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2006 NATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE SUMMIT

The recent Undergraduate Summit, held in Atlanta, GA was filled with brothers, both undergraduate and graduate, that took time out of their busy school and work schedules in order to take care of business for Omega. The summit was held on Friday and Saturday January 27-28, 2006.

Grand Basileus George H. Grace and Bro. Dylan Bess, 2nd Vice Grand Basileus played pivotal roles in bringing a host of professional and noteworthy brothers that were willing to serve as panelists for the summit.

The first session left a lasting impression on everyone in the room. "The History of Omega" panelists included brothers: Eddie Taylor (Alpha Chapter 1928), Dosh Jackson

(Psi Chapter 1935), Past GB Edward Braynon (Eta Psi Chapter 1945), and Past GB Burnel Coulon (Lambda Epsilon Chapter 1950). These brothers knew the founders well and described their interactions with our visionary leaders. They were able to recall vivid conversations that Brothers Cooper, Coleman, Love and Just held regarding the hopes and goals for our great fraternity. To hear Brother Eddie Taylor, who is 97 years old, talk about the changes Omega has gone through was more than enlightening.

Brother Dosh Jackson and Past GB Edward Braynon talked about how brothers in Omega **selected** other men of the highest ideals and credentials that would add value to the fraternity rather than

selecting those men that would become a liability to the fraternity's existence and future. Over the years the fraternity has gotten away from the selective nature and accepted those for membership for reasons other than those compatible with the goals and objectives set forth by our founders.

When we get to the 74th Conclave in Little Rock, AR, the selection process may be revisited and recommendations for change introduced.

"How to Achieve Educational Success," the second session, gave the undergraduates an opportunity to hear from two college presidents, several higher education administrators and medical school program directors.

Educational success involves
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NEXT CHAPTER MTG:

Thursday February 9, 2006

Garner Road YMCA

Dinner: 6:30—7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:00—8:30 PM

Future Meeting Dates:

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Thursday, April 13, 2006

Thursday, May 4, 2006
(1st Thursday in May)



Undergraduates in the registration line.



GB Braynon, Bro. Taylor, Bro. Jackson



Bro. Taylor & Bro. Boykin



Delta Psi & Kappa Epsilon represented.



Who sets out the best hops?



Brothers Steppin' High

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UNDERGRADUATE SUMMIT (CONTINUED)



Past GB Coulon

31st Past Grand Basileus Burnel Coulon shared that the fraternity provides our undergraduates a training ground for leadership opportunities.

He also provided some words of wisdom to all brothers when recommending others for membership. He stated, *“if individuals on the undergraduate (and graduate) level have not shown leadership skills in the past, they will probably not show any leadership skills in the present.”*

He also stated that *“our brothers must come out of a tee shirt mentality and develop a tuxedo mind”* when conducting the business for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

establishing priorities that are **consistent** with getting the most out of scholarship attainment. In this competitive global market, simply having a college degree is no longer any type of guarantee of successful entry into the job market. Grade point averages reflect a student's ability to master the information that is presented and it serves as an indicator of future success when seeking graduate schools and job opportunities. The undergraduates were reminded that there is nothing wrong with “being out,” but taking care of educational requirements and conducting the business of the chapter should not suffer or even be slightly diminished at the cost of brothers “being out.”

“How to Achieve Occupational Success” was another dynamic session focusing on the mentoring aspect that the fraternity relies on so much. Undergraduates were told to seek individuals that are in their chosen field of study and that were passionate about their profession. It is also

necessary for undergraduates (*and graduate students*) to take advantage of internship and volunteer activities for exposure to career options and life experiences that employers value.

The moderator for the “Occupational Success” panel was Bro. Michael Wright (1-Kappa Lambda-82), VP Human Resources, Altria Group (parent company of Phillip Morris, Inc.). Panelists included brothers that have made significant contributions and impacted the lives of many people in their chosen profession. Among the panelists were Bro. Tony Grant, CEO of Grant Business Strategies (former Bank of America Senior Executive); and Bro. Mark Stevens, Sports Agent of NBA players such as Shaquille O’Neal and Ron Artest.

