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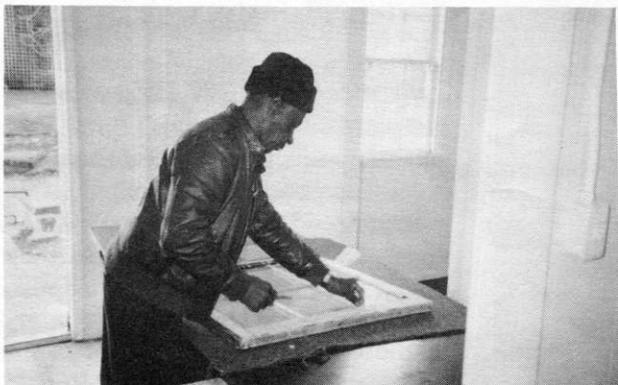
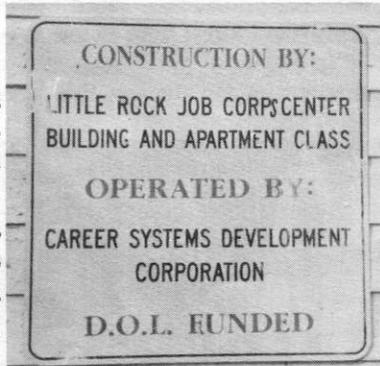
Alumni Archives to Open Mar. 1



New Alumni Office Quarters, 11th and Izard

The PSC National Alumni Affairs office and the UNCF/Development Offices will move into a newly renovated building (formerly known as the Barracks) on or before March 1. Located on the campus at the corner of 11th and Izard Streets, the completion of this project is "A special need and a dream come true," accord-

ing to Alumni Director Winston J. Muldrew. Part-time faculty and other special use offices will be located on the second floor. Tentative plans for the facility include displays, work-room space and a large conference room. The two-story facility, moved onto campus shortly after the end of World War II from Camp Robinson where it had served as a barracks, has seen a long history of service to the College.



Mr. Henry Higgins prepares a windowframe

Before its current renovation, it was the site of the College's Music Department. President Myer L. Titus stated, "We decided there was more to be gained by renovating the building than by tearing it down. After the Music Department was moved

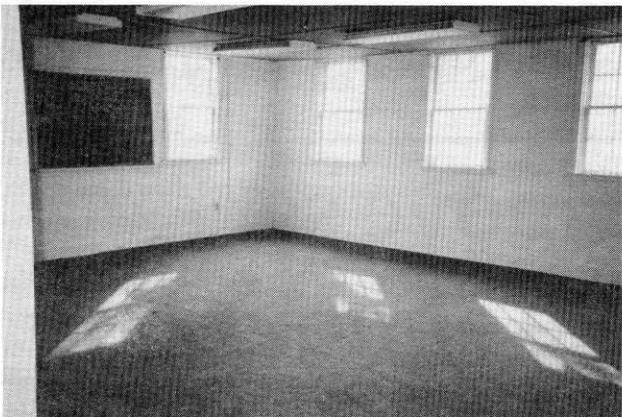
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Convention Report

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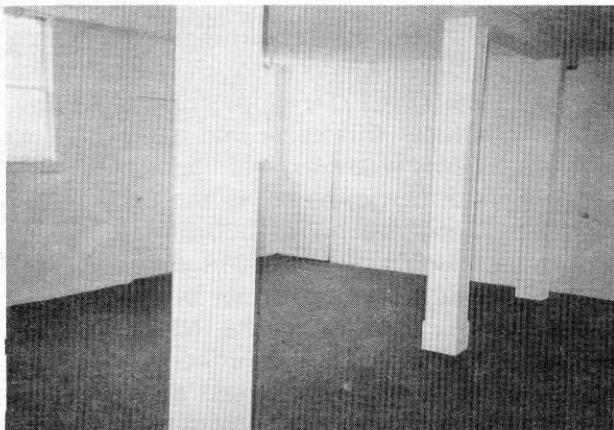
to its new facility last spring we considered tearing the Barracks down, but we needed the extra space this facility is giving us, and we needed it quickly. The UNCF and Alumni Offices are housed in places which are too small, and we were in dire need of office space for our part-time faculty members. Constructing a new building from scratch

would have taken a year and a half or more, and would have been very expensive. I am very pleased with the course the renovations have taken, and that we were able to bring it in so quickly and at minimal cost."

The Alumni Office requests that all alumni consider making special gifts or donating furnishings, pictures, mementos, historical data or any other pertinent information to make this new Archives a special place be.

An Open House will be held at the facility sometime during the National Convention, April 1-5.

