

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
Xi Phi Chapter  
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*The Who, What, Why, and Where-  
abouts of Omega men in Xi Phi, a  
Graduate Chapter in New York City*

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Rebirth Through Community Involvement

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## Achievement Week 2001

On November 11, 2001, Xi Phi Chapter celebrated Achievement Week as well as its 75th Anniversary. The event was hosted at the Schomburg Center in Harlem in the Langston Hughes Auditorium. This was a very appropriate venue since Langston Hughes, who crossed at Beta Chapter, was also a member of Xi Phi Chapter.

The Master of Ceremony for the evening was Brother Kevin J. Woodhouse, Immediate Past Basileus of Xi Phi and the 2000 Second District Omega Man of the Year who was filling in for Brother Leslie Wyche who was in the hospital.

The program began with the traditional singing of "Lift every Voice and Sing," and then went into several performances from the youth ensemble, Community Impact, who is part of Bro. Joseph's New Heritage Theatre Group. If ever there was an opportunity to see future stars these kids are it – they are very talented.

Brother Dominick Boyce presented the 2001 Citizen of the Year, Dr. Howard Dodson, Ph.D., Director, Schomburg Center. Dr. Dodson elaborated on this year's theme "With Today's Political and Judicial Maneuvering, What Must African American Males do to Insure Main Stream Inclusion?" in a fiery and stimulating speech that had many in attendance feeling like they were in a Baptist Church.

Brother T. Ed McBride presented the Omega Man of the Year 2001 award to Brother Jeffrey R. Covington, KRS. Jeff was surprised and humbled as he accepted

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## Xi Phi Dinner Dance 2002

On Saturday, March 16, 2002, Xi Phi Chapter hosted its 15th Annual Benefit Dinner Dance at the LaGuardia Crowne Plaza Hotel in Queens, New York. Thanks to the support of the Brothers and our many supporters the affair was a financial success, entertaining and enjoyable to all.

The Benefit Dinner Dance is our major fundraising event for our 2002 Black College Tour, which visited ten historically Black Colleges and University in the states of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. On hand, for this year's event was the Honorable Helen Marshall, the first African American Borough President for Queens, who made brief remarks about the work of Xi Phi Chapter and its historic link to Bro. Langston Hughes.

Bro. Jamal Joseph of Xi Phi, who is producing and directing a documentary on Langston Hughes, spoke about his film and the unveiling of the Langston Hughes Black Heritage postal stamp on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Schomburg Center in Harlem. Xi Phi had a large blow-up of the postal stamp on display at the event. Also, Xi Phi was able to provide many of our guests with limited first-day issues of the Langston Hughes stamp.

Bro. Lee Bernard, Jr., Second District Representative, complimented the work of Xi Phi and our stalwart Bro. Butler B. Dowery, Basileus Emeritus. Xi Phi Chapter honored Brother Dowery for his 50 years of continuous service to the Fraternity. Xi Phi Chapter and CUP Inc. presented Brother Dowery with

an African-American statuette by the artist/sculptor Blackshear.

Once again, our supporters were captivated by the affair that included great food, open bar, a live band and deejay, our official after-party and the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Additional thanks to the Dinner Dance Committee for their support of the event and for contributing parting gifts for our guest. Let me just say thank you to all of the Brothers who worked to make this event a financial and social success. Lastly, Bro. Winder Fisher, Dinner Dance Chairman, should be congratulated for another outstanding job. We look forward to celebrating your 50 years in the Fraternity next year! Godspeed.



DR Lee Bernard, Hon. Helen Marshall, and 1st Vice DR, Ben Jeffers

**Bro. Dominick Boyce  
Basileus**



Leadership has its privileges, but more importantly – it comes with huge responsibilities. I am both humbled and proud to serve again as your Basileus, particularly at a time when our Fraternity, our economy and our nation are severely challenged. It requires me to not only exhibit the cardinal principles of the Fraternity but to draw on them as a source of inspiration and strength when I am in doubt. I am still serving in this position because of the efforts, support and contributions of many. I thank you all for the knowledge and scholarship that you have bestowed upon me. Along the path of life and leadership, I am constantly reminded that our most precious resource is our people.

