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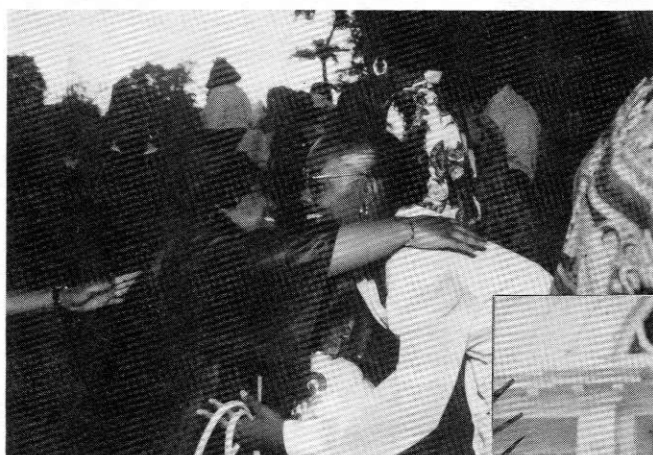
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Convention commences, Commencement convenes

COMMENCEMENT 1992

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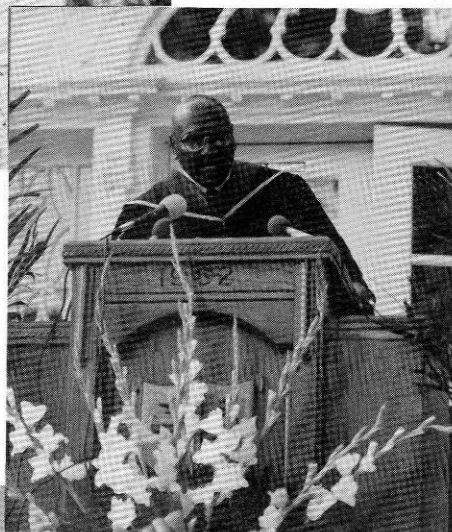


Happy graduates and their families celebrate the conclusion of their college days

Dr. John A. Bell '51 addresses the graduates and assembled guests



Rev. Charlie McAdoo gets a hug after receiving an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree



Choir Report

CHOIR TAKES HOME FIRST PLACE TROPHY

by Melody Goss,
PSC Public Relations Coordinator

One of Arkansas' best-kept secrets is now out: The Philander Smith College Collegiate Choir has been named the top-rated ensemble in the country. The Choir competed in March in the, "by-invitation-only", Eleventh Annual American Negro Spiritual Festival at the Cincinnati Music Hall in Cincinnati. This is the only com-

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74 Graduate in Spring Exercises

By Melody Goss,

PSC Public Relations Coordinator

Seventy-four students participated in the College's 115th Commencement Exercises held May 9. The Exercises consisted of a Senior Breakfast, Baccalaureate Service and Commencement Exercises.

The Senior Breakfast was held in the Cafeteria, and the speaker was Missionary Ellis J. Smith.

The Baccalaureate Service was held at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church at 10:45 a.m. Graduates and guests were addressed by Rev. Victor H. Nixon, who is senior pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock. Rev. Nixon, a 26-year veteran of the ministry, holds a Master of Divinity with honors from Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., in Dallas. He currently chairs the Board of Pensions of the North Arkansas Con-

ference, and was recently elected Delegate to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference and reserve delegate to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The keynote speaker for Commencement was Dr. John A. Bell, Executive Director of Bell & Associates, School Desegregation and Educational Civil Rights Consultants of Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Bell, a 1951 alumnus of the College, also holds a Master's degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and a Ph.D. from Indiana University. He has 20 years' experience in the investigation, negotiation and enforcement of Federal Civil Rights Laws and Regulations in Elementary, Secondary and Post-Secondary educational systems. In addition, he has worked in higher education as a professor, top administrator, head football coach and athletic director at Bishop College, Knoxville College, Mississippi Valley State, and Texas College.

During the ceremony, Dr. Titus and the College presented Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to four individuals: Robert L. Brown, President, General Manager and stockholder of KTHV-Channel 11, Arkansas

Television Company in Little Rock; Charles O. Stewart, Senior Vice President and Manager of Public Affairs of First Commercial Bank in Little Rock; Rev. C.E. McAdoo, Pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church and the College's Minister; and Stanley R. Tarr, the recently-retired founder and President of Educational and Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc. (EIIA).

The Commencement Exercises were followed by a President's Reception held in the Student Union.

