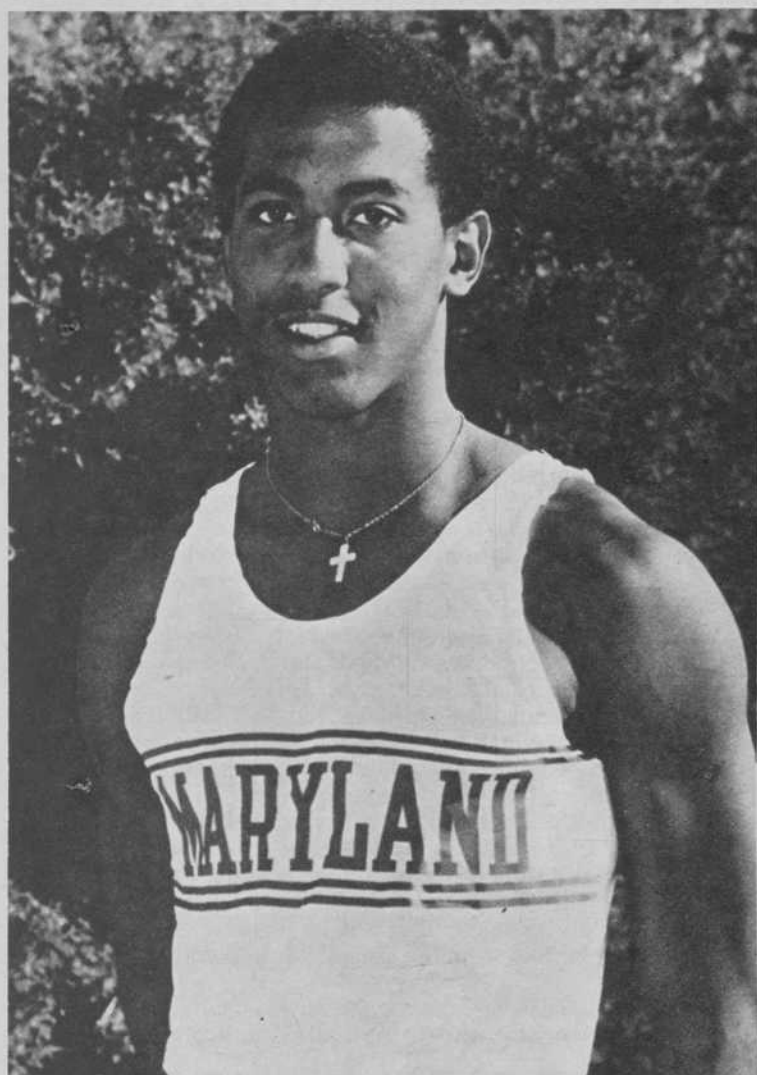


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Bro. Renaldo Nehemiah, University of Maryland world class track and field champion, world record holder, currently playing for the San Francisco 49ers football team.

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According to Mel Patrick, another prominent Sigma man, "The Pan-Hellenic Council started primarily as a clearinghouse for inter-fraternal problems which arise in connection with carrying on the programs of the respective organizations." Today, however, local councils are encouraged to engage in educational and other endeavors where joint effort such as AOIP (see below) is more effective for all.

A former president expressed the importance of inter-fraternal cooperation, thusly, "We cannot escape this challenge; for within our joint constituencies there resides much of the strength of the present and much of the hope of the future."

## The Challenge of AOIP

**T**HE Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), the framework via which all types of local Black community-building organizations can work together to focus on greatly reducing the unconscionably-high rate of illiteracy among Black adults, age 18 and above, offers Phi Beta Sigma, all of the Greek-letter societies



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Brother Demetrius Newton, National President (left), Mrs. Coretta Scott King and Bro. Gilbert H. Francis, National President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (right) at the grave of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Atlanta, Georgia.



and all Black-organizations an unparalleled opportunity to carry out the educational mandates of their constitutions and traditions in the most effective and efficient way possible.

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For 70 years the "people's fraternity" has been rendering unequalled service in many fields of endeavor all over the United States, in Europe, in Africa and in the Caribbean. Since the first twelve members—signified by the twelve pearls on the Sigma pin—the membership has grown to more than 65,000. Alpha Chapter at Howard University has expanded into more than 450. A man named Abraham Langston Taylor did indeed establish a new people, a new family and a new nation.

We proudly salute all the deeply-dedicated men like Demetrius Newton, Gilbert Francis, Mel Patrick and others—past and present—who have brought Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity to its glorious 70th year.



Chartering of Eta Gamma Chapter in Lagos, Nigeria.