We, as men and brothers, can determine to make the most of our time on earth and to give people priority over things. Even with our busy calendars of work, church and family obligations, we can still establish time to be “leaders” in our respective communities. Have you ever thought to yourself, “What am I doing to further the causes and interests of my people?” I know it has crossed my mind on many occasions. It may seem like a heavy burden or cross to bear but it does not have to be so. Now, let’s look at it from a different perspective. Are you a leader? At home? At work? At church? At school? My point is that leadership is a quality exhibited in many areas of our life and it is up to us to display our leadership abilities. We, as a people, can no longer afford to hide our gifts or hastily douse the enthusiasm of our talents before it is shared with others.

This time of year can truly be a season of renewal and recommitment to others and us. May we all rise to the point of challenge and lead the way for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and our future.

On February 1, 2002, the Langston Hughes Black Heritage Postage Stamp was unveiled on the 100th anniversary of his birth at the Schomburg Center in Harlem.

Bro. Hughes was a member of Xi Phi Chapter



**Bro. Derrick Touba  
Vice Basileus**



Dedication means.....

- Dedications means going to that committee meeting after work
- dedication means being out with the bros
- dedication means staying up at night teaching a friend something
- dedication means staying up at night learning something
- dedication means attending the monthly chapter meeting
- dedication means attending that community service project
- dedication means learning a hop
- dedication means teaching a hop
- dedication means going to the districts
- dedication means going to the conclave
- dedication means returning a phone call
- dedication means to humbly accept criticism
- dedication means to humbly accept praise
- dedication means to accept responsibly
- dedication means going to the drip
- dedication means going to the dinner dance
- dedication means respecting women
- dedication means showing our guests a nice time
- dedication means writing that report
- dedication means giving that report
- dedication means uplift
- dedication means help
- dedication means always giving your all
- dedication means love
- dedication means support
- dedication means going when you don't want to
- dedication means looking out for a brother
- dedication means accepting a brother's strengths
- dedication means accepting a brother's weakness
- dedication means accepting a brother for who he is
- dedication means manhood

**Chapter Meetings:  
3rd Friday at 7:00 p.m.  
528 West 150th Street  
New York, NY 10031**

**From the Editor  
Bro. T. Ed McBride, Jr.**



On April 11, 2002, my line held its 10th year celebration at America’s Restaurant in Manhattan. This is something we’ve been doing every year since 1992. This year we manage to have 9 out of the 12 brothers show up (we’ve been striving for a perfect attendance). Although I don’t get to see many of my LBs but once a year, when we do get together it’s as though we just saw each other yesterday.

Now I’m quite sure that there are other lines out there that are doing the same thing. So my question becomes what stops a brother from being Active and Financial? I can understand someone saying I can’t be financial this year, but that doesn’t stop one from being active with the chapter.

It’s difficult trying to maintain all the mandated programs without help. So my challenge to all brothers is to reclaim a brother. Let’s see all the Lines coming back into the fold. And if a brother is Financial but not Active we have plenty of things that need to be done.

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## Book Drive 2001

By Bro. William Sutphin

The Neophytes of Spring '01 conducted a book drive for their Social Action effort. The books collected are to benefit the after school program at the Harlem Youth Enrichment (HYE) center located at 127<sup>th</sup> Street between Lenox and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues.



Bro. Boyce addresses center

The After School program is under the direction of Dr. Andre McNair, a cardiologist who donates his spare time to inspiring our youth.



Books donated to children center library

Brothers Joseph and Sutphin were pleased to help Dr. McNair in this effort and also to present his program with over 300 books collected for the program.

The presentation of the books was held at the HYE center on June 14, 2001. The program had over 200 people in attendance and included speakers and refreshments.

Xi Phi Chapter has made some new friends with Dr. McNair and the grateful children of the Harlem Youth Enrichment Center. Dr. McNair has extended a warm invitation for all to stop by and see the good that has come from these books.



Dr. McNair, Bros. Joseph and Boyce (l-r)

## Donations to the Teddy Bear Club

On January 28, 2002, Xi Phi Chapter donated educational books and toys for pre-school age children to the Teddy Bear Club of Fellowship Covenant Church. Dominick Boyce, Basileus of Xi Phi, was on hand to make the presentation to Mrs. Sandra Mosby, the wife of Pastor Mosby, and the many volunteers who staff the Teddy Bear Club.

The Teddy Bear Club is a free nursery service for children, age five and younger, whose parents are members of the Church. Fellowship Covenant Church is located at 720 Castle Hill Avenue in the Bronx.