The College extends its best wishes for a bright future to its newest alumni, their families and friends. •

ALUMNI DIRECTORIES DELIVERED



The Philander Smith College Alumni Directory project is complete, and shipment has begun. This comprehensive new volume is a compilation of the most current data available on over 2,889 alumni. This information has been obtained from questionnaire mailings, telephone research and from alumni records. Now that the editing, proofreading and printing are finished, the distribution of this impressive volume has started.

Directories were released about May 6, 1992. Alumni who ordered a copy of the directory should 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 regarding their order, or for those who wish to place an order, please contact the publisher directly:

Customer Service Department
Bernard C. Harris Publishing Co., Inc.
3 Barker Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601
(800) 877-6554

Our new directory is an excellent way to relive your school days and get reacquainted with classmates. To those who returned their questionnaires, many thanks for your cooperation. And, to those who ordered a copy, enjoy! •



Senior Class President Will Nash leads procession

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 in the database in the Office of Alumni Affairs. Information on alumni is compiled and edited by the Office of Alumni Affairs. Please direct all correspondence to:

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Class Notes

1937

Rev. Henry Dean, who retired in December, 1991 after 47 years as Pastor of Central Union Baptist Church in Washington, DC, died of a heart attack January 23. He was also a social worker in the DC government. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Ruth Jefferson Dean, two children, and one grandchild.

1945

Willie Mae Shockley was honored with past Arkansas Division AAUW (Arkansas Association of University Women) branch presidents at the Division's State Convention held April 25 in Hot Springs. She is the first black President of the Little Rock branch of AAUW, having held that office from 1979-81. Her role as Research Specialist and Director of Alumni Affairs Emeritus at PSC again allows her to offer volunteer service to her Alma Mater.

In a March 30 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette article, Dolly Banks was honored for her 40 years' work with the Girl Scouts. She recently received the Juliette Low Friendship Award from that organization, its highest honor. She works as a long-term substitute teacher at Forest Heights Junior High in Little Rock, where she works with children with special needs.

1946

Theresa Hoover was the keynote speaker for a gathering of Heifer Project International volunteers March 19-21 in Little Rock, held at First United Methodist Church. After 42 years with the mission agency of the United Methodist Church, Hoover retired in 1990. She resides in New York City.

1952

Alice Luberta Walker Preston was
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CHOIR WINS COMPETITION

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petition of its kind for historically-black college choirs, and serves as a showcase for the oftentimes unheralded performers of the Negro spiritual.

"It's still hard to believe we won, because the competition for this event is always strong; this year in particular was downright potent," said Stephen Hayes, the Choir's conductor. He added that our choir competed against Elizabeth City State University Choir of Elizabeth City, NC; Lane College Concert Choir of Jackson, TN; and Morris Brown College Concert Choir of Atlanta, GA.

Each group performed traditional spirituals *a cappella* in their own unique style. Hayes conceded some of the choirs performed the same songs the PSC choir had chosen, but said their deliveries were distinctly different. Hayes said Philander's rendering of the song, "I Thank You, Jesus", previously performed that night by Elizabeth City State University, earned them a standing ovation from the entire audience, including the Elizabeth City State choir. "I guess the fact that we performed last gave us an added edge; you know what they say about saving the best for last."

The judges apparently agreed. The PSC Choir won the First Place \$1,000 cash prize and trophy. "My only hope was that the students would sing the selections as we had practiced, and not freeze up under the pressure of the competition," Hayes said. "Even if we had not won first place, I would have been satisfied that we did the absolute best we were capable of doing." Hayes and the Collegiate Choir presented the cash award and trophy to the College during a special assembly on March 26.

Philander is only the second privately-supported institution to win this national honor; the first was Wilberforce College of Ohio. The American Negro Spiritual Festival is sponsored annually by The Human Involvement Project, Inc., which is funded in part by United Way and Community Chest. •

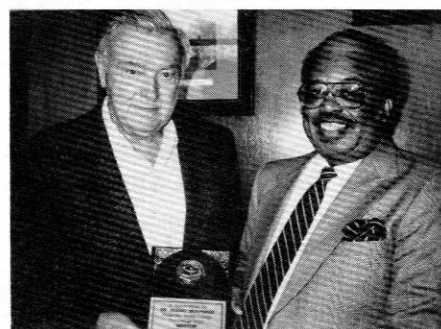
Philologer Files

(fi-lol'-o-ger: a lover of learning and literature)
from the files of The Philologer, the monthly
P.S.C. Faculty/Staff newsletter

PERSONNEL



Professor of Psychology Dr. Oddist Murphree has retired from the Faculty, and was presented with a plaque by President Titus for his years of service to the College.



