sentiment of not understanding the importance of knowing the rules and applying them can be the difference between a chapter not realizing its full potential and being mired with petty irrelevant bickering, and a chapter that efficiently and effectively executes the business of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Foundation Aims To Help Students

From Press Reports

Minority high school seniors who have plenty of potential but not the funds to match, may soon get a helping hand in going to college, courtesy of a new education foundation.

The recently established, Carson-based PBS West Education Foundation, led by Bro. Augustus Clark and Errol Briggs, hopes to make a difference in the lives of promising, potentially college-bound students. The Foundation was established in association with the western region of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. founded in 1914 at the historically African-American Howard University in Washington, D.C.

It was Clark, a 1976 Cal State Long Beach graduate, who came up with the idea for the foundation.

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"This foundation was established to award educational scholarships to minority high school students who have the potential to succeed in college..."

tional scholarships to minority high school students who have the potential to succeed in college, but need financial assistance," said Clark, the foundation's executive director.

"If successful African-American businesses and organizations do not help educate our own youth, how can we expect the state or federal government to educate

The "Wild Wild West"- Western Region

them?"

Clark, whose degree is in business administration, has worked as a financial investigations agent with the state Department of Justice for the past 14 years.

Briggs, who has a degree in business administration from Cal State Dominguez Hills, previously worked as a finance manager and comptroller at various Los Angeles corporations.

For the past five years, he has run Lorre Entertainment, a Torrance-based artist management and publicity company.

The two already have given out four scholarships, two to students in the greater Los Angeles area and two to pupils in the Inland Empire. Each received \$500.

Fundraising

To date, all funds given to the foundation have come from private donations. Clark and Briggs are also looking at other ways to raise money, including a letter-writing campaign focusing on entertainers, philanthropists and corporations.

"The scholarships we've given thus far have come from us knocking on doors," Briggs said. "We're going after the money in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento."

The two plan on giving out more scholarships this summer.

"Our (eventual) goal is to give out approximately 1,000 scholarships a year," Briggs said.

Criteria that must be met include the students must be a high school senior, have at least a 3.0 grade point average and be involved in some type of community service.

Clark acknowledges that this currently isn't an ideal time to be asking for money, since other charitable organizations have been hard hit after massive fund-raising drives that took place in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Clark, in his job as a financial investigations agent, said he has even come across cases where charities were found to be fraudulent.

"A lot of our cases have been these so-called 'charitable organizations,'" he said. "In the last couple of years, there has been a lot of scrutiny and rightfully so."

But several things set PBS West apart from the others, he said. One being that neither he nor Briggs draws a salary from the foundation, another being that the foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

"There are thousands of foundations out there," Clark said. "What sets us apart is that we have no salaries to pay and virtually no overhead."

The foundation is hoping to make its first salaried employee a part-time grant writer. That's expected to happen when the foundation reaches a full endowment of \$250,000.

Those interested in contributing to the foundation, or students and parents interested in finding out more about the scholarships may call the foundation at (310) 329-1908.

Cincinnati Bengals Player Is A Life Member; Thanks The Brotherhood For Support



By Bro. Wayne Green:

Bro. Adrian Ross #57 a five year NFL player with the Cincinnati Bengals. His hometown is San Jose, California. He attended Elk Grove High School, and Earning Letters in football, track, and basketball while making the scholastic honors list for straight years. He joined Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. at Colorado State University Nu Xi Chapter and earning a B.S. degree in Animal Science. He's also a life member with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. A hard-working Sigma brother always on the football field and off the field helping out the youths and the Sigma Beta Club. Bro. Ross wants to thank the General Board and Bro. Wayne Green Financial Manager, and the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Check out the brand on his arm!) GOMAB!

Living Sigma Legend: Estelle Gives 50 Years of Service To The Fraternity While Serving The Community

Submitted By: Bro. Theo Woodard
Gulf Coast Regional Director

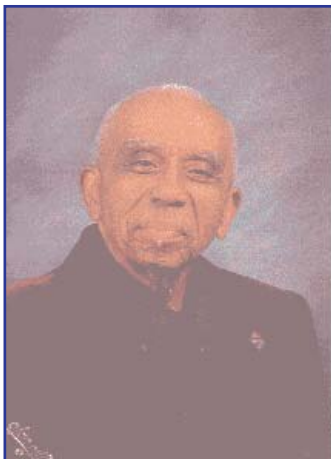
Bro. Joseph Lawrence Estelle, Administrator, father, churchman, fraternal and civic worker, sportsman and friend was born February 12, 1923 in Kosse, Texas. He graduated in 1940 from A J Moore High School in Waco, Texas. He attended Prairie View A&M College for two years before enlisting in the armed services and serving for 10 years.

Soon after his discharge from the military, he enrolled in Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas graduating in 1955. While attending Paul Quinn College, he joined Gamma Kappa Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., later transferring to Gamma Omicron Sigma Chapter.

As a member of Gamma Omicron Sigma Chapter, Bro. Estelle served as advisor to Gamma Kappa Chapter from 1962 into the mid-seventies.

Dedicated to the growth and development of Sigma, he spent Sunday afternoons on the Paul Quinn College campus guiding the young men of Gamma Kappa in their aggressive and ambitious ordeals and helped that chapter become the most renown fraternal organization in the heart of Texas.

Bro. Estelle's community involvement included membership in the Paul Quinn College Alumni Association and the Boy Scouts of America. He is a charter member



and a 30 plus years member of American Legion Post #954 in Waco, Texas. he was co-founder of Waco Eastern Little League and a coach and board member for over 20 years. He had an 18-year association as a coach with Southern Peewee Football.