The Alumni Office extends its sincere thanks to Dr. Titus, the Administrative Staff, and especially the alumni, for helping to meet this special need. •

**The downstairs conference room****The Philanderian**

The Philander Smith College Alumni Journal is a newsletter published three times a year: Fall, Winter and Spring. Copies are mailed to all alumni currently on file in the Office of Alumni Affairs

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**Small offices located off the upstairs central hallway****Alumni Directory
Coming Soon!**

Our Philander Smith College Alumni Directory project is nearing completion and shipment of the directories will begin soon.

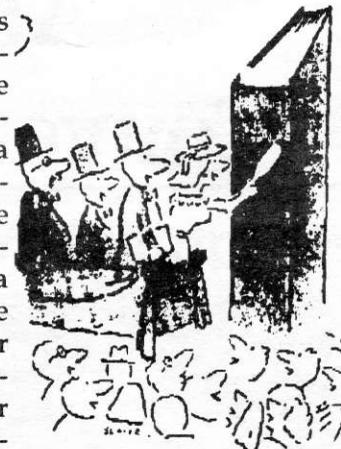
This comprehensive new volume is a compilation of the most current data available on over 2,889 Philander Smith College alumni.

This information has been obtained from questionnaire mailings, telephone research and/or from the database provided by the Office of Alumni Affairs. Now that the editing, proofreading and printing are almost finished, the distribution of this impressive edition will start.

Directories will be released on or about May 4, 1992. Please allow two to four weeks for delivery. For alumni who reserved a copy of the directory during the verification phase of the project and have a question on their order, or if you wish to place an order, please contact our publisher directly:

**Customer Service Department
Bernard C. Harris Publ. Co., Inc.**

Our new directory is an excellent way of reliving your school days and getting reacquainted with former Philander Smith College classmates. To those who returned their questionnaires 0 many thanks for your cooperation, and to those who ordered a copy of the directory - Enjoy! •



Class Notes

1920

Mabel S. Lee '20, one of the College's oldest living alumni reported from Hot Springs, AR in a letter dated October 21. In it she recapped her career and noted that she is undergoing eye treatments. We wish her well.

1940

Hiram Tanner sent a copy of a book he wrote during the 1980's on the Malvern Negro Public School Prior to WWII. This material will be preserved on file in the new Alumni Archives, to be located in the old Barracks building located on the campus at 11th and Izard.

1943

Rev. Charles William Butler, President of the Congress of National Black Churches, Inc., was honored at its third annual Leadership Award Dinner in Detroit on Dec. 11. Rev. Butler was introduced by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

1955

Drs. James '55 and Jimmie Shell McCollum '70 of North St. Louis, were the subject of an article in the August 29 North Side Journal. James, a former football team captain, majored in Physical Education and minored in Psychology. Jimmie has used her education in a wide variety of ways, including selling insurance, working as a juvenile court supervisor, and serving as Director of Adult Education at the Missouri State Hospital. Currently, James is Special Education Vocational Coordinator at Vashon and Southwest High Schools in St. Louis, and Jimmie is a Resource Specialist at King Middle School.

1962

Dr. Willarene P. Beasley '62 was asked

to be a presenter at the National Alliance of Black School Educators November conference in Atlanta. The conference's theme was "Focus on Leadership: The African-American Education Agenda".

1963

The Class of '63 had a great reunion at the convention in July. Attorney Isaac Jack Starks did a fantastic job in getting his classmates together. Those present were Attorney Edith Cain Brown, Thomas Brown, Mrs. Eddie Mae Carter, Dell Joe Chambers, Mrs. Jean Gilkey Brown, Mrs. Marian McCrimmons Chappelle, Mrs. Erma Power Williams, and Dr. DeLois Gibson. Mr. Hollis T. Arnold registered but was unable to attend.

Josephine Ford '63 of Brinkley, AR, reached the age of 90 last May, according to her October 9th letter. In it she reminisced about her days at PSC, and mentioned that Erma Miller, a recent PSC grad, was a former student of hers. She enclosed a check for \$25.00, which was very much appreciated.

De Lois Gibson, Ed.D., was selected by South-Western Publishing Company as one of seven high school accounting teachers in the U.S. to field test its textbook, Century 21 Accounting, 5th Ed., First Course.

1969

Eulah L. Peterson, Ph.D., was promoted to principal of Ferris Elementary School in Highland Park, MI.

1970

Dr. Sherman E. Tate '70 was promoted to Vice President of Operations for the Arkansas Division of Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company in October, 1991. Tate formerly held the position of Vice President of Customer Relations with the firm, and has been extremely active on the committee which oversees the College's \$3 Million Capital Development Campaign. •

Campus News

Burgess Reorganizes Academic Division

Dean of Instruction Dr. Ruby Burgess has announced a reorganization of the College's Academic Division, consolidating the Departments of Recruiting and Admissions and the Office of the Registrar into the Office of Admissions and Records. She has also revamped the Master Class Schedule, to streamline registration and classroom assignment procedures.