The brothers highlighted the need for undergraduates to prepare themselves for the workforce by assessing themselves on a regular basis; seeking self-improvement of areas that are less than stellar; and finding a mentor that can help guide them through the various

challenges that are often found in the corporate world.

The next session was a special presentation by Bro. George K. McKinney, Inspector General for the fraternity.

The final session of the Undergraduate Summit, “What It Means to Be an Omega” was moderated by Iota Iota Bro. Wilson L. White (1-Kappa Lambda-01). Panelists included Bro. Dylan Bess, 2nd Vice Grand Basileus; Cendino Teme and Archange Antoine—both are Undergraduate Representatives to the Supreme Council. These brothers relayed their perspective of what it means as undergraduates to be heavily involved in the business of our fraternity and they provided words of encouragement to make sure Omega survives for many, many decades to come.

RALEIGH-APEX NAACP BRANCH RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

The Raleigh-Apex NAACP Branch held **“A Celebration of Jubilee”** - a musical celebration consisting of area choirs commemorating the Emancipation Proclamation and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The event was held Sunday January 15th at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC.

In conjunction with honoring the life and work of Dr. King,

this event was designed to raise money for the Raleigh-Apex NAACP Scholarship Fund.

The Iota Iota Chapter is a long-time supporter of the NAACP and Bro. Basileus Michael Boykin presented a donation on behalf of the Iota Iota Chapter in the amount of \$375.00 to Raleigh-Apex NAACP Branch President, Mr. Michael Leach. Other branch officers were on hand for the check presentation.



2006 MLK, JR CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

We have often heard the old phrase “the more things change, the more they remain the same.” In this day and time, the black community must not become so busy with our technically advanced lives that we forget there are others that remain in the struggle. The legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. provides us the opportunity to Keep the Dream alive.

“No More Business As Usual,” the theme for the 2006 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration activities reminds all Wake County citizens that we must not become complacent simply because part of the “Dream” has been accomplished. There’s still much work to be done and social issues that need to be addressed by our elected leaders and officials.

One such topic that is meeting much scrutiny in the local area is the need for more diversity and fairness in the hiring practices of the Raleigh Fire Department. This issue has recently been addressed with local elected officials by Iota Iota Bro. Keith Sutton, Triangle Urban League President and Mr. Michael Leach, Raleigh-Apex NAACP President.

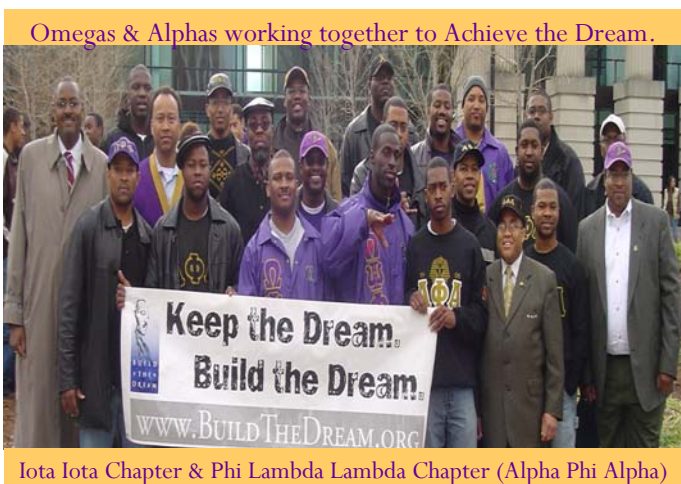
The new Raleigh Fire Department Chief, John McGrath has indicated that he will work to obtain a more diverse fire department.

Please remember to keep the King family in your thoughts and prayers as Mrs. Coretta Scott King has gone on to be with her husband and many other fallen civil rights leaders that have shaped the course of not only Black history, but American history.



Brothers and their sons.

The Iota Iota banner out front.



Omegas & Alphas working together to Achieve the Dream.

Iota Iota Chapter & Phi Lambda Lambda Chapter (Alpha Phi Alpha)

IOTA IOTA CHAPTER ARTIFACTS & MEMORABILIA PROJECT HAS BEGUN

On Saturday January 21, 2006 approximately 23 brothers gathered at Golden Coral restaurant for breakfast and to discuss proposed projects for the Iota Iota Chapter.

