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## Achievement Week 2004

On Saturday, November 13, 2004, Xi Phi celebrated its accomplishments with an outstanding National Achievement Week Program at the Thurgood Marshall Academy, New York City.

Brother Dominick Boyce, Xi Phi Chapter Immediate Past Basileus, was named "Omega Man of the Year" and Brother Etu Evans, Entrepreneur and Shoe Designer, was named "Citizen of the



Brothers Boyce, Touba and Evans (l to r)

Year."

Also honored with Basileus Awards for their outstanding contributions to the fraternity were Brother T. Edward McBride, Jr., Director of Communications and Xi Phi Chapter Webmaster, and Brother Kevin J. Woodhouse, Omega Express Photographer and Past Chapter Basileus.

Opera singing sensation Brother Morris Robinson was presented an Award of Appreciation from the chapter in recognition of his commitment to Xi Phi's

National Achievement Week Programs and Brother Winder E. D. Fisher, Benefit Dinner Dance Committee Chairman, received a proclamation from New York City Councilman Robert Jackson in recognition for over fifty years of dedicated service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In addition, Brothers Emery Ailes, III, Mujaheed Bey, Dominick Boyce, Clarence Berry, John Cash, Leroy Colter, Jr., Michael Gilbert, Gregory Harris, Wade Isreal, Emile Roberts and Reggie Stewart received Scrolls of Honor for their outstanding work on various standing committees.

Similarly, Xi Phi awarded \$500 college scholarships to four high school seniors from the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area.

Three artistic performances were presented by Brother Jamal Joseph and the Impact Repertory Theatre, Brother Charles Thomas, Ph. D., and Brother Morris Robinson. Afterwards, a complete reception with a buffet meal, libations and jazz music was held for two hundred guests.

Thanks are extended to Brother Derrick Touba, Achievement Week Program Chairman, and his committee as well as Master of



Scroll of Honor recipients and Bro. Wyche

## Xi Phi Dinner Dance 2005

On Saturday, March 19, 2005, Xi Phi Chapter hosted its Eighteenth Annual Benefit Dinner Dance at the Crowne Plaza LaGuardia Hotel in East Elmhurst, NY. Thanks to the patronage of numerous brothers from Xi Phi and other metropolitan chapters plus the support of many family members, friends and other Greek and civic organizations, the dinner dance was an overwhelming success.



The Brothers of Xi Phi Chapter

Starting at 9:00pm a reception that offered hot and cold hors d'oeuvres plus open bar welcomed all guests to start the evening's entertainment. The dinner dance, which featured Dave Brown and the Versatiles, DJ Kevin Jackson and several cash door prizes began at 10pm.

The Annual Benefit Dinner Dance is one of Xi Phi's major fundraising events. Funds from this event is used to support our Black College Tour (BCT) that has taken over 624 high school juniors and

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## Basileus Corner

### Bro. Derrick Touba



Welcome to the latest edition of The Omega Express, Xi Phi Chapter's award winning newsletter. Please take some time to peruse our newsletter so that you can see some of the positive things that we are doing in the community. In addition to our newsletter we also have a world class Website. Please visit us at [www.xiphichapter.com](http://www.xiphichapter.com) and take a cyber journey into the world of Xi Phi Chapter. The Brothers of Xi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. work hard to maintain our social action and scholarship programs. We will continue to shed a positive light on Omega. The brothers of Xi Phi Chapter are still here and we will continue to stand strong as a chapter family and uplift the community. You can always count on us to serve the community. We have not and will not disappear. However our programs can not exist without the support of our Brothers, family, friends and members of the Pan Hellenic Council. At the end of the day we are all members of

the African American Community and we all must work together in a collaborative way. Xi Phi Chapter will continue to make you proud. Our programs speak for themselves. Xi Phi continues to provide scholarships to deserving high school students. In 2004 we awarded over \$2,000 in scholarship funds. In the area of social action we contributed over \$900 to the American Diabetes Association and have conducted clothing and toy drives to benefit various Harlem based community organizations. We participated in two health fairs, one in collaboration with Convent Avenue Baptist Church and the Circle of Brothers and the other with St. Lukes Roosevelt Hospital. We also conducted two voter registration drives in 2004. Of course our premier social action project is our Black College Tour which we successfully completed in 2004.