BCF Visit "Positive"

A committee of the Black College Fund of the United Methodist Church paid a visit to the campus in September, and the overall report was "very positive", according to President Myer L. Titus. Dr. Titus further observed that the committee's comments were "right on target. We were aware of our shortcomings in the areas of salaries and endowment, and we are going to do all we can to straighten these areas out."

Public Responds to Launch; First PSMI Class Held

"Fantastic" is the word Dr. Larry McCullough, former director of the Philander Smith Management Institute, used to describe public response to the three-day media campaign announcing the first information session for the College's newest program. "We ran a total of 41 spots on TV and radio, and advertised two days each in the Gazette and Democrat. We received over 125 responses to that advertising, and had 80 people show up for our first information session."

The inaugural class of enrollees in the Philander Smith Management Institute (PSMI) was held on November 25, according to McCullough. "The section was almost filled out during registration on November 11, and our first class on November 25 had 18 members. We have another class beginning in January, and expect it to be as full," he said.

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**Contributors
& Friends**

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CONTRIBUTORS

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Alumni Office News

by Winston J.
Muldrew '50,
Director, Office of
Alumni Affairs



At the National Convention held last summer, a Presidential ad hoc committee of your National Association set the following goals for the coming year:

1. Increase membership and Convention Attendance
2. Save Philander Smith College as an institution
3. Increase financial support for the College
4. Increase knowledge on what is happening in the local chapters by increasing publicity.

The above four goals were selected as core areas of concentration for the National Alumni Association. The agenda of the National Alumni President will include reporting on these goals at the Convention in April 1992. These goals will become agenda items at each succeeding alumni convention. Alumni activities for achieving the above goals are listed below:

1. MEMBERSHIP. Increase full registration at the National Convention by one-third in April 1992.

Incentives: A certificate will be given to those chapters increasing membership by one-third. The chapter that has the largest percentage increase in membership will receive a plaque.

2. RECRUITMENT. Specific items to be covered are as follows:

- A. Number of students recruited by each chapter.
- B. Dollar amount contributed by each chapter, purpose of contribution, by individual if possible.
- C. Number of career days held, by chapter.
- D. Number of communications completed, nature of each, by chapter.

3. FUNDRAISING. Each chapter with less than 10 members will raise a minimum of \$500 for the College. Chapters with 10 or

more members will raise a minimum of \$1000 for the College.

Incentives: Chapters that increase fund raising above the minimum will receive a certificate. The chapter in each category that has the highest percentage increase above the minimum in each category will receive a plaque.

4. MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS. The National Alumni President will coordinate with the National Alumni Affairs Office and Regional Presidents to ensure that all alumni interests are included in The Philanderian. All items in Goal #2 (Recruitment) are to be included in The Philanderian. Chapters not reporting in the areas of Membership, Fund Raising, Recruitment, and Marketing/Public Relations will be reported in The Philanderian as Not Reporting.

The National Alumni President is asked to be sensitive to the concerns and problems of students as they relate to the Business Office and the Registrar's Office.

The ad hoc committee recommended that this report be approved at the 1991 Convention for immediate implementation. The Convention subsequently approved this report without opposition.

In view of the President's objectives and goals for the alumni this year, please make sure that you send all reports and dues to the appropriate National officers, including recommendations to the Nominating and Distinguished Alumni committees, in a timely manner. All chapter membership dues and alumni charter renewals are due in the office of the Financial Secretary (Rose Hynes) on or before January 31, 1992.

All chapters should send important chapter news to the Alumni Affairs Office c/o the College. Philanderian issues are produced in January, May and October, so please submit articles before the 15th of the month preceding each of these issues.

BYLAWS - Article V - Finance
Section 1. The Fiscal Year of the National Alumni Association of Philander Smith College shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. All regular dues and assessments are due and payable to the National Alumni Association of Philander Smith College by January 1, annually.

Charter Renewal Fee: \$20.00 Dues
for each Member: \$20.00 •

Is Your Name Here?

Alumni President's Message

Ernest O. Jacobs,
Jr., President
PSC National
Alumni Association



Dear Philanderians:

As we proceed into 1992, let us think about our Alma Mater and pledge to help to make it prosper. We have several "irons in the fire", and we need the assistance of all alumni.

We have made an effort to increase the membership in the National Alumni Association. The Alumni Affairs Office has sent several items of correspondence to the alumni, but the replies have been slow in coming. Mr. Winston Muldrew needs the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all chapter Presidents and new officers. Please mail this information to the Alumni Affairs Office as soon as possible, or fax it to (501) 370-5278.