Bro. Joseph Estelle also volunteered his time and services to Camp Fire Girls, Meals on Wheels (food program for the elderly) and Caritas (assistance agency for the needy and hungry) and he is an 18 gallon donor to the American Red Cross.

Bro. Estelle's fraternal involvement covers local and regional level as well as being in regular attendance at fraternity conclaves. He served Gamma Omicron Sigma as chapter president and treasurer.

On the regional level, he served as program director for the three Sigma National Programs- Bigger and Better Business, Education, and Social Action.

It was under his vision and leadership that the Regional Oratorical Contest was born and later received national recognition. In 1987, Gamma Omicron Sigma Chapter rewarded his diligence with the Distinguish Service Award. Bro. Estelle is a Life Member of Phi Beta Sigma holding Life Member Card #218.

He has dedicated nearly 50 years of service to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and his Sigma Star has shone the length and breath of Sigma land. His love and dedication to Sigma has been felt and recognized through out the Blue and White Family by old time Sigmas and young alike.

This brother is a shining example of what all Sigmas should strive to be. His track record is exemplary and speaks volumes to his commitment to *Culture for Service and Service For Humanity*.

Bro. Joseph Lawrence Estelle - A True Blue Sigma.

Atlanta Sigma/Zeta Foundation, Inc.: Using Business Savvy To Burn A Mortgage

The Sigma/Zeta Foundation based in Atlanta, GA did what at one time seemed unthinkable. They paid off a mortgage in 8 years on a house and property totaling 9 acres. The celebration brought in everyone from the Mayor of East Point Georgia to brothers, sisters, and supporters from all over the region.

On Saturday, April 10, 1993, a small group of Brothers and Sorors went to the Sigma/Zeta House in Columbus, GA to seek information. The Columbus Chapters of Sigma and Zeta were chosen because of their experience and success in the purchase of property. The group was joyously received. The most important point gathered was the need for incorporating.

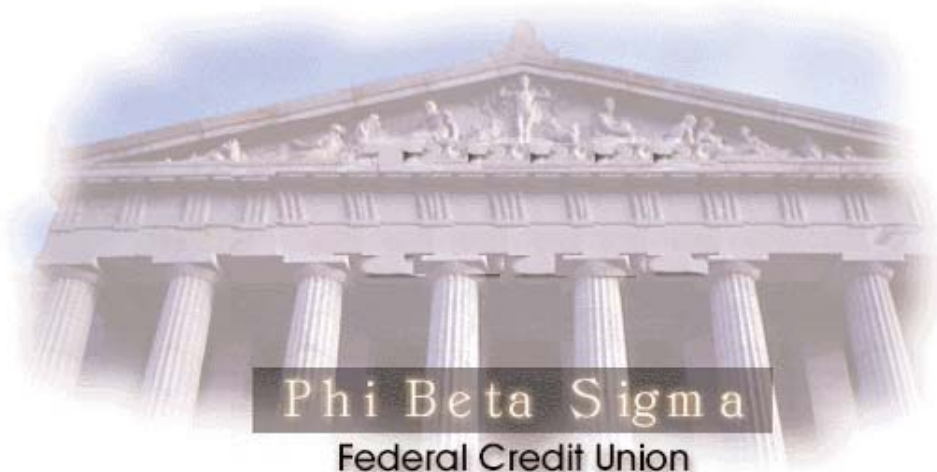
After returning to Atlanta, this group met at the home of Bro. Isadore Hillman to organize and study the procedures and guidelines. The officers were elected: Brother Isadore Hillman, Chairman; Soror Daisy Parham, Vice-Chairman; Soror Maureen Blake, Recording &

Corresponding Secretary. The legal service of Bro. J. L. Jordan, Attorney, was obtained. He met with the group; carefully outlined the procedures and started the incorporating process.

In the meantime, a search for a location was underway. Bro. Joseph T. Bickers, Realtor, found a property called the East Point Women's Club. Bro. Bickers asked for permission to pursue this property. Permission was granted. Immediately, he contacted and met with owners of the property.

With the selling price agreed upon, a closing date was set. On February 15, 1994, the incorporators, Brother Isadore Hillman, Soror Daisy Parham and Soror Jacqueline Ward met with the East Point Women's Club and closed on the The Foundation Building. Eight years later on August 10, 2002, Bro. Bickers stood at the podium of a packed house and literally burned the mortgage to the property.

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Life & Legacy: Hon. Bro. John E. Westberry

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Three things Hon. Bro. John Westberry Loved:

*A Tribute by Hon. Bro. Sylvester Davis
read during his Homegoing Celebration*

“John loved his family and friends. No other person, project or organization came before his family and friends.

John loved Phi Beta Sigma. In Phi Beta Sigma John was labeled The ‘Peace Maker.’

John loved Texas Southern University and his profession. He set extremely high standards for his students and never allowed them to embrace mediocrity.”

John Elliot Westberry was born on August 8, 1922, to John and Annie Richardson Westberry in Knoxville, Tennessee. He departed this life on May 12, 2000, with his immediate family at his bedside. John spent his formative years in Salisbury, North Carolina where he graduated valedictorian of his class at Charles Price High School at the tender age of 14. John continued his excellence in academics at Livingstone College where he received a bachelor's degree in mathematics at 19 years of age. After graduation from Livingstone College, John moved to Maryville, Tennessee where he met and married Gaynelle Hines. To this union, one son, Larry Westberry was born.

John served in the United States Army during WWII, where he was one of only two men in his battalion to receive the Certificate of Merit for outstanding service. Upon completion of his tour of duty, John sought more education at Atlanta University, where he received a Master's degree in mathematics. With degrees in hand, John embarked on what became his lifelong mission - education. He first served as assistant professor at Texas College in Tyler, Texas for one year, and moved on to Texas Southern University (TSU) in Houston.

