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Delta Sigma Alumni Chapter Sigmas pose with Sharpton.

Local Sigmas greet Brother Sharpton

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated Delta Sigma Alumni Chapter of Winston Salem were in attendance recently, as the Rev. Al Sharpton spoke at Union Baptist Church during a service marking the 10th Anniversary of Union Pastor Dr. Sir Walter L. Mack.

Sharpton, who is a Sigma, met with chapter members

during a reception after his address. The chapter awarded Dr. Mack with the Community Religious Leader award at its 2nd Annual Sigma Heritage Award Gala in 2008.

The Brothers of Sigma greeted Rev. Sharpton, a noted national civil rights advocate, with brotherly love, presented him with a gift and made certain that Sharpton knew there is a place in this fine city for him anytime that he passes through.

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NC STATE CONFERENCE DEEMED A SUCCESS

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. chapters and Sigma Beta Club members for the State of North Carolina held its annual conference in conjunction with the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. on October 8-10, 2009. Sigmas and Zeta from across the State gathered at the Fayetteville Holiday Inn-Bordeaux for two days of meetings, sharing, and fellowship. More than 75 brothers representing 35 North Carolina chapters were in attendance.

The meeting was kicked off on Friday by a wonderful public service project with the Cumberland County School System. Participating brothers had the opportunity to take part in a reading project at Douglas Byrd Middle School. Feedback from the school administration and teachers, as well as students and participating brothers, indicated the event was both inspiring and beneficial to all. State Director Brother Steven Jackson was very pleased with the effort and said he would like to see the effort repeated at future conferences. Brother Jackson encouraged all North Carolina Sigma Chapters to take advantage of local efforts to give back to our various communities.

Friday conference activities culminated with a *Blue and White* cookout at a park adjacent to the Fayetteville State University campus. The fellowship and delicious food provided an opportunity for the *Blue and White* family to relax before the next busy day of setting agendas for both organizations for the coming year.

The business sessions for both organizations on Saturday were preceded by registration in the common area of the meeting space. Members were able to meet and greet and receive conference materials. During the joint opening session, Brother Jackson and Sister Rosa Gill, NC State Director for Zeta Phi Beta gavelled the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. The assembled body was greeted by the Honorable Charles Evans of the Fayetteville City Council, who encouraged the group to enjoy the city and take advantage of the wonderful things the City of Fayetteville had to offer. Greetings were also extended to the conferees by Brother Quentin Goodwin, Southeastern Region Director, Phi Beta Sigma and Sister Lynette Banks-Harris, Eastern Region Director, and Sister Mabelle Alexander, National Trustee of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. In his comments, Brother Goodwin expressed regrets by International President Jimmy Hammock that he was not able to attend the NC State conference.

Following the opening session the organizations gathered in their respective plenary areas. The first order of business was to honor brothers from across the State who had joined the Omega Chapter since the 2008 State Conference. Following a solemn, but stirring, Omega Service, brothers were led in a spirit filled Rededication Ceremony by Brothers Darryl Prince and Robert McLean. The Sigma Beta Club attendees participated in a workshop during this time which was led by the Honorable Brother Dr. Dudley Flood, DSC, entitled "Protecting Your Image Through Proper Etiquette." The workshop, which focused on proper table manners while seated at the table, the use of silverware and napkin, and identifying and locating proper silverware, provided valuable information that will serve participants well as they advance through society.

Brother Jackson called the business session to order around mid-morning and following the chapters' roll call proceeded to provide the assembled members with the State of the State of North Carolina Report. Brothers were brought up to speed on operations since the last State meeting, with plans for future operations. Elections were held during the business session and because of uncontested races in all areas, the 2010-2011 State Board was elected by acclamation. At the conclusion of the morning business session, the brothers joined the sisters for the planned luncheon and award ceremonies. After a delectable meal collegiate brothers were recognized and awarded for their academic excellence. The 2009 Sigma Scholars are: Brothers Hakeem Rizk, Christopher Tynes, Trenton Harvey, Andre Milden, Eric Jones, Delante Hatchett, Kristopher Glenn, Donald Thompson, Kenneth Flowers, Christopher Wade, Jayson Brooks-Hairston, Jelani Elom, Maurice Kay, and Justin Watkins. The following chapters were recipients of the 2009 Chapter of the Year awards: Delta Alpha was named 2009 Collegiate Chapter of the Year and Beta Rho Sigma as 2009 Alumni Chapter of the Year. Brother Anthony Williams was awarded the 2009 Collegiate Brother of the Year Award and Brother Robert Evans was recognized as our 2009 Alumni Brother of the Year.

