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BROTHER PROFILE - JOHN L. MILNER



Name: John L. Milner
Chapter: Eta Sigma, Raleigh, NC
Initiation Date: 1977
Initiation Chapter: Iota, Shaw University

Sigma Local Offices: Secretary, Vice President, President, Housing Chair, Prostate Cancer Community Involvement Chair, Board of Directors of the Eta Sigma Chapter's Sigma Scholars Foundation, Board of Directors of the Omicron Zeta Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Sigma State Offices: State Conference Planning Committee

Sigma Regional Offices: Dir. of 1914 Club, J.T. Floyd Hall of Fame Treasurer

Sigma National Offices: 1993 Conclave Planning Committee (Host Chapter)

Sigma Accomplishments: 31 Years in Sigma, Life Member, J.T. Floyd Hall of Fame Member

Profession: Director of Safety and Health

Degrees Earned: BA Degree in Urban Planning in 1978 from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, and the MS Degree in Organizational Management in 1999 from Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Life Accomplishments: Brother John L. Milner is a native of Georgetown, South Carolina. He is the son of the late Bishop G.W. Milner and Mrs. Thelma W. Milner.

He received his early education from Battery Park High School, Nesmith, South Carolina. He earned the BA Degree in Urban Planning in 1978 from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, and the MS Degree in Organizational Management in 1999 from Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Brother Milner has spent the last thirty plus years in health care services in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is currently the first and only, to this date, African American to serve as Dorothea Dix Hospital's Safety and Health Director. Brother Milner is now retired. His duties as a Certified Master Healthcare Safety Professional were multifaceted at Dorothea Dix Hospital. He was responsible for the day-to-day safety of all patients, co-workers, and visitors. His main task was to control the Environment of Care and to make certain that everyone followed the various safety regulations governed by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), and other regulatory agencies.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions including the most distinguished and prestigious awards given by Eta Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. The President's Award, Exceptional Service Award, and "The Sigma Man of the Year". He has also received the Gems of Quality Service award from his peers at Dorothea Dix Hospital. He has received several other awards given by the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC), including the Member of the Year Award, People's Award, and Most Devoted Member Award.

He has served as President of Eta Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for two terms. John is also serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Eta Sigma Chapter's Sigma Scholars Foundation; Board of Directors of the Omicron Zeta Charitable and Educational Foundation; Board of Directors of the N.C. Minority Prostate Cancer Awareness Action Team; member of the Prostate Cancer Coalition of North Carolina; and a representative for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. on the Raleigh-Wake National Pan-Hellenic Council. He has served as Treasurer, Vice President, and President, and currently serving as Immediate Past President of the Raleigh-Wake National Pan-Hellenic Council. He is also currently serving as Treasurer of SEANC District 36.

Brother Milner is an active member of Springfield Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Daniel Sanders. At Springfield Baptist Church, he is a member of Sunday School Class # 7, a member of the Security Ministry (vice president), past vice president of the of the Trustee Board, past Youth Director. He is currently serving as an ordained Deacon for Springfield Baptist Church.

Since 1982, Brother Milner and his wife, Linda D. Milner have lived in Garner, North Carolina. They are blessed with a son, John L. Milner II, who is a student at North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. Mr. Milner is a Life Member (1270LM) and James T. Floyd Hall of Fame Member (#16) of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. As a man, he dedicates his life, love, and support to God, his family, his fraternity, his community, and his work.

Brother. Milner is clear in his mission as he tries to serve mankind; he understands that, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

ALUMNI CHAPTER PROFILE - ZETA BETA SIGMA, FAYETTEVILLE, NC

CHAPTER NAME: Zeta Beta Sigma, Fayetteville, NC



PROGRAMS

Bigger & Better Business: East Coast Step Show, Women's Empowerment Luncheon, On-going support of minority businesses

Social Action: March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, Joint Founders Day Banquet, Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving, Adopt a Family for Christmas, Cape Fear Adult Day Care, Participating member of the NPHC-Fayetteville, International Folk Festival, Annual MLK, Jr. Parade, Annual Rededication Program, Health Fair Robeson County

Education: Endowed Scholarship at FSU, support for Project GEAR UP, scholarships to deserving students, AKA Jazz on Top of the Town & Annual NPHC-Fayetteville Educational endeavors.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Four brothers with over 50 years of membership in PBS, Clement, Hadley, Jenkins, Robinson. 7 life members, T. Atkins, L. Jones, S. McDaniel, T. Owens, M. Penn, E. Smith, and C. Worthy

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER PROFILE - OMICRON LAMBDA, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

CHAPTER NAME: Omicron Lambda, Clemson University

PROGRAMS

Bigger & Better Business: To promote "Bigger & Better Business," our chapter increased the awareness of our annual Fall Career Fair that was recently held at Clemson University; in addition, we provided students with newsletters that listed specific information on the do's & don'ts for interviews, resumes, etc.