Some of our current social action projects include the Jericho Project. Xi Phi Chapter is currently partnering with the Jericho Project to assist recovering substance abuse victims return to the world of work on their road to recovery. In addition Xi Phi is working to support Tsunami victims in Africa and East Asia. We are working in a collaborative effort with Brother Etu Evans and the Solesville Foundation. The project calls for brothers to donate old/worn shoes as part of a massive undertaking to provide children and adults of Africa and Asia with shoes to wear in the aftermath of the Tsunami event. The foundation will repair and resole the shoes before sending them to Tsunami-torn countries as part of a relief package. Xi Phi Chapter aims to continue all of these projects and develop new ones for the year 2005 and beyond. We hope that you will support Xi Phi Chapter.

## Xi Phi Chapter Awarded

November 20, 2004 – The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Corridor V and the New York City Metro Chapters awarded Xi Phi Chapter with a Certificate of Appreciation for our work with the Black College Tour. In appreciation of devoted and invaluable services rendered to the Harlem community by sponsoring the Black College Tour

under the umbrella of scholarship, Xi Phi was honored at the Annual Founders Day Program. During the program we had the opportunity to address the brothers and discuss our program in great detail. Brothers such as James Avery, former Grand Basileus and Michael Freeman, Ph.D., former Second District Representative, listened intently as we outlined the work that we do with our premier social action project, our Black College Tour. The Chapter would like to thank Brother Ernest Smith, Chairman and his committee for their work on the tour.

## XI PHI CHAPTER OFFICERS INSTALLED

On January 21, 2005, Corridor Five Representative Clyde Cole installed Xi Phi's recently elected officers at Kappa Omicron's Harry Denny Jr. Chapter House, New York City. Congratulations are extended to Brother Derrick Touba, Basileus; Brother Mujaheed Bey, Vice Basileus; Brother Emery Ailes, III, Keeper of Records and Seal; Brother Clyde Braswell, Keeper of Finance; Brother Michael Gilbert, Chaplain; Brother Talmadge R. Stewart, Chapter Editor and Brother Reginald Morgan, Keeper of Peace.

The new administration would like to formally thank the previous chapter officers for their exceptional accomplishments and they are hoping that they will be able to perform their chapter duties as well as their predecessors.



EC Brothers Gilbert, Boyce, Bey, Ailes, Touba (Basileus), Braswell, Stewart and Morgan (l-r)

### *Xi Phi Chapter Officers for 2005*

Derrick R. Touba, Basileus  
Mujaheed Bey, Vice Basileus  
Emery Ailes, III, KRS  
Clyde Braswell, KF  
Michael Gilbert, Chaplain  
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## Fifty Years of Service to Omega

By Bro. Derrick Touba

October 2004 – During our October Chapter meeting I had the honor to present Brother Winder E. D. Fisher with his fifty year pin from the International Headquarters of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. As Basileus of Xi Phi Chapter it was indeed a humbling experience to present a brother, who represents Omega at its finest, with his fifty-year pin. Despite his stature within the fraternity Brother Fisher remains extremely humble. He is a past Basileus of Xi Phi Chapter and has worked tirelessly on our Dinner Dance. After receiving his pin Brother Fisher gave the Brothers a few words of wisdom. At the conclusion of our Chapter Meeting the Brothers celebrated with a champagne toast and cake.



Basileus Derrick Touba (r.) presenting 50 year pin to Brother Winder E. D. Fisher

## Black College Tour 2005

By Bro. Michael Gilbert

Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will be hosting nearly 40 high school juniors and seniors for its annual Black College Tour from Sunday, April 24, 2005 to April 29, 2005. Young people participating in this endeavor will be visiting ten historically black colleges and universities including Howard University, North Carolina A&T, Bennett College, North Carolina Central University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, Morgan State University, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Norfolk State University and Hampton University respectively.

In addition to experiencing the diverse nature of each campus, students selected for this experience are orientated about the financial aid process; historical overview of each university they will be visiting; male/female relationships; academic advisement; and test taking strategies. Also given at the workshop is advise regarding how to “*Dress for Success*” and how to navigate through their first year experience via involvement in student activities.