After lunch the business session continued with conference sessions that featured the first ever North Carolina Sigmas and Sigma Betas joint rap session. Led by Brother William Wesley, the session focused on topics generated by our Sigma Betas. Brother John Milner, State Parliamentarian, JTFHOF Member of Eta Sigma Chapter led a very informative session on Sigma Symbolism. Brothers were afforded the opportunity to discuss and raise questions concerning the true meaning of Sigma symbols and how things have changed over the years. The brothers in attendance had a rich dialogue on protocol, proper dress, and proper use of Fraternity songs during various public, formal, and closed (*Sigma Only*) functions. We also shared that secret information about the fraternity that only financial Brothers can obtain. Brothers were upbeat and motivated for this session and showed, through their questions and input, their undying love for Sigma and Sigma Symbols. Brothers were afforded the opportunity to discuss and raise questions concerning formal and informal symbolism. A session on Robert's Rules of Order was also led by Brother Wilbert Morris, JTFHOF Member and Regional Parliamentarian. Session participants were provided information designed to make them effective meeting chairs and meeting participants.

The business session was closed with an AIDS/HIV awareness and health/wellness session led by Brother John Raye. Brother Raye provided startling statistics concerning the spread of AIDS and HIV through our state and local communities. Included in his comments were warnings about the perils of promiscuity by both male and female college students, along with strategies for arresting this epidemic. He also provided information regarding the importance of eating well and abstaining from a diet rich in red meat, as well as the importance of drinking sufficient quantities of water on a daily basis, in order to improve ones health and wellness.

The 2009 State Conference concluded with a meeting of the NC State Board. During this meeting initial plans were discussed for the 2010 State Conference which will be held in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, to be hosted by the Alpha Upsilon Sigma Chapter. Brothers are encouraged to make plans now to attend this meeting which promises to be even larger and better than the 2009 conference.

NEW STATE DIRECTORS READY FOR OFFICE

During the South Carolina State Conference, Brother Brett Porterfield was installed as the new State Director. Brother Porterfield will be replacing the outgoing state Director, Brother Demond Nichols who served two terms as State Director. Brett Porterfield was born and raised in Columbia, SC. He is the son of Charles and Soror Carlotta Porterfield. He graduated from Spring Valley High School in Columbia in 2003. He was a 4-time letterman and 3-time Big South Conference football champion while playing offensive line for Coastal Carolina. Brother Porterfield was initiated into Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity during the spring of 2004. He is a charter member of the Beta Beta Iota chapter at Coastal Carolina. Brett graduated from Coastal Carolina University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Brother Porterfield is currently a member of Beta Chi Sigma Alumni Chapter. Brett is employed by Computer Sciences Corporation (C.S.C.) as a business analyst. He is married to the former Liza Tucker and they reside in Columbia, S.C.



Brother Mark Allmon assumed the role of East Tennessee State Director during their State Conference in September. Brother Allmon holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Knoxville College. Brother Allmon was initiated in May 1994 in the Phi Sigma chapter in Knoxville, TN where he was Vice-President as well as Chapter President. Brother Allmon's most recent position in Sigma was that of Director of Social Action for the East Tennessee region. Brother Allmon is a member of Logan Temple AME Zion Church in Knoxville where he has been a Pastor Steward and is a District Director of Youth for the city of Knoxville. Brother Allmon is currently employed as a Implementation Consultant for GE Healthcare in Knoxville





Parliamentary Corner

By Wilbert Morris
Regional Parliamentarian

Let the Debate Begin

Debate (*as a verb*) is defined as the process of arguing different points of view in a public forum. From a parliamentary procedure stand point, once the three steps for bringing a motion before the assembly has been satisfied, (i.e., a member makes the motion, a member seconds the motion, and the chair states the question on the motion), three additional basic steps must occur before the chair is able to put the question to a vote. The first step of these three involves the members' *debate* on the motion. The debate process is initiated as soon as the chair restates the question and offers the maker of the motion the option to be first in the floor debate. The maker of the motion has a right to speak first, if claimed, before anyone else is recognized by the chair. Any member wishing to participate in the debate of the issue, whether favoring or opposing the motion, must first obtain the floor before he is allowed to speak on the motion. Debate comments are limited to the pending motion only.