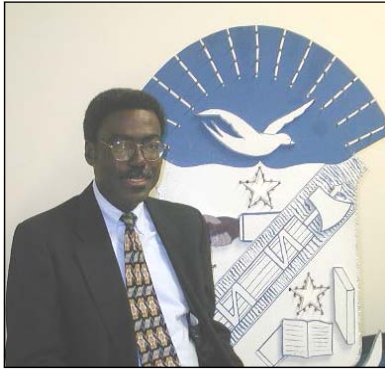
Social Action: In our efforts to increase voter participation for the upcoming election, Omicron Lambda hosted a "Project Vote: Registration Drive" on the campus of Clemson University; not only were we able to get newly registered voters but we also provided them with brochures about the voting process, along with other information such as 1) how to check and verify that you are registered to vote, 2) which precinct do I vote, etc.

Our chapter hosted a Welcome Back: Grill & Greet Cookout for the entire campus. This cookout gave all organizations an opportunity to inform others about their respective organizations. During the cookout, we also had our annual clothing drive; we donated a load of clothes to the Salvation Army for the homeless and less fortunate.

Due to Hurricane Gustav & Ike's social and economic impact on the U.S., our chapter raised over \$200 for those who were affected by these devastating forces of nature.

Education: In mid-September, the brothers at Clemson held a book drive for elementary and secondary students in surrounding communities.





Parliamentary Corner

By Wilbert Morris
Regional Parliamentarian

Getting Your Meeting Started

In the summer edition of the newsletter, it was noted that *rules of order* were developed as a means of bringing order to meetings. Order is maintained through the person chosen to preside over the meeting. This person is primarily responsible for enforcing the rules and making decisions regarding who is to speak at any given time during the proceedings. The presiding officer may be called the chairman if he is elected specifically for a particular meeting. In most cases, however, the presiding officer has been elected president of the organization or group and is serving for a term of one year or more.

A presiding officer and secretary are the minimum essential officers needed by an organization to operate effectively. The organization's elected secretary or designated individual is responsible for making a record of what is done during the meeting. This record is called *minutes* of the meeting. Minutes should be recorded in a substantial book or binder and should be comprised of a summary of what was done at the meeting. It is not appropriate for the secretary to record in the minutes detail of what was said by individual members. The secretary must be able to record the minutes without his opinion or preference being reflected on anything said or done during the meeting.

Recorded minutes of the previous meeting should be read early in the next scheduled meeting by the secretary unless they are provided to the membership in draft form in advance of the meeting. However, even if the draft minutes are provided in advance, any member in attendance can still insist that the minutes be read aloud by the secretary during the meeting. In either situation the presiding officer asks for corrections to the minutes of the last meeting before proceeding. In most cases, "corrections are made without objection, but if there is a dispute there can be debate and a vote on the proposed correction." The minutes must be approved by the body with noted corrections, and at that point become an official record of the meeting proceedings.

It is common practice that during any meeting of organizations that hold regular meetings, some members from time to time will not be able to attend, affecting overall attendance levels. When absences result in an under representation of members at the gathering, the organization should not be held to decisions taken by the members present. In order to avoid these problematic situations, a quorum (minimum numbers of members that must be present) threshold must be established by the organization so that substantive business can be conducted by the body. Once established quorum thresholds are usually specified in the organization's by-laws. In the absence of an established threshold, generally the majority of the membership being present establishes a quorum. Whenever an organization fails to meet quorum requirements, the body is prohibited from conducting meaningful business on behalf of the organization. Even if a quorum is present at the beginning of the meeting but attendance falls below the threshold during the course of the meeting, then major business decisions and discussions must end until quorum requirements are met again. Actions by the body during non-quorum periods must be limited to things like deciding the time and place for the next meeting.

