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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY CONDEMNS RACIALLY-CHARGED COMMENTS BY NATIONAL RADIO PERSONALITY

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joins other progressive organizations and groups denouncing the demeaning and derogatory statements made by Don Imus towards African-American players on the Rutgers Ladies Basketball Team. The comments by Don Imus are totally inexcusable and irreconcilable.

While Mr. Imus has issued an apology and justification for making his comments, Omega Psi Phi believes his 'mea culpa' has little impact. Mr. Imus has a documented history of making disparaging comments towards women and people of other races.

"Those who utilize the public airwaves must make a conscious decision to do what is right and not reduce themselves to society's lowest common denominator." said Warren G. Lee, Jr., the Fraternity's Grand Basileus (International President). "Society cannot continue to tolerate this level of vitriolic hate-speech on our airways. We join other voices across the country in denouncing Don Imus' absurd pronouncements. Such speech has no place in our public discourse. "

Omega Psi Phi is requesting that its members, and others who are distressed by the remarks made by Mr. Imus, become increasingly selective in financial support of those companies who sponsor the Imus radio and television program.

Omega Psi Phi has more than 750 chapters and 150,000 members throughout the world.

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