The process of gaining the floor requires the member to stand at his place at the point that the floor has been yielded or no other member has the floor. The member must face the chair and indicate his desire to speak by simply saying "Mr. Chairman" or "Mr. President" or using the appropriate title is for the person chairing the meeting. If it is determined by the chair that the member is entitled to speak on the issue at hand, the presiding officer recognizes him normally by simply announcing the person's name and or title (the chair recognizes Mr. Jones). The recognized member then has the floor and is permitted to remain standing and to speak on the issue. The speaker yields the floor when he has finished making his statement by returning to his seat. In situations where more than one person is trying to get the floor simultaneously, the general rule is that the floor is assigned to the person who rose and addressed the chair first.

In a large meeting the presiding officer will probably not know all of the members by name, therefore, any member wishing to gain the floor must state his name and any other relevant information after the presiding officer turns in his direction. Very large assemblies (like our International Conclave) may require different approaches for gaining access to the floor. Members may be required to line up at identified microphones to be recognized in the order they appear in the line. The presiding officer may alternate between the different microphones (if more than one is used) when recognizing members to address the assembly.

Whenever the floor is opened for debate, there are three instances when the person assigned to speak may not have been the first person who rose for recognition. These situations are: 1) the person who made the motion can claim the floor because he has not already spoken on the motion--he is entitled to be the first to speak on the motion, or given preference if he has not already spoken to the motion. 2) No member can speak on the motion a second time on the same day as long as others, who have not spoken, desires to speak on the motion. 3) When the chair knows persons seeking to gain the floor have opposing views on the question and the preceding two (2) rules do not apply, the chair should alternate between persons favoring and opposing the issue on the floor.

Unless governed by some special rule, once a member gains the floor he can speak no longer than ten (10) minutes, without the consent of the Assembly. Additional time can be granted through unanimous consent of the body, or as a result of a motion to *Extend the Limits of Debate*. Such a motion to extend the limits will require a two-thirds vote of the attendees and the vote is taken without debate. Any member failing to yield the floor or is exceeding the time limits can be interrupted. The chair can extend the members time by asking for unanimous consent when it appears that approximately one more minute will provide sufficient time for the member to conclude his remarks. Debate rights are not transferable from one member to another, nor can unused debate time be given to another member or reserved for later opportunities to speak on the issue. Any unused time once the floor is yielded is considered to have been waived by the member.

Unless specifically addressed in organization rules, no member should be allowed to speak on a same issue more than twice on the same day. The only exceptions are in the event an appeal has been entered or the assembly has a special rule allowing such. It should be noted, however, that a member is not allowed to make a second speech on the motion until every member desiring to do so has had an opportunity to speak. The member who has exhausted his rights to speak on the motion is permitted to speak twice in the debate of any motion to postpone the main motion indefinitely or to speak twice on any and every amendment to the main motion that may be entered. A member who has spoken on the main motion once cannot speak or

reserve the right to speak once the debate is closed. He essentially loses his right to speak again on that main motion.

The presiding officer, as a member of the assembly, has the same rights as any other member to participate in the debate. However, he is not expected to exercise these rights while he is presiding so as not to negatively impact his expected partiality. When he believes he has information critical to the discussion he may relinquish the chair to the vice president or some other qualified member. Once relinquished, the chair should not resume his post as chair until the question on the floor has been disposed of by a vote of the members.

