

# ΓΦΔ

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## ΓΦΔ : The Leader

**S**INCE 1977, the tireless leader and Supreme Basileus of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority has been Dr. Catherine E. Bozeman, an educator *par excellence*. As an elementary school teacher and principal and as a college teacher, Dr. Bozeman has touched the lives of countless young people who are better for having come within the sphere of her influence. For many years, she was the supervisor of teachers in Dallas County, Alabama. When she retired from the public school system, her service to youth did not end. She is fully committed to the continuing improvement of educational opportunities for Black youth.

In 1982, Dr. Bozeman became the first Black and the first woman ever elected to the Dallas County Board of Education. The county seat of Dallas County is Selma, which is known as the Civil Rights Capital.

On March 21, 1965, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and thousands of civil rights supporters began the 54-mile march from Selma to Montgomery, the Alabama state capital. This march focused national headlines and television cameras on Selma and officially inaugurated the civil rights movement.

The Dallas County Board of Education has named a multi-purpose building for Dr. Bozeman and has placed a bronze plaque on the wall of Tipton High School in her honor. A portrait of this unforgettable Black educator also hangs on the wall of Hazen-Harrell Junior High School.

Thanks to her creativity and expertise in planning, design and organizational administration, just two years after Dr. Bozeman had been elected Supreme Basileus, two mortgages on Gamma Phi Delta Sorority House were liquidated. She presented the deed to the property to the sorority at Boule 1979. The program to make extensive repairs to—and renovation of—the building was also begun in her administration.

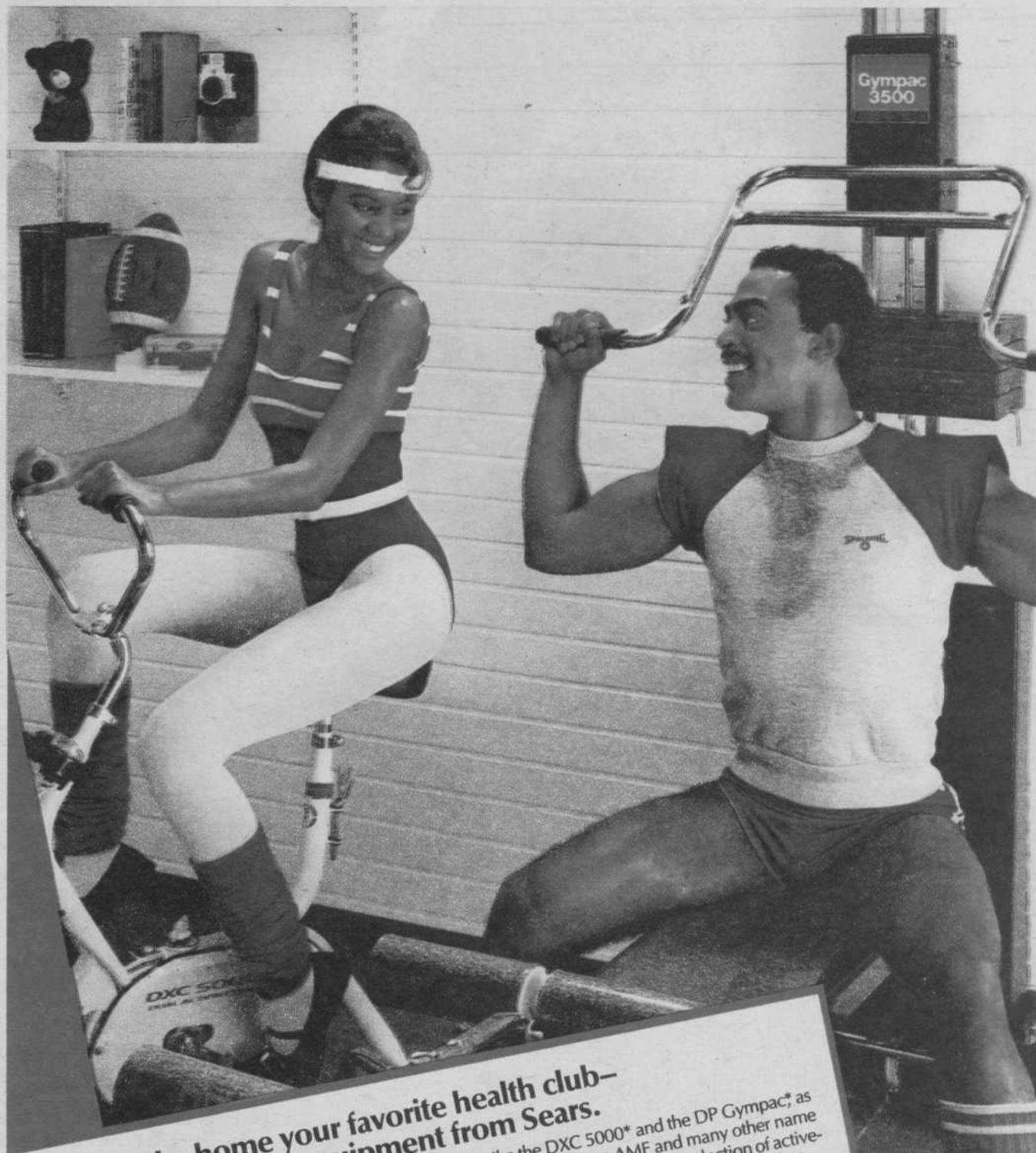
## ΓΦΔ : The Challenge

**A**LTHOUGH many attempts to breach the barriers to racial communications and cooperation had been made over the years, it was not until the collective,

community-building thrust, known as the national Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), succeeded in bringing

together well over 80 of our largest and most prestigious Black-led organizations into a coalition was it possible for Blacks

to foster closer ties among themselves. Now Gamma Phi Delta and other (Continued on page 14.)



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