The presiding officer is responsible for calling the meeting to order, signaling the official start of business. Normally any opening ceremonies, such as prayer and/or pledges are held at the beginning of the meeting immediately following the call to order. The meeting should then follow a traditional or standard order of business. A *Simplified Standard Order of Business* includes: Reading and Approval of Minutes, Reports, Unfinished Business, and New Business. The order of business used by the group can always be designed to meet the specific needs of the organization, but at minimum should include the aforementioned *Simplified Standard* items. An alternative to the standard order of business is the use of an *agenda* which "sets out the order in which specific items are to be considered, and sometimes sets exact times for their consideration." The presiding officer may prepare a draft agenda for consideration by the body, which can always be expanded by the membership to include additional items to be discussed before the agenda is officially adopted on a vote by the members present.

At the conclusion of the designated work during the meeting, the presiding officer can ask, "Is there any further business?" If all business is completed he can declare the meeting is adjourned (closed) without a motion from the floor. Adjournment, however, is not limited to occurring at the completion of all business matters. The meeting can be adjourned even with remaining business to be conducted on a motion and vote by the majority of members present.

Sources: *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition*. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised - In Brief*.

KAPPA CHI CHAPTER OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC. SLEEPS OUT FOR HOMELESS

September 23, 2008

KNOXVILLE -- Students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, slept outside overnight to raise money for Knox Area Rescue Ministries and increase awareness of homelessness.

UT's chapter of Phi Beta Sigma participated in the fraternity's National Sleep-Out on Thursday, Sept. 25. Students gathered in the Humanities Amphitheater from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

The fraternity collected money and donations of clothing, canned food and blankets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Pedestrian Walkway on the same day.

The Sleep-Out was one of several events for the fraternity's Sigma Week. Other events focus on voting and youth literacy.

"Phi Beta Sigma is committed to serving the community. We hope these events will show students and others what type of impact can be made once problems in today's society are addressed," said Michael Russom, UT's Phi Beta Sigma president.

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ETA CHAPTER PRESENTS GOLDSTON SCHOLARSHIP TO SIGMA BETA

The Brothers of Eta Chapter presented this year's Goldston Scholarship to Sigma Beta Teyon F. Williams, an incoming freshmen at North Carolina A&T. Teyon graduated with honors from the Middle College at North Carolina A&T. He was a member of the Gamma Beta Sigma Chapter Sigma Beta Club. He is pursuing a degree in engineering. The Goldston Scholarship Fund is named for The Honorable Bro. Henry L. Goldston who served as advisor of the Eta Chapter at NCA&TSU for 25 years and Past Southeastern Regional Director. This scholarship was created in 1997 and is fully funded by the efforts of Eta Chapter at North Carolina A&T State University. This scholarship is reserved for incoming freshmen to the University. Currently there are three other Goldston Scholarship recipients enrolled at the University. All were members of the Sigma Beta Club. The Goldston Scholarship Fund is one of a very few student funded scholarships at the University. This Scholarship Fund has also contributed to the Capital Campaigns of both NCA&TSU and Bennett College for Women. To date the Goldston Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$12,000 in scholarships. He retired from the Chemistry Department at NCA&TSU. Bro. Henry Goldston remains very active in the United Methodist Church and community agencies. Bro. Goldston is a member of the Distinguished Service Chapter and the James T. Floyd Hall of Fame. A life member of Sigma, Brother Goldston has served at all levels of the fraternity. He resides in Greensboro with his wife Ruth.

THE BEGINNING OF A G.R.E.A.T. LEGACY



Introducing Gamma Alpha Gamma

“It hasn’t been easy. At times it gets more difficult, but it’s a great experience, and I wouldn’t change it for anything.” That’s what Davon Lewis, the president of one of the newest chapters, says regarding being a part of it.

Gamma Alpha Gamma is chartered at USC Upstate in Spartanburg, SC, and began in the fall of 2007. The six charter members are Toraze Green, Kareem Johnson, Brenton Pringle, Eugene Wade Jr., Davon Lewis, and Dierrias Booker. With only being a year old this Fall 2008 it seems as if they are older in Sigma.

“In regards to it not being easy, I would love to have an older brother in Sigma on my campus to talk to, and to answer questions for me,” Davon clarifies. The closest Sigma chapter to Spartanburg, would be Omicron Lambda of Clemson University, which played a part to help start the chapter, and the chapter at Presbyterian College which got reactivated in the Spring of 2008 itself, a semester after G.A.G. started. “Omicron Lambda has been a lot of help when it comes to answering questions about the business of Phi Beta Sigma, and concerns regarding our chapter. So has Alpha Tau Alpha at Lander University and the graduate chapter Alpha Lambda Sigma of Greenville SC. But it’s nothing like having that big brother on campus, in your own chapter, which is why I show much love to our first initiates of Gamma Alpha Gamma and try to give them what we didn’t have, while at the same time being new to Sigma myself.”