In the process of debating an issue, members must adhere to certain rules of decorum. These rules include: 1) all comments must be germane to the main motion; 2) avoid making personal attacks or questioning the motives or character of another member; 3) never address another member directly, but address all remarks through the chair; 4) avoid, to the extent possible, the use of members' names during debate; 5) members may not make adverse statements about previous action that are not presently before the assembly; 6) the person making the motion should not speak in opposition to the motion, even though he may vote against the motion; 7) members have no right to read from a prepared paper or text as part of his debate if any member of the assembly has entered an objection; 8) anytime the debate is formally interrupted by the chair, the member speaking must be seated or step back from the microphone; and, 9) members should refrain from whispering, walking, or any other action that will disturb the assembly.

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



Delta Alpha Chapter presents 13th Annual Sleep-out for the HOMLESSNESS

Coinciding with the efforts of the National Coalition for the Homeless, one week before Thanksgiving, Phi Beta Sigma sponsors their version of the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. Since 1996, the Delta Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. has spent a chilly Friday, November night outdoors, while collecting food and clothes for the homeless during their Sleep-Out for the Homeless. For one night, the Friday before Thanksgiving, the fraternity members and other supporters sleep in cardboard boxes, sleeping bags, tents, etc. in an effort to raise awareness about the issue of Homelessness to the Triad community.

This is also a national event of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. to promote education, action and awareness about the very real problems of hunger and homelessness. The Delta Alpha Chapter introduced this program to the WSSU campus in 1996 as part of its Social Action Program. Since the birth on Friday, November 22, 1996, Phi Beta Sigma has continued the Sleep-Out for the Homeless annually. Originally a one-day event, the Sleep-Out for the Homeless has blossomed into a week of activities meant to address the concerns of the homeless in the area. Events geared toward awareness and service culminate at the end of the week is the annual Sleep-Out. At times the group has endured some of the harshest realities of homelessness: rain in 1996 and an overnight low of 20 degrees in 2008. The fraternity brothers collect canned goods, clothing, school supplies and monetary donations for the homeless.

The clothing is donated to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, while the can-goods and nonperishable food items are given to the Second Harvest Food Bank of northwest North Carolina. The school supplies are handed to Project Hope of the Winston- Salem/ Forsyth County School System, and the monetary donations will be donated to the Samaritan Ministries Annual Penny Campaign. In 2008 members collected 19 boxes of clothes and shoes, 500 pound of food and \$350 in monetary donations.

Friday, November 20, 2009, will mark the 13th Annual Sleep-Out for the Homeless held on the campus of WSSU. The fraternity will be sleeping outside on the campus from 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. in symbolic gesture of the continual struggle of the homeless.



Culture for Service and Service for Humanity

Phi Beta Sigma honors Distinguished Community Leaders



The Delta Sigma (Alumni) and Delta Alpha (Collegiate) Chapters of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, presented their Third Annual Sigma Heritage Awards Gala. This event was held on Saturday, October 17 at 6:30pm on the beautiful campus of Winston-Salem State University, in the Anderson Conference Center; McNeil Ballroom.

The Sigma Heritage Awards Gala was established to pay tribute and honor outstanding community leaders who have exemplified high standards in leadership and community service. The Distinguished Community Leaders were nominated by the fraternity and were recognized for their efforts and accomplishments in Public Service, Leadership, and/or Entrepreneurship. The 2009 honorees included: Judge Denise S. Hartsfield, Forsyth County District Court Judge; Bishop George W. Brooks, serves as Bishop

of Administration of Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International and as Senior Pastor and Chief -Elder of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro, Inc.; Mr. Robert J. Brown, Chairman and CEO of B&C Associates, Inc., a management consulting, marketing research and public relations firm headquartered in High Point, NC; and Ms. Joycelyn V. Johnson, East Ward City Council Member, has served on the city council since 1993.

Delta Alpha member Brother Matthew J. Kirk was the Master of Ceremonies for the event, where more than 200 people were in attendance. "It is an honor to recognize exceptional community leaders and civil servants during this gala" stated Delta Sigma chapter president Brother Willie L. Conner, Jr., during his welcome. Brother Quentin Goodwin, Southeastern Regional Director of the fraternity brought greetings to the audience.

