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John H. Williams Museum showcases Omega Psi Phi History

Decatur, Georgia (June 1, 2007) – Omega has a rich heritage to be protected, celebrated and enhanced. Omega artifacts can be found at the John H. Williams Historical Museum located in the lower level of the Fraternity's World Center Headquarters in Decatur, Georgia. The museum features special exhibits, art, clothing, historical fraternal documents and a large permanent display showcasing the fraternity's vast history.

The museum is named in honor of John H. Williams, international photographer, and a member of Nu Omega chapter, Detroit, Michigan. For the last six decades John Williams has taken pictures of Omega men and recorded fraternity events nationwide.

Carl Blunt, first vice Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi says the museum conveys an attitude and spirit of adventure. "For every Percy Julian and Ernest Just (scientist), we have a Hildrus Poindexter; for every "Shaq" and Michael Jordan, we have Clarence "Big House" Gaines and a Nevil Shedd; for every Steve McNair and Ed "Too Tall" Jones, we have a Bob Ferguson and Brice Taylor; and for every Colonel Charles Young and "Kip" Ward, we have a Thomas Dent and a Manson Brown," said Blunt.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded on Friday, November 17, 1911, at Howard University, in Washington, D.C. by three students. At the time, the founders of Omega Psi Phi were Howard University juniors Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Professor Frank Coleman.

Today, Omega Psi Phi has over 700 chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, Bahamas, Korea, Japan, Liberia, Germany, and Kuwait. There are many notable Omega Men recognized as leaders in the arts, athletics, business, civil rights, education, government, and science sectors at the local, national and international level.

Some of these men include Executive Directors of the NAACP Roy Wilkins and Benjamin Hooks, former President of the National Urban League, Vernon Jordan, and President & CEO of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Jesse Jackson. Also, two former governors William H. Hastie (U.S. Virgin Islands) and L. Douglas Wilder (Virginia) and numerous presidents of historically black colleges and universities grace the roster of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

To arrange for a tour contact the Omega Psi Phi International Headquarters at (404)-284-5533.

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