Bro. Dominick Boyce (2nd from left) and members of the "Teddy Bear Club"



### High Aspiration

By Brother Dominick Boyce

Omega like a star  
Brought glory from afar.

Omega bowed with night  
Arose and brought the light.

Omega, tree-like tall,  
towers stately over all.



# Social Action is...

## College Prep Workshop

On Sunday, February 17, 2002, Basileus Dominick Boyce was joined by Brothers Randolph Walker and Mark Flowers to conduct a college preparatory workshop for high school juniors and seniors at Fellowship Covenant Church.

Brother Walker is the current Scholarship Chairman for Xi Phi Chapter and directed the Scholarship Program for many years for the 100 Black Men organization. He provided the youth with valuable insight, including scholarship applications and web sites sources.

Bro. Flowers spoke about educational programs that exist on college campuses that are geared towards first-time college at-

tendees and students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Bro. Flowers is the academic counselor for the Higher Education Opportunities Program for Polytechnic University. Mark's wife, Diedre, who led the financial aid discussion, joined the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi. Also, several members of Fellowship Covenant Church addressed other educational opportunities for youth.

Twenty-two youth attended the workshop and walked away with useful information. The workshop discussed many topics including the pros and cons of attending a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) and predominantly White institutions, financial aid discussion, scholarship and loan opportunities and so forth. Bro.

Boyce, who is a member of the Church, was responsible for developing the workshop. Dr. Jerry Mosby, Pastor, thanked the members of Xi Phi Chapter for their support with this educational endeavor.



Bros. Flowers and Walker (2nd from left)

## Xi Phi Chapter Citizen of the Year 2001

Howard Dodson, Chief of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library since 1984, is a specialist in African American history and a noted lecturer, educator and consultant. In 1987, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane letters by Widener University. He was a consultant in the Office of the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, DC and served in a number of capacities from 1970-79 at the Institute of the Black World in Atlanta, GA, including Executive Director from 1974-79. Before joining the Institute, Mr. Dodson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador (1964-66) and National Peace Corps office staff member (1966-69), including the positions of Deputy Director of Recruiting and Director of Minority and Specialized Recruiting. He has taught at California State College at Haywood, Emory University, Shaw University, the City University of New York, and Columbia University.



Under Mr. Dodson's leadership, the Schomburg Center has developed into the world's most comprehensive public research library devoted exclusively to documenting and interpreting African diasporan and African History and culture. During his tenure, the Center's collections have more than doubled, totaling over 5 million items. Users have increased from 40,000 to over 125,000 annually. Dodson established a Scholars-in-Residence program which has provided six-month and one-year fellowships for more than 80 scholars who have been funded over the last 14 years. In 1991, he completed a major physical development program which renovated the original Schomburg Center building and created the Langston Hughes Auditorium. In 1989, he completed a \$15.2 million capital campaign and has raised 413 million toward a new recently announced \$25 million campaign goal. His aggressive educational and cultural programming agenda produces and presents 50 to 75 events annually as well as four to six exhibitions. Dodson has published articles and essays in newspapers, exhibition catalogs and professional journals. His most recent publication is The Black New Yorkers: The Schomburg Illustrated Chronology. He has curated exhibitions on such diverse themes as *Censorship and Black America* and *Lest We Forget: the Triumph over Slavery*; and has organized and produced major events at Carnegie Hall, the Schubert and Majestic Theaters on Broadway.

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this honor as was reflected in his acceptance speech.

This event would not be the same without an artistic presentation by Brother Dr. Charles Thomas. This year he played the keyboard and gave us an outstanding rendition of "I've Seen Rivers" by Langston Hughes.

Brother Randy Walker, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, presented Xi Phi Chapter Scholarships to two high school students Ms. DeVoia Nicole Stewart, presently attending Frederick Douglass Academy and Ms. Maneya Arnold, presently attending Thurgood Marshall Academy. Both of these teenagers were very deserving of these awards not only because they had to tackle a tough theme for writing their essay, but because their class standing in school is 1st and 3rd respectively.

Scroll of Honors were presented by Brother Derrick Touba, Vice Basileus, to John Cash, Fundraising Urban League Football Classic; Jamal Joseph, Achievement Week; Jeff Covington, Black College Tour; Joe Mayor, Social Action; John Turner, Dinner Dance; Randolph Walker, Scholarship; Leslie Wyche, Achievement Week; T. Edward McBride, Reclamation; Clarence Berry, Luncheon Cruise and Wade H. Isreal, Reclamation.