The Black College Tour, approaching its twentieth year, is universally regarded through out Corridor 5 as the “*Crown Jewel*” of Xi Phi Chapter.

The BCT is chaired by Brothers Ernest Smith and Gregory Harris. Members of the Planning Committee include the Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

## America’s Walk for Diabetes

By Bro. Dominick S. Boyce

For the second consecutive year the team from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity - Xi Phi Chapter participated in the America’s Walk for Diabetes. The five mile walk took place on Sunday, October 24, 2004 at 10:00 am in Manhattan’s Riverside Park - Riverside Drive between 72nd & 104<sup>th</sup> Streets.

The mid-fifty degree temperature was perfect for a stroll through the scenic Riverside Park overlooking the Hudson River complete with views of the skyline of New Jersey. Once again, Bro. Dominick Boyce served as Team Captain. Brothers Derrick Touba, Basileus, Gregory Harris, Asst. Keeper of Finance and Kevin Woodhouse, Past Basileus, and Mujaheed Bey, KRS, joined him on the fundraising team for the event. Brothers Boyce, Harris, Touba and Woodhouse were actually on hand to complete the walk in Riverside Park.

Along the walk route, Xi Phi members were able to fraternize with the brothers of Nu Omicron Chapter, the sorors of the New York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and of Sigma Kappa Zeta of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Xi Phi Chapter and its members were able to raise a total of \$900 for the America’s Walk for Diabetes. This dollar amount placed Xi Phi in the top 25 ranking for funds raised by overall organizations. America’s Walk for Diabetes is the American Diabetes Association’s largest annual fundraiser for diabetes research. Almost 80% of every dollar raised funds diabetes public programs and research for a cure.

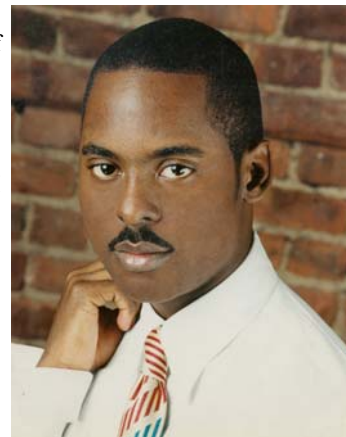
We, the members of the Walk Team, would like to thank the members of Xi Phi Chapter and our loved ones who contributed to our fundraising efforts for a very important health cause that is disproportionately affecting the African American community.



Xi Phi Brothers and Sorors at the 2004 Walk for Diabetes

## Xi Phi Chapter Citizen of the Year 2004

Believing that footwear is the cornerstone of one's aesthetic, footwear designer and founder Etu Evans of Solesville – The Etu Evans Foundation, is committed to “saving soles of children and youth one step at a time. The Etu Evans Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to abetting the academic and creative endeavors of individuals by providing them with quality footwear to help enhance their professional attire. The Foundation started in 1998 while Mr. Evans served as Assistant Director for the Institute of Youth Entrepreneurship (IYE), and one of the students he mentored stated, admiring his shoes, “I wish I had shoes like that.” To date when not designing footwear, Evans collects shoes from various organizations, churches, clients and off the streets of Harlem, and repairs them to make a difference in some young person's life. The Foundation solicits volunteers to give away “shoe boo” bags filled with fruits to children in Harlem and Columbia Presbyterian Hospital for Halloween and “shoe box Santa” during Christmas where they adopt a child and fill their favorite shoe and boot boxes with gifts. The Etu Evans Foundation – Solesville is committed to improving educational opportunities and awareness through the vehicle of fashion, “saving soles one step at a time.”