In the Fall issue of The Philanderian, you saw the report of the President's Ad Hoc Committee at the Detroit Conference. We hope chapters have had some success in accomplishing goals in membership, fund raising and recruitment. Please make your reports so they can be acknowledged at the 1992 Convention.

Mrs. Rachel Myers Jones and her committees are working very hard on the 1992 Convention. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Convention attendance has fallen off in the past few years. We must work together to better serve our beloved Philander Smith College.

A reminder - this is an election year. Only alumni who are financial members will be able to vote. Please get your dues in to Mrs. Rose Hynes, our Financial Secretary.

See you in Little Rock on April 1. Remember, you can come home again.

Regional/ Chapter News

Central American Region

Shirley Roland, President, reports that a Regional Meeting was held Dec. 14 at Centenary UMC in Memphis, TN. The meeting was hosted by the Memphis-Crittenden County Chapter. Mr. Phillip Bledsoe acted as recording secretary. Mr. Winston Muldrew, Alumni Director, gave a recruitment update. Efforts are now underway to establish and reactivate chapters in Pine Bluff, Texarkana, Forrest City and Hope, Arkansas. Dr. Titus also attended the meeting, and gave a State of the College report, which was very favorable. He indicated that 776 students were enrolled during the fall semester, a new all-time record. He also stated that the

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College is operating in the black, and that many things are being done to improve the appearance of the College. The members present were pleased with both reports, and pledged their support to the College.

Eastern Region

A December 19 bulletin from the Eastern Region, Curtis D. Gillespie, President, notes that Dr. Myer L. Titus, President of the College, has been appointed President of the Arkansas Council of Independent Colleges. It further states that enrollment at the College is at another all-time high (the second time in as many years), and that a tentative Master Plan was presented to the Board

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of Trustees at its December meeting. The Plan includes a new gym, a new academic building, two new residence halls, a jogging track and baseball field, and several tennis courts. The plan is being studied by members of the Board for changes and implementation. Gillespie also called for continued support by alumni for the Capital Development Campaign and the retirement of the debt on the Alumni Bus. Gillespie also reported that the Awards Committee, pursuant to the directive of the 1991 Convention, automatically be composed of Distinguished Alumni.

Columbus, OH

From Hiram Tanner, a report on the Columbus OH chapter: National Membership dues for Hiram and Inez Tanner, \$40.00. Bus Fund Contributions, \$100. In addition, the Columbus Chapter awarded the \$1,000 1991 Tanner Scholarship to Terri D. Lewis of Columbus. The scholarship was given in honor of Bishop Edsel Ammons, resident bishop of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and corporate honoree BancOhio. For information on future scholarships, central Ohio residents should contact Joanne Harris at _____ or Veronica Nesbitt at _____

Kansas City, KS/MO

Mrs. Shirley Brown, President, reports that the KCK/KCMO Chapter has 15 members. On November 2, the Kansas City Chapter sponsored the Collegiate Choir in a concert at St. James United Methodist Church, where Rev. Emmanuel Cleaver is Pastor. Rev. Cleaver is also the Mayor of Kansas City, MO. The Chapter also had an audience with President Titus, who showed slides on the growth of the College and social activities currently being offered at the College.

St. Louis, MO

Charles Bumbry, President, reports that St. Louis Chapter has 15 active members. This chapter's activities were somewhat limited in 1991, but included participating in the Dec. 28 UNCF Telethon on KMOV-TV. The chapter will participate in the Black College Fair to be held February 16, 1992 at Parkway

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Judge S.A. Wilbun, 67, Dies in Memphis

(from the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, TN)

Shepperson A. Wilbun, a former judge and father of City Councilman Shep Wilbun Jr., died early Wednesday, November 6th, 1991 at Methodist Hospital South. He was 67.

A Circuit Court judge for 12 years, Wilbun was a reserved man who was invariably courteous to those who appeared in his courtroom.

"He was always a gentleman toward everyone. He took a serious interest in the people who came before him," said George Reems, a deputy administrator in the Circuit Court clerk's office.

"He always liked to give the little man a break," said lawyer Robert E. Tribble, who practiced before Wilbun in both City Court and Circuit Court.

Circuit Court Judge George H. Brown Jr. attends Mt. Olive CME Cathedral, where Wilbun was a trustee. "Sometimes he wasn't as noticed as those of us who make more noise, but he was no less effective and committed to excel-

lence," Judge Brown said.

Wilbun was known in official circles by his initials, appearing on the ballot as "S.A. Wilbun". This was a throwback to the 1950s and 1960s when young black lawyers used initials to prevent white judges and lawyers from addressing them by their first names.

