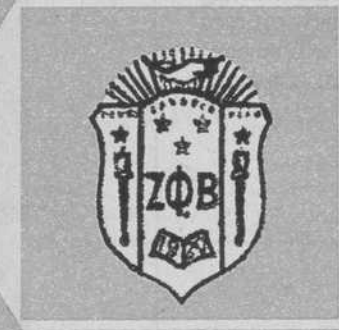
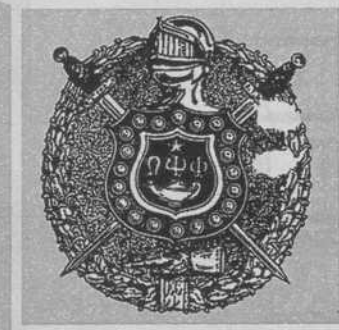
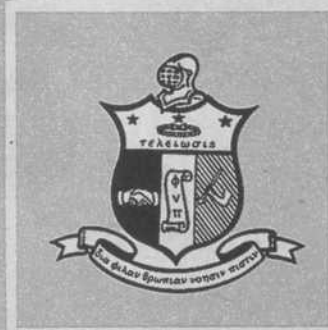


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“No group of organizations in America has done more to set a pattern of vitally-needed interorganizational cooperation for our present time than have those coalesced under the banner of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).” These were the words of Ozell Sutton, president and founding member of Community Motivators, Inc. which also is known popularly as the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), an 89-organizational extension of the NPHC concept.

Pan-Hellenic Deserves Praise

Other leaders of strong national coalitions of women’s organizations had equally high praise for NPHC. According to Dorothy Height of the National Council of Negro Women, “Even though our group of 29 national women’s organizations and the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs have a long history of interorganizational cooperation among Black

women who always have been held together by the simple force of a common oppression, the task before us is far too massive not to embrace both men and women in this awesome struggle.”

Both noted educator Faye Bryant and Imperial Potentate Earl Gray (Prince Hall Shriners)—the two new national co-chairpersons of AOIP—echoed the sentiments of Dr. Height and others. These sentiments are expressed best by the words of Donald Wilson (IBPO Elks of the World) and Moses Norman (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity). According to Donald

Wilson:

We are extremely proud to be in a leadership role within this vital coalition which is the extension of the National Pan-Hellenic Council concept. Black Americans everywhere must allocate their dollars and other resources in ways which motivate our masses to become an informed and productive part of this nation of power groups. Most impressive to us are AOIP’s 11

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