Bro. Etu Evans has gained a loyal and star-studded following with his innovative creations. A leader of Harlem's emerging Renaissance, his company, Etu Evans LLC, was honored by Crain's as 2004 Small Business of the Year. Evans has been featured on Good Morning America, Fox 5's Good Day New York, Access Hollywood, and was chosen by Ebony Magazine as one of the Leaders of the Future (February 2003). His creations have adorned the bodies of Halle Berry, Beyonce, Erykah Badu, Lil Kim and supermodels Tyra Banks, Iman, Roshumba and Ana Hickman. His boutique, Sole Kitchen in Harlem at 135<sup>th</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues, was chosen by Black Enterprise as one of their top places to frequent in New York (March 2003). Established in 1993, the company began designing millinery and jewelry, and has since expanded to include custom footwear, handbags and small leather goods for men and women. He exclaims, “Shoes are the ultimate narrator. They tell everything about one's spirit, sex, status and style.” A 4.0 graduate of Columbia University's Master's Degree program, Evans uses his behavioral training to capture the character of his

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## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS HONOREES PRESENTED

On Saturday, November 13, 2004, the Xi Phi Chapter Scholarship Awards Committee proudly introduced four New York City/New Jersey high school students as this year's scholarship award honorees at the 2004 National Achievement Week Program held at the Thurgood Marshall Academy in New York City.

The scholarship award honorees are Ms. Rita Kouassi, Ms. Julia Joachim, Mr. Bruce Davis and Mr. Idris Evans. The Scholarship Awards Committee has decided to grant each of



Davis, Kouassi, Evans and Stewart (l to

them an award of \$500.00. This money is to help offset the purchase of school textbooks or any other items that they might need for college.

Ms. Rita Kouassi, an Adlai E. Stevenson High School senior, plans to attend Hampton University, Temple University or Northeastern University. Her intended major is undecided at this time but her minor will be Dramatic Arts.

Ms. Julia Joachim, a Dewitt Clinton High School senior, plans to attend Fordham University. Her intended major is Busi-

ness with a minor in Psychology.

Mr. Bruce Davis, a Cardinal Hayes High School senior, is undecided at the time where he will be attending college but his intended major is Physics with a minor in Biology.

Mr. Idris Evans, a Columbia High School senior, plans to attend Carnegie Mellon, Middlebury College or the University of Pennsylvania. His intended major is Creative Writing/English with a minor in Japanese.

The Scholarship Awards Committee Chairman, Brother Reggie Stewart, would like to extend a

special thanks to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Soror Tracey Questell of the New York City Department of Education Learning Support Center; Committee members Brothers Michael Gilbert, Randy Walker and Majaheed Bey as well as Brother Neville Evans for their invaluable help and assistance in soliciting students for this year's scholarship awards program.

Also, thanks to Basileus Derrick Touba and the Achievement Week Program Committee for supplying all honorees

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seniors from the New York City area to historically African American colleges and universities in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. These week-long tours have become our premier community action project. In addition, Xi Phi has given several scholarships to deserving students at the Thurgood Marshall Academy (New York City) as well as other institutions in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut areas.

These activities have been financed in large part by the money raised through our fundraising events which our patrons have supported.

Special thanks are also extended to Social Action Committee Chairman Brother Emery L. Ailes, III for serving as Master of Ceremonies and for coordinating the cash door prize raffle, along with the assistance of Brothers Charles Johnson, Dominick Boyce, Emile Roberts and Etu Evans; and to the 2005 Benefit Dinner Dance Committee and its chairman, Brother Winder E. D. Fisher for once again doing an outstanding job in orches-

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## Xi Phi Chapter Omega Man of the Year 2004

Brother Dominick S. Boyce, Immediate Past Basileus, has been selected as Xi Phi Chapter's 2004 Omega Man of the Year for his outstanding leadership and service to the brotherhood of the chapter and to the Greater New York City community. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of Xi Phi and has exemplified our cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship Perseverance and Uplift.

Bro. Boyce served as Basileus from January 2001 until January 2004. During this time, Xi Phi Chapter branched out to work with several community partners and cultural institutions, such as the Greater Harlem Chamber Commerce and the Schomburg center for Black Research, within the Harlem community. Moreover, the chapter continued its successes within the fraternity by winning District honors including best achievement week, best newsletter, social action awards as well as one "Omega Man of the Year" and "Citizen of the Year" awardees respectively.

Bro. Boyce came into office with a mandate to shape up the chapter's small financial resources and to pay off outstanding debts to the brotherhood. By the time he left office, the chapter had more than exceeded its financial goals and all former delegates and brothers were repaid any owed monies. Also during his tenure, the chapter membership rolls, increased to over 80 members. Similarly Bro. Boyce took an active role on every committee that was operational and reactivated the Scholarship Awards Committee, which has given out over \$4, 200 in college scholarship in the last three years.