This event also recognized three Phi Beta Sigma men who have been a positive influence in our community. They were: Brother Reginald D. McCaskill, Past NC State Director for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Northwest Piedmont Services Corps -Workforce Development Program Director; Brother Benjamin H. Piggott, Sr., Carl H. Russell, Sr. Recreation Center Supervisor; and Brother Darryl A. Prince, Sr., Past SE Regional and NC State Director for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The proceeds



from the Sigma Heritage Awards Gala will be used for the fraternity's Scholarship Fund named after Distinguished Service Chapter member the Honorable Brother Marshall B. Bass. Since Sigma's inception in 1914, on the campus of Howard University, Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service have been the founding cornerstones of this great fraternity. Our illustrious, visionary founders, A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown, recognized, at the outset, the importance of brotherly unity and respect, education, and service to mankind.

ETA SIGMA BROTHER NAMED PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The Wake County Public School System named John Wall of North Garner Middle School the 2009 Principal of the Year and Fay Jones of Forest Pines Drive Elementary the 2009 Assistant Principal of the Year in ceremonies Thursday night at Marbles Kids Museum in Raleigh.

Wall has been in education for 22 years and has been principal at North Garner Middle for four years. Prior to that, he was principal and assistant principal at Zebulon Middle and a teacher at Carnage Middle. Earlier, he taught in New York .

“An effective principal should create environments that are challenging for students, supportive of teachers and welcoming to parents,” Wall said. “Effective communication and problem-solving skills are essential.”



Wall says a focus on data is a key toward understanding the needs of students.

“I have created an Academic Intervention Model that provides students with multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency on grade level goals and objectives and to complete missing work,” he said. “If students perform poorly on assessments or fail to turn in assignments, they are required to attend a study hall where a certified teacher works with them to ensure competency or work compliance.

“We also created monthly enhancement days to create a structure to re-teach struggling students or to enrich students who mastered the material. These enhancement days revolve around the data collected from common formative assessments in reading and math.”

Wall was a finalist for Wake County Principal of the Year in 2004; Mentor of the Year by the Helping Hands Program; and served as president of the Wake County Division of Principals and Assistant Principals.

Brother Wall is a member of the Eta Sigma Chapter Raleigh, NC and was initiated in the Fall of 1984 by the Gamma Gamma chapter at North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC

Congratulations Brother Wall.

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Alpha Alpha Rho - Sigma's About ACCESS

The Brothers of the Alpha Alpha Rho chapter have been hard at work to promote our mission as Sigma Men since our reactivation this spring. On the campus of Appalachian State University we are striving to promote the ideals of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service to the Campus and surrounding areas. This semester we have undertaken a cause to promote scholastic advancement to deserving college students who may of otherwise not gotten the opportunity to further there academic careers. The ACCESS Scholarship Program (Appalachian Commitment to a College Education for Student Success) was created to provide said students with a four year education without any debt after graduation.

We found it a necessity to not only raise awareness about this great scholarship but to rally our efforts in a fundraiser. In early November our chapter hosted our first annual Sigmas about ACCESS kick-off Event. It was a entertaining, yet informative occasion in which own Chancellor and current ACCESS students informed a crowd of over a hundred about the ACCESS program and it's benefits. There was also free entertainment which kept the occasion light and enjoyable.

Our chapter will continue to raise money until the end of the spring semester in which we will formally present a donation to the University at a final event. This will become an annual effort and if any Brothers would like to learn more about this great scholarship please don't hesitate to contact us at [PBS1914 ASU@appstate.edu](mailto:PBS1914_ASU@appstate.edu). God's speed and be blessed.
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.- Alpha Alpha Rho Chapter President.

A Second Generation of Sigma

Smiling brightly is Bro. Goliath Brunson, III after his recent initiation into the Delta Kappa Sigma Chapter (Associate Member) He is joined (L-R) by his uncles Bro. Willie Brunson, Esq., Bro. J. David Weeks, Esq. & JTFHF Member, and his father Goliath Brunson, Jr. Trey (III) a graduating Senior at the University of South Carolina @ Sumter. He has a younger sister and a cousin that will be crossing into Zeta later this month at Francis Marion University & Morris College. He has an aunt Cheryl Weeks who is also a Zeta. The family is getting "Bluer" just in time for Christmas.



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