John received a masters degree in art from the University of Michigan and then returned to TSU as Assistant Professor of Mathematics. He delighted in teaching. After being on the faculty for a few years, he became the Registrar and Director of Admissions. John served as Registrar for 40 years. He was the first African American to serve as President of the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and chaired national committees with the Association. He also served as the Association's National Representative to the Veterans' Administration.

John's humanitarian efforts were recognized by the Department of Defense when he was selected to serve as a member of the Hope for Education Team which visited service throughout Vietnam to apprise them of their educational benefits.

John was a distinguished member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. where he served as secretary and president of Upsilon Chapter; secretary and president of Alpha Beta Sigma Chapter and was influential in raising the membership from zero to the largest in the nation; associate director of the Lone Star Region; national first vice-president for two terms and the twenty-first international president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for two terms. The fraternity grew qualitatively and quantitatively at all levels under John's leadership and service. John was also Distinguished Service Chapter Member #81 of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

John was very active in social, community and charitable activities and has received numerous awards in appreciation his services. He was listed by Ebony Magazine as one of the 100 most influential blacks in America as well as being listed in Who's Who of America (1999-2000).

He leaves to honor and treasure his memory, a loving and devoted wife, Maxine; his son, Larry Westberry (Cecelia), his step-daughter, Monique McGilbra (Donnie); four grandchildren; Richard Westberry, Renee Westberry,

Bro. Dr. Lawrence Edward Miller, known affectionately by family and friends as “Skipper”, age 50, immediate past National Executive Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, passed this walk of life at the Arlington County Hospital, Arlington, VA Tuesday, February 6, 2001.

He served as Chief Officer of Operations for the fraternity’s national headquarters, staff, and more than 110,000 membership worldwide.

Lawrence was the third National Executive Director of the fraternity founded in 1914 at Howard University in Washington D.C.

During his tenure, he served under the direction of three national presidents, Honorable Brother Carter D. Womack, Honorable Brother William Stanley, and Honorable Brother Peter M. Adams, Esq.

He was born August 13, 1950 in the town of Columbia, South Carolina to Mary E. Miller and the late Ralph Carter. At the tender age of two weeks, the family moved to Raleigh North Carolina where he attended Garfield Grade School, and graduated from Needham Broughton High School in 1968.

Lawrence continued his education, receiving an Associate Degree in Marketing and Business Management from Hardbarger Junior College in Raleigh, NC.

In an attempt to garner a loftier goal, he then transferred to North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC, where he received a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration in 1973.

Lawrence’s childhood was rich with activities shared by most adolescents. However, his early devotion to the church set him apart from most children. He frequented sunday school classes and church services at Maple Temple United Church of Christ.

While at Maple Temple, Lawrence served in numerous capacities - Church School Superintendent for 9 years, Trustee, Church Financial Committee, Usher, Trustee for the North Carolina Usher State Association, 1971-72, former member of the Young Adult Choir, and Young Men’s Choir.

Over his life, Lawrence has affiliated with various organizations where he gave exhaustively his time and energy. Lawrence added another organization to his list of activities, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated into the Alpha Sigma Chapter in 1987.

Someone once asked Lawrence the question, “What makes you give so much to so many organizations?”

Of course he replied in typical “Lawrence Miller” fashion, *“I set my thoughts on God and abide in the consciousness that His love and wisdom will direct me in the ways of Peace, Harmony, and Joy for the best interest of all concerned in God’s way of Life, to help build a better Organization for Humanity.”*

With a college degree in hand, Lawrence embarks on establishing his presence in the business world. He started his professional career as a teacher and trainer for the Wake County Headstart Program in Raleigh, NC, where he provided instructional education for students in the Wake County Headstart system. Once the County Board of Directors witnessed the impression and impact that Lawrence was making in the department, they quickly promoted him to the position of Assistant for Exceptional Children and Transportation Coordinator.

Never resting on his laurels, in 1980 Lawrence decided to advance his career. he applied for a Director of Social Services position with Housing Opportunities Unlimited in Laurel, MD.

He was promoted within three years to the position of Housing Assistant II with the Arlington County Government in Arlington, VA.

“He has helped so many people here. He helped my son get a job. Everyone loves him to death.” -Paula Lawrence

A news clipping from the Laurel Leader, the local publication in Laurel, MD, stated “If it had not been for Lawrence, many who stuck it out here wouldn’t have stayed. He held us together and gave us a central purpose and meaning.”

Unfortunately this government subsidized position ran out of funding, and the office was closed down. However, his faith in God kept him undaunted and in angst for his next blessing.

It’s been stated that, “You save the best for last.” The blue and white skies opened the portal for a ray of Sun to shine down on one of God’s chosen vessels. Lawrence’s next position would propel him into the new millennium.

During the month of January of the year 1990, Dr. Lawrence E. Miller accepted and assumed the position of National Executive Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

He is listed in the 1982 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America and the 1989 edition of Who’s Who Among Black Americans.

First Sigma Historian: Bro. Francis L. Hall Shines As Author Of Sigma Light

By: Bro. Kevin Christian
Theta Tau Sigma Chapter
Northern Virginia



Great men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity have walked over this entire world. Some of them have never gotten the recognition that they rightfully deserve. Sigma has a number of unsung heroes, but none so unique as Bro. Francis L. Hall of the Alpha Sigma Chapter in Washington, DC. What is so unique about Brother Hall? Well, back in 1945,

Brother Francis Hall co-authored *The Sigma Light*. At age 87, he is truly a "Sigma Light" for all Sigma men to follow.