While only being a year old it seems as if everything has tried to come and break the new bond that these brothers have made, and to break the vision of the chapter and the chapter president. From dispositions, to outside influences and interferences, these brothers have been through it. This chapter in this year has learned more from experience than being taught. They have seen first hand what to do and what not to do, this is not something that was passed down to them. There are no lessons for them to learn, there is no short cuts for them to take, but to go through it and learn it for themselves. So that it can be passed down to their future members.

Even though it’s been difficult, it feels so good to know that they have an influence on the future of there chapter, for example they make the name and tagline of the chapter that will be known by future chapter members, “G.R.E.A.T. Gamma Alpha Gamma.” They also start most Annual programs that will be repetitive every year and get better as the years to come. It’s the little things like that that makes it worth the struggle. “It’s also been fun to meet and take pictures with other charter members of Sigma and they are twenty plus years older than we are, and the fact that frat our age take pictures with us just because we are charter members of a chapter.” All of that out weighs the hardship of dealing with the Administration of USC Upstate to make sure the chapter, is recognized by the school, and everything else that has to be done to make sure that Gamma Alpha Gamma lives on.

The charter members and the first initiates now are making a collaborative effort to build a face for there chapter, and lay the foundation, so that when they do graduate and leave, Gamma Alpha Gamma will stand strong and grow for many years to come.

Written By Davon Lewis.

ETA SIGMA CHAPTER, PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC. SUPPORTS PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING



On Saturday, September 28, 2008, Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. supported the Prostate Cancer screening at the Rex Senior Health Center in Southeast Raleigh.

Second paragraph suggestion—This year's event drew more than 375 men who were screened by medical personnel. The event also drew more than fifty community volunteers that worked to make the event successful. Dr. Leroy Darkes, the medical director of the Rex Senior Health Care Center, who is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma, was able to recruit more than 15 local medical personnel who donated their time and service to this worthy cause.

Prostate cancer education is one of the major programs of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Its focus is that of reducing the number of deaths among African American men from the disease.

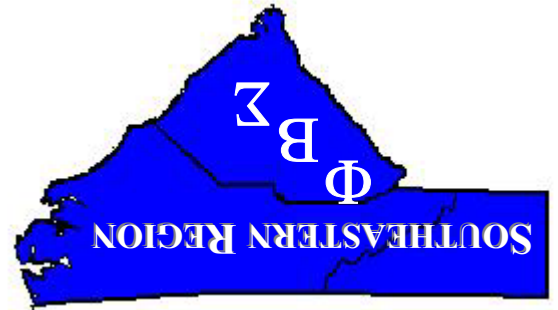
Eta Sigma Chapter also conducted a voter registration drive on the same site as the prostate screening event. Several of the young and new voters that will be casting ballots for the first time during the 2008 election were registered on that day.

ETA CHAPTER ADDS STAR POWER TO THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORTS BY HOSTING AWARD WINNING ACTRESS JURNEE SMOLLETTE OF THE GREAT DEBATERS

The Brothers of Eta Chapter on the Campus of NCA&TSU hosted Jurnee Smollette, star of the critically acclaimed movie-The Great Debaters, in a Voter's Registration Rally to get students registered and motivated to vote. The rally was held on Thursday, September 25 in the Student Union on Campus. The event was sponsored in partnership with Students for Change and the Obama for America Campaigns. The turnout was very good and the response from students and guest was exceptional. Ms. Smollette spent over an hour on the campus where she addressed the student body about the importance of voting on November 4, and thanked the Sigmas for hosting her visit. Ms. Smolette stayed for a Meet and Greet session with students and local press. Brother Brian Tennie introduced Ms. Smollette to the campus and the Brothers presented Jurnee with an A&T shirt. It was a marvelous display of both Aggie Pride and Sigma Pride.

This program is just one of many efforts the Brothers of Sigma in Greensboro will sponsor as a part of our Voter Registration, Voter Education, and Get Out the Vote activities. In addition to having voter registration at all chapter functions, we plan to sponsor an Early Voting Day, March to the Polls, and a Step to the Polls Day. Bro Lawrence Rouse is Chapter President, Brothers Timothy Foster and David Miller are Advisors.

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