One such project that generated a great deal of discussion surrounded the legacy and history of Iota Iota. Since April 10, 1944, Iota Iota has been a significant force in our community. As a chapter, we have collected very little information about the brothers that have been a part of the chapter and events the Iota

Iota has participated in over the years.

There are many brothers that have been a part of Iota Iota for several decades, but a majority of the chapter has been with the chapter for less than 20 years. Many of us do not know what Iota Iota was like in the 50s, 60s, 70s and even the 80s.

What can we do now to capture our history? Bro. Gary George has been appointed Artifacts and Memorabilia Chair and he will be putting together a dvd featur-

ing “*Iota Iota Chapter Through the Years.*” Brothers are asked to go through their photo albums and other effects and find at least four to five pictures that can be used in this collection. Here are some examples of acceptable pictures: individual photos of brothers at various fraternity events (annual meeting, conclave, picnic, mardi gras, cabaret, etc.); athletic photos, line photos; photos of brothers that have entered Omega chapter; photos of the Iota Iota founders; and any other event you have photos of.

Also, if you are a former officer of Iota Iota and have awards or memorabilia that were presented to the chapter, please bring those items to the February 9th, chapter meeting and turn them over to the chairman.

All photos that are submitted should be labeled with the name of the brother turning in the photo, a contact phone number and the approximate date of the event or photo. All photos will be returned to the owner. If we have enough photos, we hope to have a final product by 11/06.

Iota Iota 2005—2006 Executive Board

Bro. Michael A. Boykin, Basileus

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Bro. Glenn Thomas, KRS

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AMENITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the brothers and families that have lost a loved one in the past few weeks.

- Bro. Vic Bruinton's mother-in-law passed.
- Bro. Willis Farrington's brother passed.
- Bro. Rev. Paul L. Anderson's (Beta Phi) sister passed.

The following brothers have been ill or hospitalized recently, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers:

- Bro. J.B. Allen
- Bro. Stephen Beachum
- Bro. Fred Burroughs
- Bro. Sylvellie Cloud
- Bro. William Gamble
- Bro. Harold High
- Bro Larry Keith
- Bro. J. D. Lewis

- Congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. Eric Fairfax on their new baby boy born on January 24, 2006.
- The Raleigh-Wake NPHC Awards Program will be held on Sunday Feb 19th, 3:00 pm at the Wake County Commons Bldg, 4011 Cary Drive , Raleigh, NC 27610.

Bro. Dr. Thomas E. Conway will receive an award in the field of education.

Travis Dunn, former Iota Iota Talent Hunt winner, will receive an award in the field of music.

- **The March 9th chapter meeting will consist of a Formal Memorial Service. Brothers are reminded to wear a dark suit, white shirt, tie and white gloves.**

Individual photos will be taken for the Iota Iota Chapter Picture Directory. Additional details will be provided in the March newsletter.

BASILEUS CORNER

Greeting Brothers,

It gives me a great pleasure to serve the Iota Iota Chapter once again. The first quarter of the Iota Iota Chapter fiscal year has been one that is marked with many successes. Our community service programs are being conducted in a timely fashion; financial support that has been earmarked for community-based organizations is being disseminated; and chapter operations are running efficiently.

All of these tasks are managed and executed by board members and committee

chairmen that are committed to the business of the Iota Iota Chapter. The day to day operations are steadily improving.

In order for any entity to remain successful, meet the needs of the organization and its people; the leaders must think strategically and plan for the future.

Brothers, now is the time for the Iota Iota Chapter to develop a three to four year plan that will keep the chapter moving forward in our community, as well as on the local, district and interna-

tional level.

The executive board has discussed some options to increase our perpetual giving as it relates to scholarships. We have a well-thought out plan that we will bring before the general body on Thursday night. We hope that you will be on hand to provide feedback on our recommendations.

Over the course of the next few months, there will be two or three main projects that will benefit the brotherhood. Stay tuned for more!

In the meantime, if there are any concerns or comments that you would like to share with me, please feel free to do so.

Faternally,

*Michael A. Boykin
39th & 41st Basileus
Iota Iota Chapter*

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