Brother Dominick Boyce, Basileus, presented Basileus Awards to Brothers Butler B. Dowery and Winder E.D. Fisher.

Brother Boyce then called upon the wives and sweethearts of members of the Executive Council to come on stage and thanked them for bearing with these brothers as they did the work of Omega. A special presentation was then given to Brothers Derrick Touba, Jeffrey Covington, Kevin Woodhouse, Derrick Taylor, Joe Mayor, Neville Evans, Butler Dowery and T. Edward McBride for their labor of love.

Xi Phi Chapter received congratulatory letters from Lincoln University and Langston University in honor of our mutual associations with Bro. Langston Hughes and Xi Phi's many years of social action.

The 75th Anniversary edition of the Omega Express has been published and copies were distributed at the Achievement Week program along with other giveaways. This issue attempts to capture in pictures and print that what is the essence of Xi Phi Chapter. You may view and print out this 75th Anniversary Edition of the Omega Express by going to the web site and click on Omega Express. It's quite robust so please be patient as it loads.

And finally, Kudos to Brother Derrick

Touba, Achievement Week Committee Chairman, and his committee for the excellent work in planning and presenting this year's program as well as the chapter's 75th Anniversary.



Scroll of Honor Recipients



ACW Chairman, Derrick Touba presents Citizen of the Year award to Dr.

## Xi Phi Chapter Omega Man of the Year 2001

By Bro. Dominick Boyce

Tenacious! This word defines Brother Keeper of Records and Seal Jeffrey Richard Covington. This word also defines his relationship with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the many roles he plays within the Chapter.

A lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York, Jeffrey Covington is an alumnus of Brooklyn Technical High School, and New York Institute of Technology, where he majored in Marketing. Also, Brother Covington has received a MBA in Marketing from Manhattanville College in 1998. He earned this graduate degree while both working and going to school full-time in addition to serving in his capacity as an Executive Council member of Xi Phi Chapter and a father of a young daughter.



Brother Covington's service to the Fraternity began on November 25, 1995, when he was initiated into Xi Phi Chapter in New York City. In 1997, he was elected as Chapter Editor for the Chapter where he marketed our events and ties to the New York Pan-Hellenic community. In addition, Brother Covington continues to serve or has been an active member of the following committees: Dinner Dance, Black College Tour, Achievement Week, Social Action, and Fundraising. Bro. Covington has also had the honor of representing the Chapter as a delegate to two of the last five District Conferences, including the 2001 Second District Conference in Washington, DC. Bro. Covington has served as a delegate to the New York Pan-Hellenic Council for the past four years. Also, he is the recipient of at least four Scrolls of Honor Awards from Xi Phi Chapter.

In 1998, Brother Covington was elected to the pivotal position of Keeper of Records and Seal of Xi Phi Chapter and is currently serving his third term in that position. Since the new fiscal year has begun, Bro. Covington has served as Chairman of three successful fund-raising events, the Halloween Party; the Pre-Valentine's Day Affair and the Island Party Affair. He has been diligent in providing the membership with very marketable, quality and affordable venues to socialize and network. Further, these events has been achieved with minimal or no cost to the Chapter. It is through his vision and stewardship that the Chapter was able to raise the largest amount of money from any single fundraising venue in over five years – the Pre-Valentine's Affair. Also, in 2001, Brother Covington served as a volunteer Chaperone on the Chapter's highly successful Black College Tour.

Professionally, Brother Covington has been a Financial Consultant at TIAA-CREF for the past 9 years. In his capacity with TIAA-CREF, he was able to provide the Chapter and CUP with corporate giveaways for our fundraising endeavors.

In June of this year, he moved over to the banking industry where he is a current Executive Vice President and Branch Manager for Citibank USA. Switching to the private sphere of his life, Bro. Covington is also a proud father of a daughter, Allannah Covington.

Bro. Covington's untiring service and dedication to the Fraternity exemplifies our Cardinal Principles and is a model for other Omega men to emulate. In closing, anyone who knows Jeff understands that he is very passionate about his love of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Thus, no greater honor can befall one for his commitment than the recognition by one's peers for a job well done.

## Scholarships Awarded

The Scholarship Committee of Xi Phi Chapter was proud to award two students from the Harlem community an award of \$500.00 a piece at the Annual Achievement Week program.