He was appointed an assistant city attorney in 1964, becoming the first black in that position. He became the city's first black City Court judge in 1973, appointed by former mayor Wyeth Chandler.

Although the county had a black Criminal Court judge at the time, Wilbun became the first black Circuit Court judge in the county when he was appointed by former governor Ray Blanton in 1978. He was defeated by Judge Kay Robilio last August.

Wilbun was a graduate of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, and studied at New York University before receiving a law degree from Howard University in 1948.

He began his law practice in Helena, Ark., where he was born in 1924. He moved to Memphis in 1955 and soon was among a small group of black law-

yers busy defending civil rights demonstrations during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Wilbun was an unsuccessful candidate for the state House of Representatives in 1958 and 1966, a time when blacks had little chance of being elected.



Wilbun

He was one of the founders of the Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association, an asso-

ciation of black lawyers, and remained a member until his death.

He also leaves his wife, Rubye K. Wilbun; another son, Gary Wilbun of Memphis; two brothers, Charles A. Wilbun of Los Angeles and Claude Wilbun of the Bronx, New York, and a grandson.

A memorial scholarship fund has been established at PSC to honor Judge Wilbun. Contributions to this fund should be so noted on all checks, and sent to the College in care of the Office of the President. •

West High School.

Metro Detroit, MI

Thelma Turner Woolfolk, Midwest Region President, states that Mr. Winston Jones, President of Detroit Chapter, hosted the 1991 Alumni Convention at the Westin Hotel, and he and the members of Detroit Chapter did a fantastic job in pulling it together. She encourages all alumni to attend the upcoming Convention. Detroit has 25 active members, who contributed \$200 to the B.H. Muldrew Scholarship Fund and \$500 to UNCF.

Dallas, TX

Dallas Chapter President Shirley Roland is pleased to report the new slate of officers for the chapter for the coming year: Jearlene Miller, President, Dr. Edward Cross, Vice-President, Shirley Roland, Recording Secretary, LaShell Bonner, Corresponding Secretary, Sue Veria Dickens, Treasurer, and Bennett Tubb, '93 Convention Chairperson. •

Ruth Helen Gillum 1906-91

Ruth Helen Gillum, for eight years (1934-42) the Director of the Philander Smith Collegiate Choir, died on October 23 at the Pine Knoll Family Care Home in Durham, NC. She was 84.

Miss Gillum earned her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in Piano from the University of Kansas at Lawrence. She was a doctoral candidate at Indiana University in Bloomington. Miss Gillum came to PSC after a brief tenure at Prairie View State College in Texas. In 1942, she joined the faculty of North Carolina Central University, where she remained until her retirement in 1971.

A nationally-recognized educator, conductor, composer and arranger, Miss Gillum inspired several generations

with her music. Her compositions included "Roll, Jordan, Roll", "There's No Hiding Place", and "Choric Dance". Those who knew her will always remember her exceptional artistry, dedication, devotion and profound contributions to humanity.

After Miss Gillum's funeral in Durham, NC, her remains were shipped to Kansas City, MO, where, on October 29, a brief tribute was given at L.A. Jones and Sons Funeral Home by approximately 10 of her former students and 7 Collegiate Choir members who traveled with Director Stephen Hayes to Kansas City. A sextet consisting of five choir members and Mr. Hayes stood by Miss Gillum's casket and sang "Roll, Jordan, Roll".

After the memorial service, the funeral cortege traveled to Lawrence, where Miss Gillum's remains were interred in a beautiful cemetery among members of the Gillum family.

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President's Message

by Dr. Myer
L. Titus '54
President,
Philander Smith
College



1991 was a banner year for Philander Smith College. One of the highest points of the year came in November with the opening of the Take Pride in America (TPIA) office, located in the College's Administration Building. This phase of the project, which will result in the construction of a ball field and jogging trail in the block bounded by 12th, Izard, 13th and Chester, was implemented on campus by a small group of dedicated students and the College's Public Relations Coordinator, Melody Goss. The ribbon-cutting ceremony, held on November 21st, was attended by dignitaries not only from local and state governments, but by representatives from the U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) headquarters in Washington, DC as well.

The TPIA office's opening was one milestone in the project, which was commenced with a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the College, Arkla Gas, the American Gas Association and the DOI in 1990.

The federal officials involved in the project have been most gratified at our response to it. To quote from the letter I received on December 10 from Ira Hutchinson, Director of the Office of Historically Black College and University Programs and Job Corps, "I am so very proud that the Philander Smith College/DOI Take Pride in America Project is now a reality. It was just a joy to note the enthusiasm with which the Philander Smith family seems to be greeting the establishment of the Take Pride Office and the opportunities it offers to advance the College's service capability. The Project Management

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Team will truly be challenged to do its share to keep the momentum going."