Dr. Oddist Murphree accepts plaque from Dr. Titus

The Philander Smith Management Institute's advertising program for the second quarter of 1992 included print, broadcast, and the billboard which is pictured below. Response to the ad campaign has been "outstanding", according to PSMI Director Dwight Nichols. PSMI currently has three classes, enrolled: two meet on campus, and one meets at Capitol City Junior College.



Billboard Seen by 20,000 Motorists Each Weekday

Dr. Mark Taylor, Chairperson of the Division of Sociology and Social Science, resigned from the College at the end of the Fall Semester. Dr. Raphael Lewis was named Interim Chairperson until a replacement is found. ... Annie Williams

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Contributors & Friends

Contributions received by the Office
of the President through May 15, 1992

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Lost Alumni

**IS YOUR NAME
LISTED HERE?**

If you have information on the whereabouts, last known telephone numbers or current addresses of any of these alumni, please contact the College's Marketing Department at (501) 370-5268. We sincerely appreciate any assistance you can provide. •

Alumni President's Message

Dr. De Lois
Gibson '63,
President,
Philander Smith
College
National Alumni
Association



Dear Philanderians:

Let me express my sincere gratitude for your expressions of confidence by providing me with the opportunity to serve as your President. I am touched by your positive energy, inspired by your words of encouragement, and overwhelmed by your willingness to work with me. I will continue, in the traditions of all the great past presidents, to perpetuate a continuing interest in the welfare of our College.

A special thanks to the 1992 Little Rock Convention Committee and the Little Rock Chapter for hosting a successful convention. The theme, "You Can Come Home Again", provided us with a stronger sense of family and extended family unity. At the Convention, we continued to experience a resurgence of pride, commitment, and planned giving.

Our goals for 1992-93 are to:

1. Increase the membership 20% (50 members)
2. Increase the B.H. Muldrew Scholarship Fund 20%; award a full scholarship to attract high achievers (336 alumni will give \$10)
3. Revise the Alumni Handbook to include the history of the Alumni Association; guidelines for scholarships and endowment funds; and a flowchart for fiscal affairs.
4. Secure photographs (8x10) of past alumni presidents and Distinguished Alumni Honorees for display in the Alumni Affairs Office
5. Participate in the Campus Secu-

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"You Can Come Home Again"

National Alumni Convention - Little Rock Hilton Inn

April 1-5, 1992



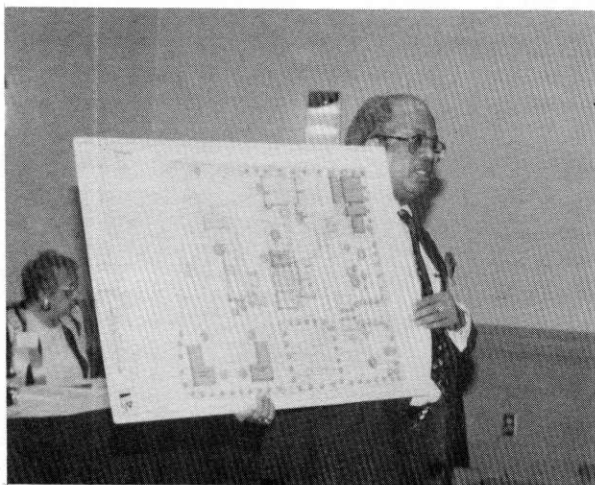
Tommie Taylor, Connie Cogshell, Rachel Myers-Jones, Picola Smith and Yvonne Alexander work out detailed plans for the Convention

Outgoing National
President Ernest O.
Jacobs, Jr.,
addresses the First
General Session



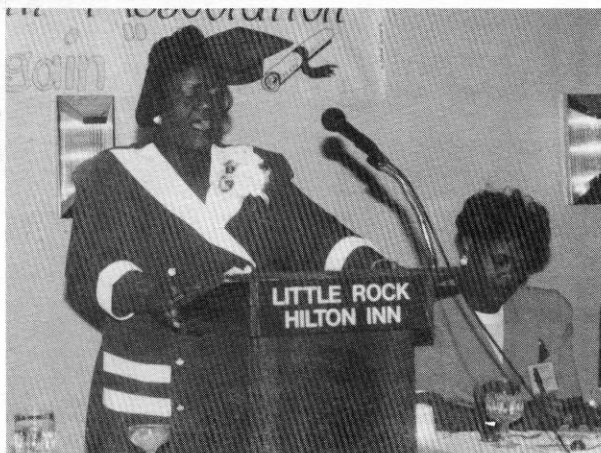
Rachel Myers-Jones, center right, works with Sybil Bunn and other Banquet/Fashion Show Committee members