Brother Francis L. Hall joined Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in 1935 at Howard University-Alpha Chapter. At the request of his friend Brother Joseph Battle, he joined the "wondrous band". Most recently, Brother Hall recalled the early days of Sigma. He says, "that it was an honor and privileged to be a Sigma Man. Sigma's were proud, educated, and always gentleman, we supported and looked out for each other". Phi Beta Sigma was very distinguished on the campus in the mid 1930's and the biggest name in Sigma at that time on campus was Brother Alain Leroy Locke, the first black Rhodes Scholar and a world-renowned professor at Howard University.

Brother Hall walked with such Sigma Giants as our Founder's A. Langston Taylor and Leonard F. Morse, Dr. I.L. Scruggs, William "Bill" Doar, Jr, and even some of the first men of Sigma, such as Bro. Dr. Charles Wade (1922), Bro. Joseph Dodson (1920) and Bro. Benjamin Early (1914) who were also made at the illustrious Alpha Chapter.

Brother Hall clearly remembers at the 1945 Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri when Sigma National President, Bro. George A. Parker appointed him and Bro. J. Edgar Smith to write a guide book that would showcase the history, symbolism, philosophy, programs, and regulations of the members and potential members of Phi Beta Sigma.

Bro. Hall states, "that the brothers wanted something that would indicate what was being taught to the "Crescents" at the various chapters.

Brother Hall and Brother Smith worked diligently from 1945 to 1946 collecting information from senior brothers for the publication. He talks of "the fun that he and Brother Smith had in putting together the first edition of "The Sigma Light".

Brother Hall still has the original typed manuscript and the typewriter that produced the 1st edition. He also noted that the information was gathered from various chap-

ters, senior brothers, Founder's Taylor and Morse, and other Sigma Notables. In addition, he and Bro. Smith also served on a committee, chaired by Founder A. Langston Taylor, to write the Fraternity History.

The year 1946 brought great joy to Sigma. The first edition of the *Sigma Light* was released. It was a small pocket size book, roughly sixty pages, which members of Sigma immediately embraced. This was a significant undertaking. The brothers had discussed many names for the booklet, but finally agreed on the *Sigma Light*.

Brother Hall has been an active member of the Alpha Sigma Chapter since 1943. He said he joined during World War II, when things in the United States were very hectic.

He vividly recalls a dinner that he had with Founder A. Langston Taylor. Brother Hall says that one day, he and his wife were at home, and Founder Taylor called him and ended up joining them for dinner. He says that moment was one of his most humbling as a man of Sigma, because "here he was having dinner with the Founder".

He describes Founder Taylor as very easy going, but "he had a commanding presence. Brother Hall remembers the 1939 Conclave, the 25th Anniversary, at Howard University.

He remembers when the Brothers presented Founder Taylor with Sterling Silver Candle Holders. Brother Hall noted that the Brothers called Founder Taylor "Prof" short for Professor, because Founder Taylor always carried a folder and lots of books. He says, "Founder Taylor did not like the limelight, but when called upon was one of the hardest working Sigma men ever."

Brother Hall was an active member of Alpha Sigma Chapter well over 50 + years, until he his health began to fail. Although he can longer take care of himself, he still participates in his chapters' events and still makes an appearance at the annual Washington, DC area Blue and White Picnic.

Back in the day, Brothers would bring the "Crescents" to his home so that they could see his vast array of Sigma History and artifacts. He still has his original Sigma Membership Certificate from 1935.

Last January, the Washington Metro Area Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma honored Bro. Hall on Founder's Day, for his tireless efforts in carrying the banner of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

In 1995, at the Conclave in Washington, DC, Phi Beta Sigma honored Bro. Hall with the "Brother of the Year Award" for all of his work in Sigma.

Brother Hall currently lives at the Carroll Manor Nursing Home in Washington, DC, and still to this day can recall a number of Sigma facts, Sigma brothers, and Sigma history that has never been told.

That is why, we need to treasure and cherish all of our brothers, especially men like Brother Francis L. Hall, because of him, "The Sigma Light" will always continue to shine.

The Sigma Museum: Dedicated To Uncovering Facts About Our Great Fraternity

Researched By: Bro. Mark Pacich
Phi Beta Sigma Museum Curator

Bet you did not know:

1. The original fraternity shield from 1914-1915 had 15 rays of light on it. (Some versions even contained 4 books).

2. Bro. Clarence Q. Pair pledged at Howard University in 1918. He was on the first committee to start a sister organization, in 1919. The first attempt failed. The following year, 1920, they reorganized and succeeded in starting Zeta Phi Beta. Brother Pair passed away in April of 2001.

3. Lemoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee is "half-named" for a Sigma Man...the Rev. Samuel Owen.

4. Some of our single-letter chapters are not where they originated:

- The original Chi Chapter was at Roger Williams College in Nashville, Tennessee. *It is now at Morehouse College in Atlanta.*
- The original Theta Chapter was at George R. Smith College in Missouri. *It is now at Tillotson College in Austin, Tx.*
- The original Pi Chapter was at Sam Huston State College in Texas. *It is now at Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, SC.*
- The original Tau Chapter was at Simmons University in Kentucky. *It is now at the*

University of Louisville in Louisville, KY.

When a chapter is given a name and they become inactive, the name goes back into the pool of available names and another chapter can obtain it.

5. Founder A. Langston Taylor signed his last will and testament just one day before he passed away...and (for unknown reasons) in his will, he left very little to the fraternity.

6. Founder L.F. Morse organized at least 9 Chapters in the state of Florida. He was also president of Edward Waters College in Jacksonville from 1933-34. Founder Morse is buried in Jacksonville, FL.