Alumni of Philander Smith College have a great deal of which to be proud in the launching of this project. Student enthusiasm for it is high and still rising. It is my sincere hope that the alumni who attend the National Alumni Convention in April have the opportunity to see just how the physical improvements and this positive attitude are having an impact all over the campus.

In addition, the UNCF Office did an outstanding job of meeting its \$125,000 goal. For more details on this, see the UNCF report on Page 11.

The Collegiate Choir continues to be in great demand, and will sing at the General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Alumni support of the goals and objectives of the College continues to grow, and for this support the alumni have the thanks of all the faculty, staff and administration. We welcome you to the campus, particularly April 1-5, and wish all of you a successful National Convention •

DRAMA TAKES CENTER STAGE AT PSC

It has been almost 20 years since Philander Smith College offered drama classes as part of its curriculum, but now the theatrical dry spell has ended. The 1991 Fall semester marked the return of this much-missed elective to the College's campus.

In what is being touted as "a theatrical explosion", the Philander Smith College Drama Department showcased an original premiere stage play. The production, entitled "Expressions of Blackness", ran three nights in November in the College's M.L. Harris Auditorium.

The play explored the emotions and culture about Africa and how that country influences our society today. Philander Smith College students were the creative force behind this stage production under the direction of Drama De-

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Collegiate Choir

The Philander Smith Collegiate Choir will perform this spring in the following cities:

- Feb. 4 U.S. Army Corps of Eng., Fed'l Bldg., LR
- Feb. 6 Hope HS, Hempstead Co. Arts Cncl., Hope, AR
- Feb. 8 Alpha Phi Alpha Awards Banquet, Camelot Hotel, LR
- Feb. 9 Phillips Co. Comm. Coll., Helena, AR
- Feb. 12 First Christian Church, LR
- Feb. 15 PSC Music & Arts Fest with Howard University Concert Choir and Art Porter Trio, Robinson Center Music Hall, LR (related story on Page 9)
- Feb. 16 PSC Day, Mt. Pleasant Bapt. Ch., 14th & Ringo, LR
- Feb. 20 Ark. Choral Dir.'s Assn., Pine Bluff Conv. Center
- Feb. 22 Old Washington Historic State Park, AR
- Feb. 23 Wesley Chapel UMC (Morning Worship), LR
- Feb. 24 Pulaski Heights UMC, LR
- Mar. 4-10 New York City Concert Tour, NY Conf-UMC
- Mar. 18-20 Asbury College, Wilmore, KY
- Mar. 21-22 The American Negro Spiritual Festival, Cincinnati
- Apr. 1-5 PSC National Alumni Convention (particulars TBA)
- May 9 Commencement/Graduation, PSC Campus
- May 10-12 General Conference-UMC, Louisville, KY •

partment head Angela Griffith. "This presentation will bring black cultural programs to life on Philander's campus, for the community and for the students," Griffith said. "This play is sure to provide some quality entertainment for all." Proceeds from ticket sales went to the benefit of the College's Drama Department. •
(Courtesy PSC Public Relations Dept.)

Choir Celebrates King Holiday, Sets Concert Date

The 47-voice Philander Smith College Choir, which, under the baton of Director Stephen L. Hayes has become one of the country's most celebrated historically-black college choirs, performed a series of concerts during mid-January to commemorate the life and work of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The first concert was held Thursday, January 16, at a morning chapel service on the College campus. On Friday, the Choir traveled to Memphis, Tennessee for a concert sponsored by the Memphis-Crittenden County Chapter of the Philander Smith College National Alumni Association and radio station WLOK.

On Sunday the 19th, the choir performed in Roanoke, Virginia, at an event sponsored by the Eastern Region of the College's Alumni Association. On Monday, the federal holiday observance marking King's birth, the Choir joined the choirs of Hampton University and Virginia Union University on the Hampton University campus for an evening of song to honor Dr. King.

The performance schedule concluded with a concert at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, as a part of the week-long observance planned for the Yale campus.

The Collegiate Choir's Annual Concert is scheduled for February 15 at Little Rock's Robinson Center Music Hall. Scheduled performers include the Howard University Concert Choir and the Art Porter Trio. A mailer promoting the event was sent to alumni before Christmas. Tickets start at \$10, and are available at the Robinson Center Box Office, Sears, Discount Records & Peaches, Sac's Wax & Tapes, and Soul Brothers Records. Tickets are also available by phone at (501) 372-0699. There is a \$1.00 service charge per ticket for telephone charge orders. Major sponsors include Golden Eagle Distributors and Southwestern Bell Telephone. •

B.C.F. Report

Dr. Shirley A.R. Lewis has been appointed Assistant General Secretary of the Black College Fund.