In his last year as Basileus, Bro. Boyce developed and implemented a chapter membership identification card for its members. In October 2003, Bro. Boyce successfully chaired Xi Phi's Walk for Diabetes initiative for the American Diabetes Association, where the chapter surpassed its fundraising goal of \$500 and raised \$850 for this important cause. In December 2003, Bro. Boyce and his wife personally donated over \$1000 as well as a matching gift in support of the 2004 Black College Tour (BCT). In January 2004, Bro. Boyce was elected to the Board of Directors for the Community Uplift through Perseverance (CUP) Inc., the nonprofit organization that sponsors Xi Phi's annual Black College Tour and scholarship awards program.

In addition, in an April 2004, he served as a chaperone on our Annual Black Tour after the call went out to the brotherhood for chaperones. In May 2004, Bro. Boyce represented the chapter as a social action liaison with the 2004 Unity Voter Registration Drive in collaboration with Convent Avenue Baptist Church. Also, in June 2004, he represented the chapter as a presenter and panelist at the American Cancer Society's Prostrate Cancer Awareness Health Fair, which was sponsored by the Brotherhood and seven Greek and Masonic organizations from Central Harlem.



Bro. Dominick S. Boyce

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## Metro Omega Annual Carter G. Woodson Celebration

by Bro. Kevin J. Woodhouse

On Friday, February 4, 2005 The New York City Metropolitan Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in recognition of Black History Month hosted their Annual Carter G. Woodson Program at the City Council Chambers of City Hall in Manhattan.

This year's theme was "A Celebration of Excellence: Recognizing the Accomplishments of Outstanding African-Americans."

The Brothers named the program after the creator of Black History Month Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Dr. Woodson chose February as the month, for the then Negro History Week, because of Frederick Douglas's birthday being in February.

The Metro program honors four members of the community who by their actions uphold one of the four cardinal principal of the fraternity, those being Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

This year the honorees included:

- The Honorable James Garner, Mayor of Hempstead, NY., (Perseverance, Excellence in Government)
- The Honorable Robert Jackson, New York City Council-

man (Scholarship, Excellence in Education)

- Ms. Marion Scott, Senior Administrator at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York City (Uplift, Excellence in Healthcare)
- Bro. Etu Evans (Manhood, Excellence in Entrepreneurship) shoe designer and businessman and a member of Xi Phi Chapter.

Each honoree received an engraved crystal disk to commemorate the occasion.

Brothers from ten of the New York area chapters, including Xi Phi Chapter, were in attendance along with 75 guests.

In addition to the program a book drive was held and 100 books were donated by guests to be given to a school in Harlem.

### A Celebration of Excellence





## Scenes from Achievement Week



Bro. T. Ed McBride, Jr. (l) accepting Basileus Award from Bro. Derrick Touba



Mrs. Stacy Woodhouse accepting Basileus Award for Bro. Kevin Woodhouse



Bro. Morris Robinson (l) and Bro. Derrick Touba



Bro. Charles Thomas giving an artistic performance



Bro. Winder Fisher (l) receiving NYC Proclamation



Councilman Robert Jackson presents NYC Proclamation



Bro. Jamal Joseph and his Impact Repertory family

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trating this year's gala affair.

Congratulations to raffle winners Delta Sigma Theta Soror Sonya Tennell, Ms. Vivian Samuel and Brother Malford Buster, Jr. On behalf of the entire chapter membership, the Xi Phi Executive Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the raffle. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

To conclude this extraordinary evening of fun and frolic, Xi Phi sponsored an after party. Special thanks to Brother Jerome Daniel

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subjects through sensual curves and lines. He is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology. In addition, he studied footwear and marketing at the Parsons School of Design in New York City. Formerly, Etu Evans served as an Adjunct Professor at Medgar Evers College and currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at Berkeley College of New York. He has established and implemented behavioral programs for the affluent in France and Italy and has lectured throughout the Eastern Seaboard with an emphasis on grooming, business and motivational topics. The gifted and enigmatic intellectual is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, where he was initiated in the Fall of 1991 at Xi Psi Chapter of South Carolina State University – “Voice Dog, #6 of the “21 Most Wanted.” Bro. Evans graduated from South Carolina State with a Bachelors of Science in Social Work. While at South Carolina State, he was the Freshman Class President, the Junior Class President, Mr. South Carolina State, Student Alumni President and a

