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## The Hub City Ques Host Mississippi's 2004 State Meeting

**Hattiesburg MS-** The Phi Rho (Graduate) Chapter and Nu Eta (Undergraduate) Chapters of the Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity Inc. hosted Mississippi's 2004 State Meeting at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg Mississippi September 10-11, 2004. It was a tremendous turn out with close to 100 brothers in attendance. Phi Rho and Nu Eta showed fraternity love as usual, hospitality, and brotherhood through out the weekend. The weekend was planned thoroughly and all the brothers had a great time. Phi Rho and Nu Eta Chapters in conjunction with the University of Southern Mississippi's Black Student Alliance also hosted an exhibition step show.



Nu Eta brothers putting on a show



During the W.A. McMillan Luncheon, The Phi Rho Chapter issued scholarship checks to two students, Kimberly Fountain and Kirby Hugger. Nu Eta was recognized as **Undergraduate Chapter of the Year** and Xi Kappa Kappa in Yazoo City, MS was recognized as **Graduate Chapter of the Year**. Also, Bro. Charles Lowery of Nu Eta was recognized as **Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year**. Bro. Malcolm Harrison of Beta Alpha Chapter was recognized as the **Graduate Omega Man of the Year**. Bro. Al Rhodes of the Beta

Alpha chapter in Jackson Mississippi was recognized as **Citizen of the Year**.



Bro. Lowery accepts award from State Representative Bro. Marion.

## New Appointee Takes Helm of Public Relations and Newsletter



**Brother Carlos Palmer (left), newly-elected State Counselor, poses with Brother Stewart (right), newly-appointed State Director of Public Relations**

A great transformation has occurred within the ranks of Omega. It is a transformation that signifies the inevitable change of leadership within our organization... a transformation that unifies our past history with the future expectations of our membership... a transformation that solidifies the great legacy on which our great Fraternity prides itself. This transformation manifests itself in the changing of the editorial guard of the "Mouthpiece of the Mississippi Brotherhood."

During the Mississippi Omega State Meeting held on September 11, 2004 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Brother Carlos D. Palmer passed his golden pen unto Brother Gernerique Stewart, the newly appointed State Director of Public Relations. Brother Palmer was elected unto the State Executive Council as State Counselor.

Among his duties as Director of Public Relations, Brother Stewart will be responsible for publishing the *Mississippi Quemunicator* newsletter. The newsletter

documents newsworthy events of the Mississippi Brotherhood and touches upon issues that are relevant to Fraternity members. The *Mississippi Quemunicator* was started by Brother Palmer in 2003 and has been published four times, twice in 2003 and twice in 2004.

In discussing the transition of leadership within the public relations department, Brother Palmer thinks that the process will be a smooth one. "I am very optimistic about Brother Stewart's new appointment as State Director of Public Relations and editor of the *Mississippi Quemunicator*," stated Brother Palmer. "I firmly believe that his track Record of hard work and excellence forecasts his success in his new position."

Brother Stewart was initiated into Omega in 1995 through Alpha Chapter at Howard University. During his time at Howard, he served as chapter chaplain, keeper of peace, social action chair, and reporter. He was also a 1996 3<sup>rd</sup> District scholar and 1996 Alpha Chapter Omega Man of the Year.

Brother Stewart later joined Xi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Yazoo

City, Mississippi in 2001. While there, he worked his way up through the ranks to eventually serve as a two-term Basileus. While in leadership, Brother Stewart served as a delegate to the 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> District Meetings and was a Delegate to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Grand Conclave in St. Louis. He further achieved the honor of being Xi Kappa Kappa's Omega Man of the Year for 2002 and 2003. Under Brother Stewart's administration, the chapter achieved the honor of State Chapter of the Year in 2004.

But Brother Stewart's work is not done. He has set high aspirations for himself in his new capacity as Director of Public Relations. "I have ultimately set two goals for my publication of the state's newsletter: (1) to publish the newsletter quarterly as done with the *Oracle* and (2) to encourage more chapters to send articles to be published on the state, district, and national levels," explained Brother Stewart. "I ultimately want to build upon the high quality product that the previous director has created with this newsletter."

### OMEGA CAR TAGS CLOSE TO COMPLETION

The State Organization of Mississippi's goal of pre-selling 200 car tags is close to becoming a reality. As of October 26, 2004 140 car tags have been sold. The special tag fee is \$30. All brothers need to push and support this effort if it is to be successful. Please go to the state website to download an application at

<http://www.omegapsiphims.org>  
Send your application and fee to State KRS Bro. Daniel Vassel at 318 Oakhurst Ave., Clarksdale, MS 38614.

# ACTIVITIES FROM ACROSS THE STATE

## Kappa Beta Hosts Safe Sex Seminar



The brothers of Kappa Beta Chapter with members of the audience after seminar.

**Holly Springs, MS** – Kappa Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated hosted a safe sex seminar on the campus of Rust College. The seminar was held on the historically black college located in Northwest Mississippi. Dr. Fredrick Jones, a local healthcare professional was the keynote speaker for the event. Jones delivered a powerful message about the results of having unprotected sex. "While abstinence is the best policy it is not always practiced", said Jones.

During the seminar the brothers of Kappa Beta Chapter distributed material that dealt with the consequences of having unprotected sex. After the lecture Dr. Jones engaged the audience in a question and answer session. The scope of the concerns ranged from the symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases to the life span of a person with HIV / AIDS.