In related news, the BCF reported in August for the period January-June, 1991, receipts of \$563,279.09 for the period, representing an increase of \$51,081.90 over the amount received in June, 1990.

The Historically Black Colleges of our Church are making a significant contribution to the well-being of our communities and our nation. Enrollment in the schools continues to rise at a time when many financial resources continue to decline. These schools are training teachers, pastors, Physicians, busiensspersons and fathers and mothers for a brighter tomorrow.

Please help us reach our goal. With your prayers and support, quality education will remain a reality for the more than 11,000 deserving sdtudents who attend United Methodist Historically Black Colleges.

- Dr. Shirley A.R. Lewis •

BUS DEBT CLOSE TO RETIREMENT

A report and accounting by Thelma Turner Woolfolk, Chair of the PSCNAA Alumni Bus Fund Committee, of checks received to date toward the retirement of the debt incurred in purchasing the 29-passenger El Dorado motor coach for the College by the National Alumni Association in 1990:

"As I reported in the Fall Philanderian, our debt is more than was at first quoted. As of December 30, 1991, we made a payment of \$11,000, and \$4,000 will be given in the next four months. We will set up payments of \$2,000 per month. The balance in the Bus Treasury at this date is not enough to complete the debt, so please keep your contributions coming. A report of all monies collected for the bus will be given to you at the Little Rock Convention." •

From Dr. De L. Gibson, 1991 Convention Coordinator

Dear Philanderians:

The Metro Detroit Chapter of the National Alumni Association of Philander Smith College joins me in expressing our most sincere thanks for your supporting the 1991 National Alumni Convention.



Our convention was a success because of your active participation, your letters of support, your ads and biographical entries in the souvenir book, your words of encouragement, and your prayers. Thanks for being there, not only for us, but for future generations of Philanderians and for "dear alma mater".

We commend Dr. Myer L. Titus, the Philander Smith College staff, students, and the directors of Alumni Affairs and Marketing for their services. Of course, we must let our national officers know how much we deeply appreciated their invaluable assistance.

Thanks for the memories of the way we were in Detroit and Canada '91.

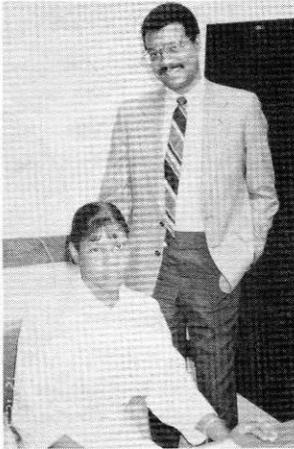
Sincerely yours,
De L. Gibson, Ed.D.
1991 Convention Coordinator •

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Make sure it has a
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Window sticker on
it. Call the Alumni
Office to order
additional stickers.
Only \$1 each.**

CAMPUS NEWS

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Alumni who know of adults who might be interested in completing their degrees through this program are referred to the PSMI office at 370-5363. McCullough, who works for the consortium of education

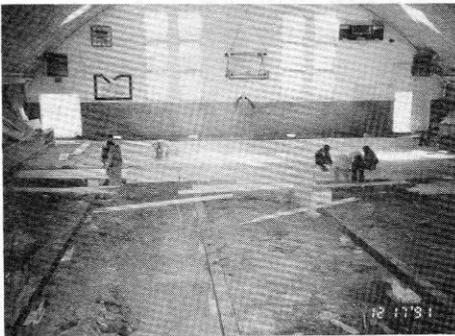


Dwight Nichols, PSMI Director, and Sheila M.A. Smith, Asst. Dir.

professionals which implements the degree-completion program at various colleges across the country, selected Mr. Dwight Nichols as his successor in December.

Boards Meet in Gym

Over the Christmas holiday the College had a new floor installed in the Gymnasium. The flooring was installed by Unique Wood Floor Company of Little Rock, at a cost of \$35,000, a portion



Something was missing in the gym over Christmas break

of which was paid for by contributions to UNCF. The project, including removing the old floor, was completed in eight working days. "The old floor had a lot of dead spots in it and really needed to be replaced," said Matthew Summerville, Director of Athletics. "We

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needed the new floor for more than just basketball - every phase of the athletic and Physical Education programs will benefit from this new installation," he said.

The Panthers will continue, per the schedule established before the season, to play their home games at the Dunbar Community Center, located at 16th and Chester. For more information on the Panther Basketball team's schedule, contact the Office of Athletics at 370-5370.