## Scenes from The Dinner Dance



Bro. Reggie Stewart, Ms. Debbie Deas, Ms. Nicki Settle, Mr. Chester Lewis, Jr. (l to r)



Ms. S. Barron, Bro. T. Ed and Annette McBride and Joyce Kittrell (l to r)



Brothers Darrell Oliver, Clyde Braswell and Don Jones (l to r)



Xi Phi's Past Basilai Brothers John Williams (l) and Winder E.D. Fisher



Bros. Jesse Palmer (l) and John Cash

## Corridor Five Joint Memorial Service

On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, the Brothers of Corridor Five conducted a Memorial Service at Bethel Baptist Church in White Plains, New York. Beta Alpha Alpha, under the guidance of Basileus Steve Schmidt, served as the host chapter. District Representative Brother Gregory Ackles, Sr., First Vice District Representative Brother Marvin Dillard, District Keeper of Records and Seal James Edmonds, III, Xi Phi Basileus Derrick Touba and several Xi Phi Chapter brothers as well as numerous brothers from the metropolitan area, were in attendance.

This Metro Omega Service is conducted annually at various churches in New York City, Long Island or Westchester County to honor those Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Brothers who passed away during the past year. Under the guidance of Corridor Representative Kevin Woodhouse, local chapters called to memory those brothers who have entered Omega Chapter. Our fraternity was proud of these brothers in life, and in death, wishes that they not be forgotten. Xi Phi would like to acknowledge the memories of late Brother Grant Reynolds, Esq., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 21<sup>st</sup> Grand Basileus. Brother Reynolds, a resident of Westchester County, passed away in August, 2004. His family, friends and fraternity brothers will miss him dearly.

Afterwards, the Brothers were provided with a fellowship and had repast. Basileus Touba would like to thank those chapter brothers who took the time to attend this year's joint memorial service.

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Bro. Boyce has served as a representative to the Greater New York Pan-Hellenic Council for the last three years. During this time, he chaired the voter registration table at the Pan-Hellenic Annual Conference. This year, along with Basileus Derrick Touba, they were able to register seventeen new voters. Currently, Bro. Boyce is a member of the Metro Omega Committee planning the Fifth Annual Men's Health Conference and he was instrumental in landing the keynote speaker for the event.

It should be noted that Bro. Boyce, a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has also served as vice Basileus of the Chapter (January, 1998-January, 2001) and Chapter Editor/Public Relations Director (January, 1997-January, 1998). Previously, Xi Phi has honored Bro. Boyce with the 1997 Omega Man of the Year Award, 1999 Basileus Award as well as several Scrolls of Honor.

Educationally, Brother Dominick Boyce is a graduate of both Brown and Columbia Universities. Professionally, Bro. Boyce is employed by the Department of Health of Mental Hygiene where he oversees medical and professional affairs for vendor operations. Also, Bro. Boyce is a Professor of Public Affairs and Administration at Metropolitan college of New York.

Personally, Bro. Dominick carries himself with humility and selflessness. One of his greatest joys is being married to this wife, Satrina, who has supported him through all of his fraternal and community activities. In addition, Bro. and Mrs. Boyce recently became proud parents with the birth of their first child a son, Carter Everett Boyce, who was born on April 16, 2005.

For his many outstanding contributions to the African American community, as well as his unrelenting support of his fraternity, Xi Phi is honored to have selected Brother Dominick S. Boyce as its 2004 Omega Man of the Year award recipient.

## Xi Phi Talent Hunt Program Reactivated

On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Xi Phi Chapter in conjunction with New Heritage Theatre and the Isaacs Beacon Center sponsored a Talent Hunt Program at the Isaacs Beacon Center/Public School 198/77, New York City.

With approximately one hundred guests in attendance, a dozen students from various metropolitan high schools competed for cash prizes. The talent hunt program also featured several groups that were not eligible for the competition as well as a step show presentation by members of the Order of the Feather.