"You Can Come Home Again"



Dr. Titus presents the plan for the new campus security fence (see article on Page 14)

Dr. Beverly Divers-White addresses the Luncheon Banquet after being introduced by Little Rock Chapter President Sandra Lilly, right



Sharon Priest, Mayor of the City of Little Rock, welcomes the Luncheon attendees



Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient Lula F. Carter accepts plaque from Dr. Curtis Gillespie

ALUMNI PRESIDENT

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rity Project by purchasing the gates and columns with lamps at the State Street Entrance for \$2,500.

6. Encourage alumni to continue supporting the UNCF, Capital Campaign Fund, Campus Security Project, and other special interest projects at Philander Smith College.

The 1992-93 goals are reasonable. With your support, we will have attained our goals when we convene in Dallas on July 7, 1993.

May each of you continue to enjoy the blessings of God as we strive to do our best for dear PSC. •

Convention Highlights

Our theme for the 1992 National PSC Alumni Convention was "You Can Come Home Again," and many of you did just that! To those who came, we say "Thank you"; to those who did not make it this time, we wish you well, and look forward to seeing you in Dallas in 1993 and in Little Rock in 1994.

Many important decisions and proposals were made during the Convention. You will receive the usual Convention Report from the National Alumni Office.

We regret that those of you who were not in attendance missed the opportunity to see and hear about some very impressive and insightful improvements which are completed, underway or proposed by our most capable President, Dr. Myer Titus.

Philander Smith College is growing, not only in enrollment, but qualitatively and aesthetically as well. The Little Rock Alumni urge you to offer your full support to this great forward movement.

We especially call your attention to the current effort to enclose the campus with a beautiful fence. Many alumni bought a section of the fence at the recent Conven-

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

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tion. Buy your section pronto!

Your Alma Mater is alive and growing. The full support of all alumni is needed for the continued growth and development of our "Dear Ol' PSC".

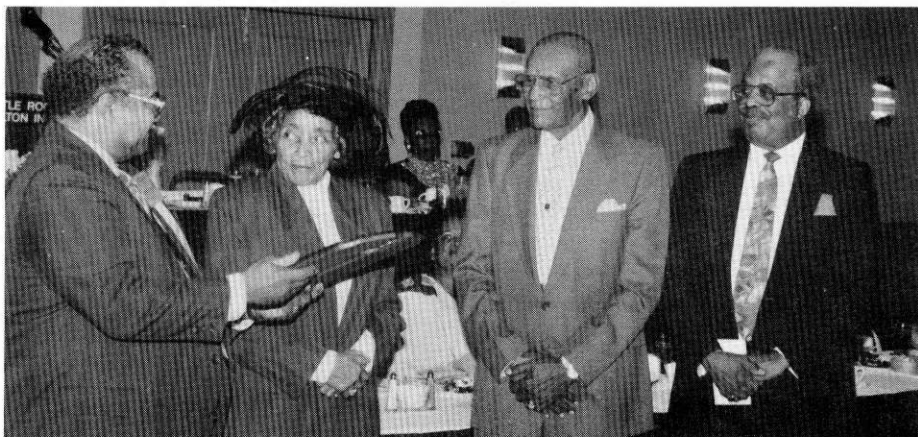
It was a pleasure to host the 1992 National Convention, thanks to you.

The 1992 Distinguished Alumni Recipient was Lula F. Carter '57 of Memphis, Tennessee. She holds a PSC B.A. in Elementary Education, and works as an Elementary Counselor at Charjean Elementary School in Memphis. She works one-on-one with students, parents, teachers and community members who have concerns or problems that need to be explored in order for people to encourage people to grow or to continue to develop properly. She is also Coordinator of the Memphis City Schools' Just Say No to Alcohol and Drugs program, where she plans programs and demonstrations to educate children to the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and to give the children the tools to help fight the drug war. In support of education, she is paying the tuition of a disadvantaged fifth-grader to attend summer classes at the Memphis College of Arts.

Due to the increased cost to publish and mail The Philanderian, the 1992 Convention delegates voted to down-size the mailing list. All Philanderians will receive the 1992 Spring and Fall issues. To receive The Philanderian in 1993, alumni must either: 1) Pay the National Membership dues of \$20, which includes a one-year subscription (3 issues); 2) Pay \$10 for a one-year subscription; or 3) Make a \$25 minimum donation to the College. Donations and subscriptions must be received by December 15, 1992, for alumni to receive the Winter, 1993 issue, which will be delivered in late January.