Original Membership Certificate for a brother of Alpha Chapter initiated November 25, 1922.

7. Brother George G. Iggers was the first "White Brother" to become a member of the fraternity in the south. White, German, and Jewish, he was initiated through the alumni chapter in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1954. Bro. Iggers is a world-renowned historian, professor, and social activist. He was instrumental in organizing the court case involving the "Little Rock Nine." He dedicated his life to fighting racism and persecution world-wide. He is a professor-emeritus at the University of Buffalo.

Introducing the Sigma History Museum

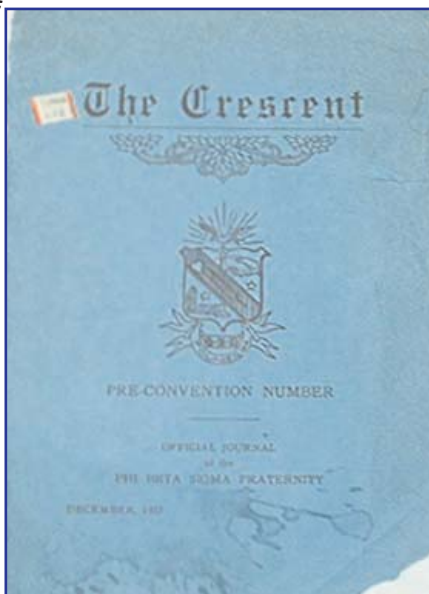
Amazing huh? Where did these facts come from? Where are they written and recorded? For years a treasure chest of our history has been buried under the sands of time. One brother had the vision to uncover and present it to us.

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. History Museum was introduced during the Florida Leadership Conference in 2000. Since then it has traveled across the country with its first national viewing held during the Conclave in Detroit.

The museum is the brainchild of Bro. Mark Pacich who is the 1st Vice State Director of Florida. The state of Florida, the Southern Regional Board, and the Eastern Regional Board gave funds to cover the expenses of taking the artifacts across the country. Also, some brothers have given of their personal funds and time to make the museum a reality.

Since then the museum has taken a life of its own. It has taught us about ourselves and has excited the brotherhood to dig deeper into the rich past of our fraternity.

It contains most of the Crescent Magazines. It contains letters written by the Founders. One letter from a founder expresses frustration at a brother who paid for his dues with a bounced check. It contains never before seen pictures of the founders, pins, and priceless other items. Just when we thought we have seen it all, the museum showcases yet another piece of our blue and white puzzle.



One of the earliest editions of the Crescent Magazine. The publication has changed over the years.

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It has hundreds of very delicate artifacts.

The brotherhood continues to be amazed at the facts uncovered by Bro. Pacich and the members of his team of dedicated factfinders. But some of us are uneasy with the thought of discovering the past because of what might be found.

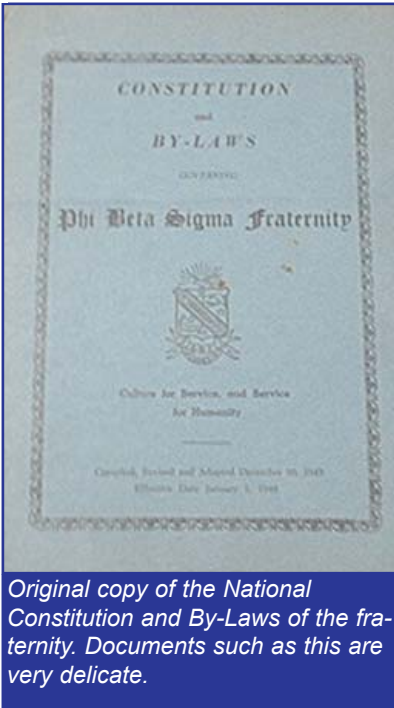
Bro. Pacich as the museum curator has received comments, both constructive and critical. "I really didn't know what I was getting into when I undertook this project. I had no idea what I was going to find," Pacich explained. "I figured I would accumulate a few Crescent Magazines from the past and a few black and white photographs of Sigma Men. Boy was I ever wrong."

He expounded further, "The Fraternity History to me was very important, and that is what motivated me. Traveling across the country, and meeting hundreds of Brothers, there were always discrepancies that arose when discussing the fraternity history. There were always gaps, inconsistencies, and of course...unanswered questions. I wanted to answer these questions and fill in those gaps. I wanted to really dig deep and turn over some stories that had remained still for decades. With the help off Brothers, there were always discrepancies that arose when discussing the fraternity history. There were always gaps, inconsistencies, and of course...unanswered questions. I wanted to answer these questions and fill in those gaps. I wanted to really dig deep and turn over some stories that had remained still for decades. With the help of several dedicated brothers, that is what we did. The results were astounding."

Bro. Pacich's idea was not to re-educate brothers on the history, but to hopefully show to us visions and accounts of sigma that we had never seen before. He wanted to light that inspirational "fire" of sigma again, hopefully to motivate brothers to be pro-active again in the organization. He wanted that deep sense of pride to come back into us, where we can be proud of our fraternity's history...especially history that we were unaware of.

Brothers ask him all the time why did he make the museum to be a traveling one instead of a fixed entity. Right now Pacich believes traveling is best. He believes that more brothers can view the artifacts if it is a mobile exhibit. If things work out in the future, hopefully the museum will find a permanent home. Where? Who knows?

"So...why did I do the museum? Well, let's put it



Original copy of the National Constitution and By-Laws of the fraternity. Documents such as this are very delicate.

this way. I pledged in the spring of 1991 and until two years ago, I did not know who Brother Bill Doar was. There are still brothers who are not only unaware of who Bill Doar was—they know nothing of Oscar Morgan, Henry W. Jenkins, Lucius Young, Clarence Q. Pair, George Ellis, Hulan Jack, and the list goes on. That's why I did the museum. For them. Pure and simple." Pacich explained.

