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THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL: ~~A~~ HISTORY *ΦΒΣ*

Dr. William Henry "Stud" Greene felt that all collegiate fraternities and sororities had the same purpose. He made an appeal to the National Heads of each of the eight groups to organize and work for greater development of all groups.

National Pan-Hellenic Council was organized May 1930 at Howard University, Washington, D.C. The Charter Members were: Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Zeta Phi Beta Sororities.

In 1931 Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternities joined the Council; in 1937 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority completed the list of the organizations that continue to comprise the affiliate group of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The exact wording of the National Purpose of the Pan-Hellenic Council in 1930 was ... "Unanimity of the thought and action of Greek Letter Collegiate fraternities and sororities and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations."

In 1937 NPHC was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois and became known as the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.

From 1930-1974 ^{*only*} ~~all~~ presidents of the Council were the Nation Presidents of the member organizations. In 1974 at the National Convention of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, it was observed that the the organization's program was suffering from the lack of local Council interest. It was also felt that it was impossible for one person to conduct an interesting program for two organizations at the same time. A motion was carried that the National

Officers of the member organizations would not be eligible to hold office in the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Only persons who have held office in their local Pan-Hellenic Councils would be eligible to become officers in the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

The Washington Pan-Hellenic Council

In September 1930 Dr. William Henry "Stud" Greene organized the Washington, D.C. Pan-Hellenic Council and became its first president. As other National Organizations joined the National-Pan-Hellenic Council , their local chapters joined the local Pan-Hellenic Councils.

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