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port for the United Negro College Fund; Media Watch, monitoring of bias in news reporting on issues affecting minorities; and the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), training and resources to improve reading and writing skills.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, one of the two fraternity-founders of NPHC, was established at Indiana University (Bloomington) on January 5, 1911. At the present time, the fraternity has a membership in excess of 80,000 in more than 550 chapters. The Grand Polemarch is Randall Bacon.

Kappa men who have served as president of NPHC include Attorney J. Ernest Williams (1933-1936), Ellsworth J. Evans (1946-1948), Attorney Victor J. Ashe (1950-1952), Dr. Ernest Wilkins Jr. (1954-1956) and Earl A. Morris (1971-1072).

Throughout its 75-year history, Kappa Alpha Psi has provided innumerable services to the Black community including housing for the elderly and disadvantaged, improvement in social conditions through voter education and citizenship programs, scholarships and grants to high school and college students, and workshops on leadership training. Kappa men have served as role models for many generations of Black youth.

Current Kappa projects include the Kappa League which stresses talent, scholarship and career preparedness for high school and college students; C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Training, undergraduate workshops on leadership development; Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation, a non-profit arm for funding social action and self-help projects in the Black community; Student Revolving Loan Fund makes loans available to college students on campuses with Kappa chapters; and Social Action which responds to socio-economic issues affecting the Black community.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority was founded November 12, 1922 at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. The sorority became the eighth member of NPHC in 1937. Today, Sigma Gamma Rho has more than 350 chapters in the United States, Bermuda and the Bahamas. Dr. Rejesta V. Perry is the national president.

Members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority who have served as president of NPHC include Bertha Black Rhoda (1944-1946), Edna Douglas (1960-1962) and Alice M. Swain (1974-1976).

For more than 60 years, Sigma Gamma Rho has encouraged academic excellence

by providing scholarships and tutorial assistance, career counseling and guidance for high school students; enhanced the quality of life in communities by sponsoring cultural enrichment activities; improved the social welfare of community by providing food and clothing for disadvantaged families; and provided leadership training for youngsters.

Current Sigma Gamma Rho projects include Project Reassurance, parent-involved sex education for teenagers; Eye Saver, glasses and health care for citizens; Vocational Guidance Workshop Centers, tutorial training programs; Alcohol and Drug Abuse Drop-In Centers, counseling and drug prevention programs; and the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), tutorial assistance in reading and writing.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded in January 1914 on the campus of Howard University. It became the fourth fraternity member in 1931. At present the fraternity has a membership in excess of 65,000 in 500 chapters in the United States, Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. James Floyd is the national president.

Sigmas who have served as president of NPHC include Attorney George W. Lawrence (1941-1943), Julius Simmons (1958-1960), Dr. Alvin J. McNeil (1962-1964), Charles B. Wright (1976-1978) and Dr. Gilbert H. Francis (1983-1985).

The men of Phi Beta Sigma share a two-fold goal: to promote brotherhood and community service, and to pursue scholastic excellence. Specific program support is given to education (through scholarships and tutoring services), Black business development and social welfare projects. In cooperation with the National Foundation of the March of Dimes, Project SAD (Sigmas Attack Defects) works toward ridding communities of the threats to new life—drugs, malnutrition, venereal disease and sickle cell anemia. Project SAD focuses on the father and potential father.

Currently, Sigma projects include Oratorical Contests/Debates, competitions designed to improve the rhetorical skills of college students; National Lock Scholar, recognition and scholarships for outstanding students by the Education Foundation; NAACP Membership Drive, financial support of the NAACP; Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), tutorial assistance and resources for reading and writing; and the Black Family, participation in national emphasis on the Black family program with the National Leadership Roundtable.

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1986-87 Officers of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.—(left to right) Edda Pittman (Zeta Phi Beta), Recording Secretary; James Carter (Kappa Alpha Psi), 1st Vice President; Daisy Wood (Delta Sigma Theta), Treasurer; Dr. Ada J. Jackson (Alpha Kappa Alpha), President; William Davis Jr. (Omega Psi Phi), Graduate Member-at-Large; Grace Phillips (Zeta Phi Beta), Corresponding Secretary; and Birta Allen (Alpha Kappa Alpha), Graduate Member-at-Large.



Past Grand Polemarchs of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.



Omegas and guests participate in public programs. Speakers included L. Douglas Wilder, Lt. Governor of Virginia; Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director, NAACP; and Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rainbow Coalition.