Although Bro. Pacich started the museum and is its curator, he knows he could not have done it without the support of the brotherhood.

"I have to thank God for blessing me in this endeavor and for keeping me strong when things got rough." Pacich said.

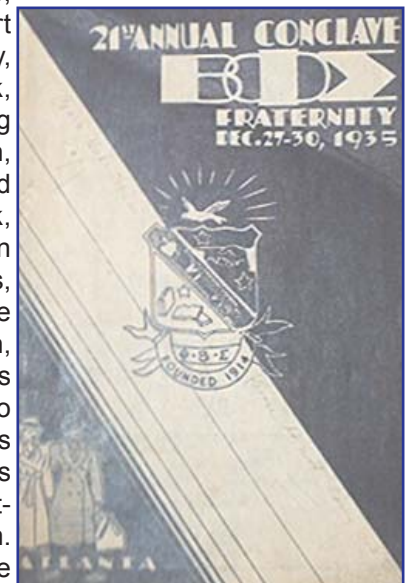
Overall he thanks his family, because they have supported him from the beginning, especially his wife Natalie who is a soror of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

"I have to thank several brothers for assisting me with this grand project, and supporting me in this cause through the good and the bad. Special thanks goes to: Bro. Kevin Christian—without him, this project could not have succeeded. Bro. Louis Lubin and Bro. Ahab El'Askeni—they were there from day one. Brothers: Arthur Thomas, Donald

Jemison, Decatur Morse, Oscar Morgan, Robert Booker, Sidney McCray, Jimmy Hammock, George Ellis, Greg Aarons, Preston Tillman, John Dillard, Henry Ward Jenkins, Robert Clark, Charles Odom, Dan Tann, George G. Iggers, Francis Hall, George Nelson, Linden Houston, Willard Hutt, Carlos Williams, and also Francis Hall, as well as the numerous brothers that have given or donated items to the museum. I sincerely thank you," he expressed with gratitude. "Extra special thanks goes to Norman Towels, a distinguished member of Alpha Phi Alpha and a fellow historian."

Bro. Pacich encourages us to stay tuned because in a very short time the museum is going to do something "very big." Something that has never been displayed will finally be seen. Bro. Pacich continues to dig through the sands to uncover the keys to our past.

*If you would like to find out more about the museum or donate items to it, you can contact the museum at Bro. Mark Pacich
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The Museum's collection includes a 21st Conclave Souvenir Journal dated 1935. That conference was held in Atlanta, GA.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Distinguished Service Chapter

Some the most influential brothers in the fraternity are members of the Distinguished Service Chapter.

Induction into this chapter is the most prestigious honor to bestow upon a member of the fraternity.

It is a privilege given to brothers who have been financial and active for at least 10 consecutive years in the fraternity.

They must be not only nominated by a brother, but their chapter, region, Conclave and be accepted and approved by each. Perspective brothers also must have a record of outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty to even be considered for membership.

For 2001 these brothers were accepted into the Distinguished Service Chapter.

Honorable Bro. Atty. Peter M. Adams, Kappa Beta Sigma Chapter

Honorable Bro. Joseph T. Bickers, Lambda Sigma Chapter

Honorable Bro. Judge Luke A. LaVergne, Omicron Beta Sigma Chapter

Honorable Bro. Larry D. McCutcheon, Beta Mu Sigma Chapter

Honorable Bro. William J. Walker, Eta Iota Sigma Chapter

Congratulations Brothers on a job well done.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Distinguished Service Chapter

