

# Greek Corner

The Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc



photo by Angel Robinson

On November 17, 1911 at Howard University, four young men, including three collegiate men and their faculty advisor, bound together to found Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc on the basis of their dedication to manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift. Having expanded to more than 700 chapters internationally, the Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi was the first historically black fraternity chartered on the campus of Fayetteville State University. Founded in May 1951 by Henry "Hank" Eldridge, the fraternity continues to serve the student population and external community of Fayetteville. The Voice Newspaper sat down with Kevin Hollingsworth, president of the Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

**The Voice:** The Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi is a powerful Greek organization on the campus of Fayetteville State University. How does the Delta Gamma chapter avoid being overshadowed by other Greek organizations?

**Kevin Hollingsworth:** Great question, the Delta Gamma Chapter avoids being overshadowed by other Greek organizations by encouraging that all DG brothers remain true to themselves and those exceptional, God-given talents that make us all individuals. While it appears everyone else is in a "mad dash" to fit into one uniform or stereo-type, we are uniquely able to promote our internal strength, collectively allowing us the ability to stand out.

**TV:** As president of the Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc what are some qualities that you ensure are embedded in your programs? What issues do you address and why are they relevant to college students?

**KH:** If there is any one quality that I want to be embedded in Delta Gamma Programs, I would have to say a commitment to the population we serve. Through our various socially conscious programming initiatives, we strive to promote the positive progression of our campus culture, and consequently the culture of our world.

**TV:** The Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi has had a great lack of social dramatizations and rivalries this year. As a figure of leadership in the fraternity, how do you ensure the organization focuses on their cause?

**KH:** As you stated, the brothers have not participated much in the way of social dramatizations this can be attributed to the fact that the Delta Gamma Chapter is composed of grown, college education seeking young men, who don't have time for drama, be it social or any other type.

**TV:** In what way does the presence of the Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc on the campus of Fayetteville State University enrich the quality of life for students?

**KH:** Since our charter on May 18, 1951, Delta Gamma has always been a catalyst for promoting the quality of life for Fayetteville State Students and the much larger Bronco Community. If a student were to take a look in the University Archives, they would see that from conception Delta Gamma Brothers have been presidents of honor societies, student organizations, even editors of The Voice Student Newspaper. In addition, Delta Gamma initiatives include Operation Smooth Move, now a university mainstay and Bio-Phi-Chem was conceived when Delta Gamma Brothers realized there was no focal point at which science majors could gather around and exchange their ideas. More recently, Delta Gamma was the first sponsor and major contributor to the Miss Big & Beautiful pageant.

**TV:** Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc stresses the importance of brotherhood. What events has the Delta Gamma Chapter held in the past to celebrate and encourage male bonding on the campus of FSU?

**KH:** While promoting extra-fraternity male bonding is not a specific arena that DG has highlighted for commitment, some of the programs we've held that promote camaraderie amongst male students have been the "Walk with the Omegas" program, where we encourage our male colleagues to take an early morning walk with us, we open the floor to speak freely about most anything. In addition, we hold an annual "Battle of the Sexes" program that pits men against women, and as we all know when given a common enemy, it becomes much easier for persons to develop a common bond.

## In the Spotlight Consuela Chapman

**Full Name:** Consuela Chapman

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One of the many things we do as social workers is empower



and encourage. It is my wish that my story as a student at Fayetteville State University does just that.