

Overall Magazine

I wanted to take a moment to commend you on your last issue of *The Carnation* (spring 2009). Your design is very clean and purposeful, and the articles are relevant and interesting. Your feature, We are Delta Sig, will certainly inspire pride in your members.

I like how the magazine is organized by departments, including Health & Fitness, Government & Politics, etc. You did an excellent job involving your members as guest writers, which always adds flavor to the content, and in using various ways to present information (Q&A, Day in the Life, first person narratives). The member profiles demonstrate the wonderful accomplishments of your brothers.

Great job on making good on your mission to educate and entertain “other readers who may not be members!”

Interfraternally,

► **Mimi McMann**
Editor, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

Feature

Just a note to say that I think the Spring issue of *The Carnation* is probably the best in the 59 years since I graduated. Congratulations! I commend you for carrying the articles on GITMO and the Obama election.

I also commend the emphasis on diversity, although I think it’s a bit of a stretch to call it part of our heritage. I’m pretty sure the pledge manual when I was in school was pretty

specific about excluding anyone who wasn’t white and Christian. I hope it is changing.

Anyway, if the fraternity is doing as well as *The Carnation*, things should go well.

YITBOS,

► **Chuck Graham**
Illinois '48

In reference to the about article published on page 11 of the Spring 2009 issue of *The Carnation*:

It is technically correct that Delta Sigma Phi was founded by Jewish and Christian men, BUT this tradition didn’t continue. Later, the Jewish members left Delta Sigma Phi and formed their own Fraternity.

When I was President of Gamma Omega Chapter at the University of Houston in 1959, it was my duty to tell a rushee with friends in our chapter that we could not pledge him because he was Jewish.

► **Jerry Blaylock**
Houston '59

Editor’s Note: While there were certainly dark periods during the Fraternity’s history, the story that we put together in our Spring issue illustrates Delta Sigma Phi is a diverse and inclusive brotherhood across the country.

Three Days in the Life of a Chapter

Many thanks for the wonderful article in *The Carnation* regarding the Miss Sorority Row Pageant at UGA. It was beautifully written and realistic. Your article showed a lot of detail and the hard work put into the Pageant.

Sincerely,

► **Lynn Freedman**
Miss Sorority Row Director

Our New President: Bringing Change to Society or a Product of Societal Change

I suggest you reconsider publishing articles discussing political issues. I refer you to pages 20 and 24. Articles of this type do not conform with your mission.

I for one am offended.

► **Dick Mills**
San Jose State '56

Editor’s Note: While it’s not always fun to read negative comments about stories that are run in the magazine, we appreciate Dick and others sharing their views of the “Our New President: Bringing Change to Society or a Product of Societal Change” story. We’ll continue bringing you stories that fit within the mission of the magazine, while remembering that we need to be cognizant of all of the divergent views across the brotherhood.