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
1	1929	Honorable Brother Atty. Jesse W. Lewis	Alpha Sigma
2	1930	Honorable Brother Dr. Alain Leroy Locke	Alpha Sigma
3	1930	Honorable Brother Dr. I. L. Scruggs	Theta Sigma
4	1930	Honorable Brother Dr. Cornelius V. Troup, Sr.	Lambda Sigma
5	1930	Honorable Brother Dr. Robert R. Moton	Gamma Sigma
6	1930	Honorable Brother Augustin A. Austin	Epsilon Sigma
7	1930	Honorable Brother Atty. Arthur W. Mitchell	Alpha Sigma
8	1934	Most Honorable Brother A. Langston Taylor	Alpha Sigma
9	1934	Honorable Brother Dr. Clarence L. Roberts	Epsilon Sigma
10	1935	Honorable Brother Dr. John Ashurst	Epsilon Sigma
11	1935	Honorable Brother Dr. R. A. Billings	Lambda Sigma
12	1936	Honorable Brother H. S. Crawford, Sr	Iota Sigma
13	1936	Honorable Brother Atty. James W. Johnson	Epsilon Sigma
14	1937	Honorable Brother James A. Jackson	Epsilon Sigma
15	1937	Honorable Brother Hugh Fisher Lewis	Upsilon Sigma
16	1937	Most Honorable Brother Dr. Leonard F. Morse	Nu Beta Sigma
17	1937	Honorable Brother Dr. George Washington Carver	Gamma Sigma
18	1939	Honorable Brother Thomas W. McCormick	Gamma Sigma
19	1939	Honorable Brother Dr. A.T.R. Weathers	Member-at-Large
20	1940	Honorable Brother Atty. George W. Lawrence	Upsilon Sigma
21	1941	Honorable Brother Elmo N. Anderson	Epsilon Sigma
22	1941	Honorable Brother Dewey W. Roberts	Phi Sigma
23	1942	Honorable Brother Dr. Felix J. Brown	Iota Sigma
24	1946	Honorable Brother Clarence L. Townes, Sr	Iota Sigma
25	1946	Honorable Brother Dr. Edward C. Mitchell	Gamma Sigma
26	1946	Honorable Brother Dr. Clarence Muse	Phi Beta Sigma
27	1946	Honorable Brother Dr. Charles W. Hill	Phi Beta Sigma
28	1946	Honorable Brother George F. Robinson, Sr	Epsilon Beta Sigma
29	1947	Honorable Brother John W. Woodhous	Zeta Sigma
30	1947	Honorable Brother Zaid D. Lenoir	Kappa Sigma
31	1947	Honorable Brother Atty. George A. Parker	Alpha Sigma
32	1948	Honorable Brother Dr. George L. Hightower	Lambda Sigma
33	1949	Honorable Brother William E. Dear, Jr	Kappa Beta Sigma
34	1949	Honorable Brother Dr. John A. Turner	Alpha Sigma
35	1949	Honorable Brother John E. Smith	Upsilon Sigma
36	1950	Honorable Brother Dr. Edward P. Jimson	Theta Beta Sigma
37	1951	Honorable Brother Dr. Ras O. Johnson	Lambda Sigma
38	1951	Honorable Brother Dr. Rivers Fredericks	Theta Beta Sigma
39	1952	Honorable Brother John F. Lewis	Delta Sigma
40	1952	Honorable Brother James A. Grant	Xi Beta Sigma
41	1953	Honorable Brother Dr. Robert J. Hill	Zeta Sigma
42	1953	Honorable Brother Dr. M.T. Walker	Alpha Sigma
43	1954	Honorable Brother Woodrow W. Carter	Epsilon Sigma
44	1954	Honorable Brother Maurice A. Moore	Upsilon Sigma
45	1955	Honorable Brother Richard A. Hester	Omicron Sigma
46	1955	Honorable Brother Atty. Hutson L. Lovell	Kappa Beta Sigma
47	1955	Honorable Brother Dr. W. Sherman Savage	Phi Beta Sigma
48	1956	Honorable Brother R.H. Beasley	Delta Gamma Sigma
49	1957	Honorable Brother Atty. Oliver C. Eastman	Epsilon Sigma
50	1958	Honorable Brother Edger B. Felton	Epsilon Sigma
51	1959	Honorable Brother Atty. Roswell O. Sutton	Lambda Sigma
52	1959	Honorable Brother J. Benjamin Horton, Jr.	Epsilon Beta Sigma
53	1960	Honorable Brother Dr. E. Rhudolphus Clemons	Mu Beta Sigma
54	1960	Honorable Brother Dr. George D. Flemmings	Omicron Sigma
55	1961	Honorable Brother Dr. William H. Pipes	Epsilon Tau Sigma
56	1962	Honorable Brother Dr. James A. Clark	Eta Sigma
57	1963	Honorable Brother Dr. Alvin J. McNeil	Alpha Beta Sigma
58	1963	Most Honorable Brother Charles I. Brown	Alpha
59	1963	Honorable Brother Dr. Parlett L. Moore	Zeta Sigma
60	1964	Honorable Brother Andrew J. Childress	Member-at Large
61	1964	Honorable Brother H. A. Howard	Phi Beta Sigma
62	1966	Honorable Brother Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick	Nu Sigma
63	1966	Honorable Brother Atty. Fred G. Minnis, Sr.	Delta Omicron Sigma
64	1967	Honorable Brother Major Ephraim E. Person	Upsilon Sigma
65	1967	Honorable Brother Edward M. Baker	Nu Sigma
66	1969	Honorable Brother Atty. James T. Horton	Alpha Sigma
67	1969	Honorable Brother S. Edward Gilbert, Sr.	Kappa Sigma
68	1969	Honorable Brother Richard E. Alleyne, Sr.	Kappa Beta Sigma