Ms. DeVoia Stewart attends Frederick Douglas Academy and Ms. Maneya Arnold attends Thurgood Marshall Academy. Both students will receive their award's at the beginning of their Freshman year of college.

Applications and requirements will be available for distribution to students expected to graduate in June 2003 by June 2002.

A special Thank You from the committee chair, Bro. Randolph C. Walker to the committee members: Brothers Wade Isreal, Reggie Stewart, and George Watts for a job well done.



Ms. Maneya Arnold accepts award from Bros. Randy Walker and Reggie Stewart



Mrs. Donna Stewart accepting award for daughter, DeVoia, from Bros. Walker, Stewart and Isreal

## Benefit at Showman's Jazz Club

On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> C.U.P. hosted a Benefit Soiree for the Scholarship Fund at Showman's Jazz Club located on 125<sup>th</sup> Street in Harlem. Showman's is co-owned by Brother Horace Balmer of Xi Phi Chapter. The event was standing room only and attended by Brothers and many supporters of scholarship. This event was complete with soul food and soft music for the enjoyment of our guests. Brothers in attendance included Randolph Walker, Scholarship Chairman, Dominick Boyce, Gregory Harris, Wade Isreal, Leroy Hendricks, Jr., Leslie Wyche and the Committee. Through the efforts of all, we were able to raise over \$1500 for the Scholarship Fund. We would like to thank Bros. Jim Wilson, Robert Gadson, Edward Lawson, Butler Dowery and Horace Balmer for their committee effort and commitment to our

## Xi Phi Welcomes it's 75th Anniversary Neophytes

On November 17, 2001 Xi Phi Chapter inducted three new members into the fraternity. These brothers are Mark V. Flowers, Tevya D. Forbes and Charles Houser. This event took place at a time when the Fraternity was celebrating its 90th Anniversary and Xi Phi Chapter was celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

Brother Flowers is very active in his community volunteering as a mentor with the Blue Nile Rights of Passage Program, and presiding over the Youth Ministry department of his church. Bro. Flowers has also written articles on the field of education. Brother Flowers is a graduate of the New School University.



Brothers Mark Flowers, Tevya Forbes and Charles Houser (l-r)

Brother Forbes is about to receive his Bachelors of Arts from the State University of New York at Old Westbury in May of 2002. He is also very active as a volunteer fire fighter for the Wyandanch Volunteer Fire Department.

Brother Houser serves as a school guidance counselor at CS 287 and has been voted as District 13's counselor of the year in 1998. He is also the coordinator for the extended day program, summer school program, child abuse mandated reporter, C.A.R.E Team chairperson and Career day Chairman at CS 287. Brother Houser is a graduate of City College of NY.

## Newly Weds



Bro. Joe Mayor and wife, the former Limaris Perez, were married on Saturday, February 9, 2002 at Abyssinian Baptist Church in Central Harlem.

## Happy Birthday



'92 Line of "14 then and Now" celebrating their 10th year. From left to right seated, Jesse Palmer, Ernest Fair, Rod Bussey, T. Ed McBride. Standing Derrick Touba, Richard Clarke, Brian Hairston, Tyrone Talton, and Roger Abel.

## Newly Weds



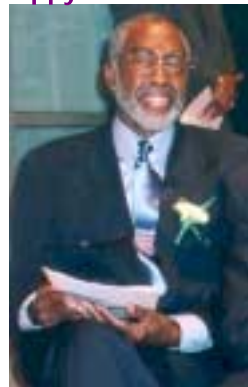
Immediate Past Basileus Kevin Woodhouse and wife, the former Stacy Robbins, were married on August 25, 2001.

## Happy 30th Anniversary



Bro. T. Ed and Annette McBride

## Happy 50th Birthday



Bro. Butler Dowery Celebrates 50 years in Omega Psi Phi

## Happy 90th Birthday Omega Psi Phi



Xi Phi Brothers are well represented at the Metro Chapters Founders Day Program, November 17, 2001 at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, NY.

## CHAPLAIN SPEAKS

By Bro. Derrick Taylor

Greetings Brothers, I hope all is well amidst these trying times that we have persevered through during the 9/11 tragedy. Let us not forget those that have lost their lives and those that gave their lives in the attempt to save others. This should be a wake-up call to all of us that this world we live in is not the same and will not be the same anymore.

We as Brothers of an elite Fraternity should now more than ever reassess our priorities in the way we live our lives, interact with one another amongst the Brotherhood, exert more individual leadership in our own communities and become pillars of strength for our families.