The chapter has numerous events and programs scheduled throughout the year to enhance the life of students on campus, and the Holly Springs community at-large. For more information on Kappa Beta Chapter log onto the internet at

[www.geocities.com/rustquedog](http://www.geocities.com/rustquedog)

## Father's Story Time

**Yazoo City, MS-** The men of Xi Kappa Kappa Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. completed the nationally mandated *Assault on Illiteracy Program* and a social action program by participating in the "*Father's Story Time*" program. This program was sponsored by the Yazoo Community Action, Inc. Head Start Fatherhood Advisory Committee, and was held at the St. Francis Head Start Center in Yazoo City, MS. The purpose of the program is to get the fathers of head start children more involved with the youth by reading or sharing stories with them. Other objectives are to stimulate the child's intellect, build an educational foundation, and develop a desire for the youth to read. The men of Omega participated in this event by reading several stories out of children's books provided by the Yazoo Community Action Agency. The age ranges were 3-5 years of age. The children were very lively and receptive to the stories read to them. The men of Xi Kappa Kappa Chapter had a positive impact on the youth, and were well received by both the children and staff at St. Francis.

## Xi Kappa Kappa Chapter Achievement Week Observance



L-R: Bro. Mayers, Bro. Tate, and Bro. Vaughn.

**Yazoo City, MS-** The Xi Kappa Kappa Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 14, 2004 at Howell's Restaurant in Yazoo City, MS. The purpose of this program was to recognize members of the chapter for their efforts and service to the Fraternity as well as the surrounding community, and to recognize a member of the community that has had a profound impact on its enrichment. The chapter awarded three awards this year. Bro. Nelson Tate, a Major with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and president of the Deacons Board of King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church, was awarded the *Citizen of the Year Award*. Bro. Darrel "DJ" Vaughn, finance director for Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services for more than 17 years, was awarded the *Superior Service Award*. Both were awarded for their involvement in the community and their dedication to the advancement of the chapter. Bro. Chalmers W. Mayers, Jr. received the *Omega Man of the Year Award* for always representing the Four Cardinal Principles, living his pearls, and for his diligence in taking the chapter to new heights. The Achievement Week Observance was a tremendous success and had a great impact on the brothers as well as the community.

## MISSISSIPPI GULF CHAPTER'S ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT WEEK BANQUET

**Biloxi, MS** – The IOTA UPSILON Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its annual Achievement Week Awards Banquet on Friday, November 19, 2004 at the Keesler Air Force Base Officer Club in Biloxi, MS. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DR of the Seventh District, Bro. Joseph T. Williams was the honored guest speaker. During the Banquet, the chapter recognized three outstanding individuals, which were our **Omega**





Mrs. Deborah Thompson receives Citizen of the Year Award from Bro. Tyler.

**Man of the Year**, and two awardees for **Citizen of the Year**.

The chapter proudly awarded the **Citizen of the Year** to Mr. Delmar P. Robinson of Biloxi, MS for his outstanding performance and contributions to the city of Biloxi. As the Chairman of the Biloxi Housing Authority, Mr. Robinson is responsible for planning, acquisition, and the installation of an 8.6 million-dollar housing project known as *Hope IV*. This project will allow over 700 individuals the opportunity to either rent or own their home.

The chapter also proudly awarded the **Citizen of the Year** award to Mrs. Deborah Thompson of Moss Point, MS. Mrs. Thompson currently serves as the Director of Student Services for the Moss Point School District. She is responsible for Special Education, the Gifted Programs, Guidance and Counseling, Alternative Schooling, GED Programs, and a plethora of other programs. Realizing all students will not go to college, she established entrepreneurship-training programs that are designed to prepare high school students immediately for work positions after graduation. Mrs. Thompson's ability to acquire various grants has enabled her to

enroll eleventh and twelfth grade students in various vocational training classes.

The chapter proudly awarded the **Omega Man of the Year** award to Bro. Badrae Hannah of Gulfport, MS. Bro. Hannah has been a groundbreaker in the Fraternity and in the community, and has broken numerous color barriers. He was the first African-American President of the *Mississippi Bandmasters*



L to R: Bro. Tyler honors guest speaker 7<sup>th</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DR Bro. Joseph T. Williams.

*Association*, the first African-American to be inducted into the *Phi Beta Mu* and the first African-American to hold the office of President. Bro. Hannah also fought segregation in the school system by being the first African-American Band Director at a predominately all white high school. Bro. Hannah met this challenge and led the band to its first *All Superior* rating in over fifty years of the band's history. His bands have played for numerous senators and dignitaries as well as for two U.S. Presidents. Bro. Hannah continues to make outstanding contributions to our Fraternity and to his community.

## Local Citizens Recognized at National Program & Families Adopted for Thanksgiving

**Itta Bena, MS** – Beta Rho and Beta Theta Chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. observed their National Achievement Week on the campus of Mississippi Valley State University. This is one of the mandated programs held annually by the Fraternity.



L-R: Awardees Bro. James, Mrs. White-Johnson, and Bro. Crosby

Mississippi Senator Willie Simmons of Cleveland, MS was the guest speaker. The following local citizens were awarded at the program with plaques: Mrs. Freddie White-Johnson, Greenwood, MS-**Citizen of the Year**, Bro. Harvey Crosby, Jr., Greenwood, MS-**Omega Man of the Year**, and Mr. Darrell L. James, Itta Bena, MS-**Service Award**. Music for the program was provided by Mrs. Bobbie Wicks, and Bro. Lawrence Horn.

During the Thanksgiving Holidays the families of Ms. Kimberly Harris of the Bishop Apartments, and Mrs. Rosie Sanders of Glendale Addition were adopted by the Beta Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Food baskets were delivered during Thanksgiving by the brothers of Beta Rho. This is an annual Social Action Project by the chapter. Dr. Leslie Daniels is Basileus of the local chapter.

### GOT NEWS FOR THE QUES?

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