69	1970	Honorable Brother William J. Nicks, Sr.	Alpha Beta Sigma
70	1970	Honorable Brother Oscar M. Morgan	Phi Beta Sigma
71	1972	Honorable Brother Atty. Richard M. Ballard, Jr.	Iota Sigma
72	1972	Honorable Brother J. Niel Armstrong	Gamma Beta Sigma
73	1972	Honorable Brother Judge Joseph D. Roulhac	Delta Rho Sigma
74	1973	Honorable Brother Dr. Gilbert H. Francis	Kappa Beta Sigma
75	1973	Honorable Brother C. Melvin Patrick	Epsilon Sigma
76	1973	Honorable Brother William Perry	Phi Beta Sigma
77	1975	Honorable Brother Archie A. Alexander	Mu Sigma
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79	1975	Honorable Brother Samuel B. Newton	Zeta Sigma
80	1976	Honorable Brother Clifford M. Blackman	Epsilon Sigma
81	1976	Honorable Brother John E. Westberry	Alpha Beta Sigma
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83	1978	Honorable Brother Dr. Guilbert A. Daley	Zeta Sigma
84	1978	Honorable Brother Charles W. Moore	Lambda Sigma
85	1979	Honorable Brother Lewis W. Ingram	Alpha Beta Alpha
86	1979	Honorable Brother Dr. Frank T. Hawkins	Alpha Sigma Sigma
87	1979	Honorable Brother Chester Riley	Upsilon Sigma
88	1981	Honorable Brother Dr. Orris V.B. Cooper	Delta Chi Sigma
89	1981	Honorable Brother LTC Lucius E. Young	Alpha Sigma
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92	1982	Honorable Brother Atty. Demetrius C. Newton	Tau Sigma
93	1984	Honorable Brother Sylvester Davis	Eta Beta Sigma
94	1984	Honorable Brother Dr. Henry E. Cheaney	Eta Alpha Sigma
95	1984	Honorable Brother George H. Hibbler	Nu Sigma
96	1985	Honorable Brother Arthur D. McNeal	Beta Tau Sigma
97	1985	Honorable Brother Marshall Bass	Delta Sigma
98	1985	Honorable Brother Edward E. Cannon	Gamma Rho Sigma
99	1987	Honorable Brother James T. Floyd	Alpha Lambda Sigma
100	1987	Honorable Brother Dr. Samuel Robinson	Epsilon Beta Sigma
101	1987	Honorable Brother Luster B. Hayes	Eta Beta Sigma
102	1991	Honorable Brother Henry L. Moore	Nu Sigma
103	1991	Honorable Brother Clifford M. Ashmore, Sr.	Lambda Sigma
104	1991	Honorable Brother Henry A. Webb	Beta Xi Sigma
105	1991	Honorable Brother James A. Clarke	Eta Sigma
106	1991	Honorable Brother Waymon L. Ponds	Alpha Delta Sigma
107	1991	Honorable Brother Clifton H. Felton	Zeta Alpha Sigma
108	1993	Honorable Brother Thomas Washington	Alpha Sigma
109	1993	Honorable Brother Moses C. McClendon	Iota Sigma
110	1993	Honorable Brother Julius C. Simmons	Beta Delta Sigma
111	1993	Honorable Brother William S. Riley	Alpha Nu Sigma
112	1993	Honorable Brother Alonzo C. Jackson	Chi Sigma
113	1993	Honorable Brother Carl J. Turner	Xi Beta Sigma
114	1995	Honorable Brother Howard Felder	Upsilon Sigma
115	1995	Honorable Brother Luther J. Mitchell, Sr.	Gamma Omicron Sigma
116	1995	Honorable Brother Argel G. Oatis, Sr.	Tau Iota Sigma
117	1995	Honorable Brother Charles H. Odom	Alpha Epsilon Sigma
118	1995	Honorable Brother Mack T. Scott	Eta Beta Sigma
119	1995	Honorable Brother Wilfong Wilson	Nu Sigma
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Sigma Men Raising Healthy Children: Helping Kids Have Clear Rules Plus Make Good Decisions Concerning Drug Abuse

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Making Decisions

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Sooner or later, most American children will be offered drugs, and will have to make a conscious decision to accept or reject them. And they will likely be faced with this decision many times before they grow

out of adolescence. How can you make sure your child continues to make the right choice?

"Parents [& mentors] can help their children learn how to say no when a friend offers drugs by role-playing with them the ways they make tough life choices," says Ruth Wooden, former-President of the National Parenting Association. She says, "If your kids see how you deal with the tough issues of daily life and how you consider options, your kids will have first hand experience with their own tough choices."

She advises parents and mentors to ask their children questions like, "My boss wants me to work this weekend and I really would rather not. How do I tell him no without getting in trouble?" Or "Grandma is going to be mad at me if I tell her I don't like the gift she gave me for Christmas. Any ideas on how to handle this?"

"The point is that children need to learn that tough choices are part of everyone's life and it takes *practice* to think through decision-making strategies. Help your kids get practice and let them know your life is not stress-free either," Wooden says.

Wooden points out two key times to watch when your child may be most vulnerable to use drugs. One is when they are feeling really low, maybe after a bad test or losing a game or when a friend moves away. The notion that "drugs will make you feel better" can have a lot of appeal during the down times.

Children need to be alerted to the fact that the best decision to make when they are feeling blue is no decision at all. Important decisions require them to "be thinking clearly" and being sad or depressed is a time when they should be prepared to "stay put" and not make any major decision.

The other dangerous time is when your child has had a string of "good luck," i.e., when they are feeling "on top of the world" and everything is going right. These times can blind them into believing that they can do anything and

it will turn out fine.

Children need to involve parents and mentors in order to make clear headed decisions in both instances.

She says, "When they see our decision process, or better yet, when we ask them for their opinion, they get real life practice in a safe space."

Making Clear Rules About Drugs

Parents [& mentors], set clear rules for their young children, but when it comes to teens, they should start to let go and loosen the grip. Right? Wrong.

"Adolescents need clear and consistent rules in order to thrive and feel secure. Parents [& mentors] should not be afraid to exert their control and let their children know the family rules on drugs," says Dr. Steven Kelder, an epidemiologist and child health expert at the University of Texas Houston School of Public Health and the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research.

Clear rules are especially important when it comes to drugs and alcohol. Research shows that young people are less likely to use tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs if their parents set rules about not doing so. "One of the most important things parents [and mentors] can do to keep their kids off drugs," suggests Dr. Kelder, "is to set clear and consistent rules that drug use is simply not allowed. No one in our family uses drugs."

Following are some of Dr. Kelder's suggestions to help parents & mentors set and maintain rules about drugs.

1. Set clear rules and discuss the consequences of breaking them.
2. Establish consequences for breaking rules that are not too severe or last too long (e.g., no television for one night).
3. Enforce these rules consistently.
4. Know where your kids are, who they're with, and when they'll be back.
5. Have them check in with you at regular intervals.
6. If your child is going to a party, talk to the parents whose home is to be used.
7. And don't be afraid to stop in and check on supervision.
8. Remember—it's not pestering, it's parenting.

For more information on these topics, visit www.theantidrug.com, the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign's online parenting resource.

The site also offers a brochure called "Keeping Your Kids Drug-Free: A How-To Guide for Parents and Caregivers."

The brochure can also be ordered by calling 1-800-788-2800.



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