We should always walk with discretion and be upright men, as well as having a heightened degree of awareness for our personal safety and the safety of others. We have to strengthen our faith in God, Family and Brotherhood to help us prevail through these times; and throughout our travels always remember, "Love your Brother as you love yourself".

## Voter Registration Drive

On Saturday, April 13 2002 Xi Phi conducted one of its annual voter registration drive as part of the C. Melvin Patrick Career Conference sponsored by the Pan Hellenic Council of Greater New York, Inc. The Conference was held at the Frederick Douglass Academy in Central Harlem. Our own, Bro. Leslie Wyche, Mayor of Harlem, served as Master of Ceremony for the Conference that was attended by community youth and their parents, local politicians, such as Harlem's Council member Bill Perkins, and many volunteers who served on the career panel. Xi Phi members present for the Conference and voter registration drive included Bros. Butler Dowery, T. Edward McBride Jr., Kevin Woodhouse, Mark Flowers and Dominick Boyce. I am happy to report that we were successful in registering several young adults as new voters on this day of community uplift

## My BCT Experience

By Brother Jeffrey Covington

Being a part of Xi Phi Chapter's Black College Tour Committee is generally a great deal of fun, and a whole lot of hard work. My story encompasses my week as a chaperone on the 2002 Tour.

Normally, this story would probably talk about my experiences with the Tour itself, but I had the pleasure of chaperoning four young ladies this year.

Luckily, each team member was well behaved, and followed direction really well. One member was extremely into her spirituality; another was friendly and an athlete. One of my team members was an introvert, and didn't really converse as much. The last member was an extrovert and appreciated attention. This fact led to the only instance during the tour that I would need to annex help from my female counterparts.

The evening after a visit to Maryland-Eastern Shore was great. We had our last hotel workshop, and I discovered that some of the things that I had previously said to my "problem" student had sunk in. During our gift giving ceremony, she acknowledged the work that was done by our staff of chaperones. As well, she confessed to being a "J. A." When someone asked her what that was, she stated a "Jeffrey's Angel". I felt really great after that. It was a confirmation of sorts that I had managed to get a message through regarding direction and discipline without needing to be a tyrant.

The last Tour workshop found a lot of tired but satisfied chaperones and students. We reminisced about some of the highlights of the tour, and things that could have been done better. I had the pleasure of giving my team of ladies a dozen Roses apiece to let them know how much I thought of them, and how well they performed on the Tour. I do believe that all of the ladies will go on to do wonderful things in life, and I'm nothing less than happy about the opportunity that I got to watch them during this stage of their school career.



BCT Staff, Students and Parents

## Omega Chapter- Reverend Dr. Lenton Gunn, Jr.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Reverend Dr. Lenton Gunn, Jr. Xi Phi Chapter into Omega Chapter on Tuesday, January 29, 2002. Bro. Gunn was the presiding Pastor of St.



Bro. Lenton Gunn

James Presbyterian Church located at 141st Street and St. Nicholas Avenue in Harlem. The funeral and Omega services were held on Saturday, February 2, 2002 at St. James Presbyterian Church. Bro. Gunn was initiated into the Fraternity at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in the late 1950s. He was formerly a member of Kappa Omicron Chapter and an active member of Xi Phi Chapter until he fell ill. As a member of Xi Phi, he allowed the Metro Omega Chapters to spearhead a Blood and Bone Marrow Drive at his church in June of 1999. Rev. Gunn was active in the community of Harlem and under his leadership was borne the Harlem School of the Arts. In November 2000, Xi Phi Chapter honored Pastor Gunn and the St. James Presbyterian Church with its First Annual Omega Spirit Award for service to the community of Harlem. His wife, Dr. Evelyn Jenkins Gunn, our 2001 Second District Citizen of the Year, and three children survive Bro. Gunn. Bro. Gunn, another star in the constellation of Omega, will sorely be missed but not forgotten.


## The Negro Speaks of Rivers

By Bro. Langston Hughes

I've known rivers: I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins. My soul has grown deep like the rivers. I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young. I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep. I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it. I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln went down to New Orleans, and I've seen its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset. I've known rivers: Ancient, dusky rivers. My soul has grown deep like the rivers.




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Sunday, June 9, 2002  
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East River and 23rd Street  
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11:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Duration: \$60.00  
Suggested Dress: Nautical White

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Cash Bar

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