Under the leadership of Chapter Brother Jamal Joseph, who also served as the Master of Ceremonies, Xi Phi has decided to reactivate its talent hunt program as a means to spotlight talented high school students and also to select a finalist who will represent the chapter in the fraternity's district talent hunt program.

Special thanks to all chapter brothers plus other fraternity brothers from various New York City/Westchester County chapters who were present to help and support this endeavor. We would also like to thank the Impact Repertory Theatre for providing the high school students that performed in this competition. In addition, the Xi Phi Chapter Executive Council would like to thank New Heritage Theatre Group Executive Producer Voza Rivers, Chapter Brother Charles Thomas, Ph.D., College of Staten Island Performing and Creative Arts Department Chairman, jazz vocalist and recording artists Lainie Cooke and Paulette McWilliams for serving as judges for the talent hunt program. Congratulations are extended to Carlton Taylor, first place winner (\$300), Orlando (TJ) James, second place winner (\$200) and Daisy DaShawn Merrit, third place winner (\$100).

Finally, we would like to thank the members of the Order of the Feather. This social fraternity, which was found in Manhattan in 1946 to assist teenage boys through the rite of passage of becoming productive young men, is very instrumental in stressing the need to combat crime in New York City.

Plans for next year's competition are already underway and promises to be much more thrilling and entertaining than this year's talent hunt program, if that is humanly possible. Xi Phi



Left: Participants of the Talent Hunt competition joined with the brothers of Xi Phi chapter and visiting brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Right: Judges for the Talent Hunt Competition (l to r) Voza Rivers, Lainie Cooke, Bro. Charles Thomas, Bro. Jamal Joseph and Paulette McWilliams



**From the Editor**  
**Bro. Reggie Stewart**



As we enter the second quarter of the year, I am sure that many of you, including myself, are evaluating the resolutions that we traditionally make at the beginning of each New Year. These resolutions usually include a list of things we would like to do as well as those things we would like to change or discontinue.

Due to the recent exodus of several chapter members, we here at Xi Phi have been forced to revamp our resolutions and chapter goals for the upcoming year. However, we are now more committed than ever before to establish Xi Phi as one of the premier graduate chapters in New York City.

Already we have sponsored our annual formal benefit dinner dance, which was a tremendous success; weekly workshops are being held for high school students who will be participating in this year's Black College Tour; we have reactivated the Talent Hunt Program which will become an annual event as well as coordinated several citywide food, clothing shoe, and voter registration drives.

Since we are now a chapter with fewer members, now is the time for the brothers of Xi Phi to become more involved. No longer do we have the luxury of not joining various standing committees simply because they already have several members.

As a chapter officer, I am appealing to all brothers who have not committed themselves to become a part of one or more of these committees. We cannot sit back and assume that there will be enough brothers at various venues and that your help and support is not needed.

I realize that we are all professional men from various back-

grounds with certain job obligations, family responsibilities as well as commitments to other civic organizations that prevent us from attending all chapter activities. It is because of these conflicts that I am requesting that those brothers who are not a member of any standing committee to please join one as soon as possible.

By doing so, we can almost guarantee that our endeavors will be successful. I strongly believe in the old adage that there is strength in numbers.

Finally, I should mention that Xi Phi has sixteen standing and ad hoc committees. Brothers, I am sure that your professional expertise and personal talents could be utilized for one or more of these committees. The following sonnet says everything that could possibly be said about the need for participation by our chapter brothers.

**WHAT TYPE OF OMEGA  
 ARE YOU?**

Are you an active member  
 The kind that would be missed?  
 Or are you just content  
 That your name is on the list?  
 Do you attend the meetings  
 And mingle with the Brotherhood  
 Or do you stay at home  
 And criticize and knock?  
 Do you take an active part  
 To help the work along,  
 Or are you satisfied to be  
 The kind that just belongs?  
 Do you ever voluntarily

Help at the guiding stick,  
 Or leave the work to just a few  
 And talk about the cliques?  
 Come out to meetings often  
 And help with hand and heart.  
 Don't be just a member  
 But take an active part.  
 Think this over member  
 You know right from wrong  
 Are you an active member?  
 Or do you just belong?



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