Air Force, Blackstone & Assoc. Donate Furniture

Thanks to a generous donation of two semi-trailer loads of furniture from a closing airbase in Texas and the hard



Chairs donated by the military are unloaded the week before Christmas

work of Dean of Students Vernon Lane, most of the furniture in the dormitories has been replaced. Lane, a retired Air Force officer, used his connections with NAFEO (National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education) and the military to obtain the furniture, which was used in base dormitories. Some of the surplus furniture has found its way into campus offices as well, helping to update the overall appearance of the campus and contribute to the comfort of faculty and staff.

In addition, Blackstone and Associates, which has been managing the College's \$3,000,000 Capital Development Campaign, has donated the furniture from its offices to the College, as a result of its recent move to new quarters. This furniture has been placed in the recently-renovated Barracks, located

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at the corner of 11th and State, and includes a conference table, a large glass-door display case, and other items.

Kraft Exec Visits Campus

L. Don Brown, VP/Manufacturing for Kraft/General Foods USA was the keynote speaker for the Corporate Leadership/Black College Partnership Month Leadership Forum. Brown shared his expertise on Executive Planning, Business Strategies, and Decision Making at an assembly held October 3. He noted that the definition of a "successful career" is entirely subjective, that perseverance is important, and stressed the need for the development of future leaders. He encouraged students to "learn to exploit change to your advantage", and, in seeking employment or career opportunities to obey the marketing maxim, "Find a niche and fill it."

Take Pride Office Opens

The College's office for the Take Pride in America project, sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior, was opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 21. Speakers from the Department were included on the program, and the featured speaker was Selma Sierra, an Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. The College was also presented with a new U.S. flag by the UALR ROTC Department. The flag will be raised and lowered each day by groups of students involved in the project. For more details, see the President's Message.

Catalog Goes to Press

The '91-'92/'92-'93 College Catalog went to press Oct. 11, according to Marketing Director Mark Riley. Riley worked on the project under the supervision of Provost Dr. Crawford Mims. The 185-page book featured the low-angle aerial view of the Administration building taken by photographer Willie Allen on the cover, and a two-page center spread of students, faculty and buildings. In addition, the section of the Catalog dealing with the history of the College was enhanced with the addition of photographs of all of the past Presidents of the institution. The fin-

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1991 Convention Memorabilia Order Form

Tote Bags - \$7.00

The beautiful green and gold nylon convention totes with two zipper compartments are available in limited quantity for \$7. The totes make excellent book bags for your children or grandchildren.

Videotapes

The videotape of the entire convention is available for \$20.

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A package of portraits is \$15, which includes six 3x5 and one 5x7 photos. Please make your selections below. For an additional \$12, you get one 8x10 portrait.

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You may direct specific questions to Dr. Gibson at

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ished product was received from the printer in early November.

Newton, Freeman Appointed to State Positions

Dr. McKinley Newton, the College's Vice President for Institutional Advancement, has been appointed to the Arkansas Catastrophic Financial Loss Board. The Board reviews cases involving families who have been financially decimated as a result of major illnesses or accidents. Curtis Freeman, Assistant Professor of History, has been appointed to the Arkansas Black History Commission, effective November 5. Both appointments were signed by Governor Bill Clinton.

Faculty Changes, Notes

Dr. Mark Taylor, for four years a favorite among Philander students, has resigned from his position as Chair of the Division of Sociology and Social Work to take a position with a hospital in Sherwood, Arkansas. He will be working with physicians who manage patients with chronic pain. A search for his successor is underway.

Choir Director Stephen Hayes was featured in an article in the September 2 Arkansas Democrat. The article, part of a series the Democrat is doing on black role models, quoted Hayes as saying, "Good teaching sometimes means standing back and letting a student stumble." Hayes was speaking of the failure of three students to receive

scholarships this year. "They had a responsibility. Normally I would take care of it myself, but this year I chose not to do those things." He said his main challenge as a teacher and conductor has been to produce "better quality individuals, not just improve the quality of the choir."

Air Conditioning System Completed

The new air conditioning and heating system for the M.L. Harris Auditorium has been completed, according to Maintenance Director Henry Jemison. The system, installed in part with money from Title III, is designed to provide year-round comfort and increase usage of the facility, according to Title III Director Dr. McKinley Newton. •

Panther Athletic Club News

Robert Nelson, President of The Panther Athletic Club encourages all alumni in the Little Rock area to join. The Club provides a means for alumni and friends to support PSC in a meaningful way, and some membership levels provide discounts and free admission to games. For more information, or to send in your dues, contact Robert Nelson through the PSC Alumni Office, c/o the College.

Membership fees are as follows:

Regular	\$20
Green Club	\$35
Gold Club	\$50
President's Club	\$100

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