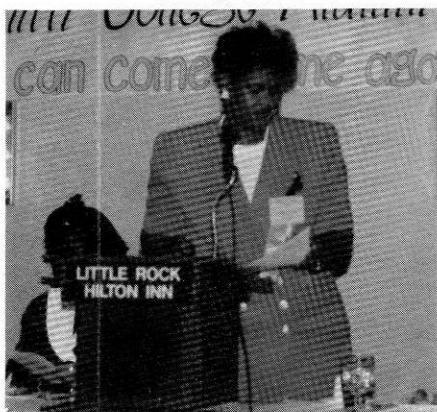
Dr. Eulah L. Peterson was elected Financial Secretary at the Convention. Please send your \$20 membership dues, \$10 for the B.H. Muldrew Scholarship Fund, and \$10 for your 1993 subscription to The Philanderian!

"You Can Come Home Again"



- Top:** Ernest O. Jacobs presents Mr. & Mrs. William & Lois Adams a Special Presidential Citation for service to the College. Dr. Titus is at right.
- Center:** Dr. Titus introduces the new slate of national officers. From left: JoAnn Benjamin, Eulah Peterson, Shirley Roland, Yvonne Alexander, and President Dr. De Lois Gibson.
- Bottom:** Special entertainment was provided by the Jimmy Church band and Dance Revue on Friday night.

"You Can Come Home Again"



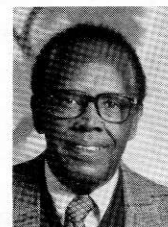
Little Rock Chapter President Sandra Lilly introduces Dr. Beverly Divers-White at the Luncheon

Student Tanisha Fletcher of Los Angeles, center left, receives a Special Scholarship Award from Dr. Titus as her sponsor, Dr. Mildred McNair, looks on. Miss Fletcher's father is at left.



Alumni Office News

by Winston J. Muldrew '50
Director of Alumni Affairs



To all alumni Chapter members, National Officers and friends of the College, "Special Thanks" for a job well done on the recent National Convention. Additional praise is in order for Mrs. Rachel Myers Jones, for the very fine planning and organization work she did. Her hard work is evidenced by our improved financial status.

The Alumni Office has mailed out one brief update report since our Convention, mainly to inform alumni of the new telephone numbers for the Alumni Office and UNCF Office. To reiterate, the new telephone numbers are:

(501) 370-5392 Alumni Affairs Office
(501) 370-5272 UNCF Office
(501) 370-5393 Receptionist

A brief outline of projects for the Alumni Office for the summer of 1992 follows:

1. Research alumni history;
2. Develop action plans;
3. Process alumni photos, materials, etc.;
4. Develop projects for display in the Alumni Archives, including collecting personal papers of alumni pertaining to their achievements;
5. Individual chapter activities;
6. Disseminating vital information regarding updating the database of deceased alumni; and
7. Follow up on the "Pennies for PSC" fundraising program for Arkansas-based alumni.

We are developing procedures for preserving and setting up special displays of interest to alumni, and ask all alumni to assist us. We want to develop a more complete pictorial, textual and artifactual history of Philander Smith College and its alumni. Let's get started! •

Dallas '93 Preview

Convention Chair:
Ms. Jamie Kincaide

During the 1992 Convention in Little Rock, an invitation was extended to chapters, associate members, inactive members, families and friends to attend the 1993 National Convention in Dallas. Several groups expressed an interest in having a reunion in Dallas: A 60's reunion is planned, and a 10-year reunion for the 1992 PSC Chorale is scheduled, with an appearance by Dr. David L. Walker. The Dallas Chapter will serve as a contact

point for both of these functions, at

The Convention will take place at the Harvey Hotel in Dallas (Addison), TX, on Midway Road between the LBJ Freeway (I-635) and Beltline Road. There are numerous guest facilities and services, such as ticket counters for American and Delta Airlines, van service to the Dallas Galleria and Prestonwood Town Center Mall, a swimming pool and jacuzzi, and a fitness center. Call 800-922-9222 when making your reservations, and inform them you are with the Philander Smith College Convention. •

**SEE YOU
IN DALLAS
JULY 7-11, 1993**

When Geese Ausbie '60 steps into a room or out on a stage, there is electricity in the air. The former Harlem Globetrotter seems to be larger than life as he begins his program with the banging of basketballs bouncing to an offbeat cadence. Excitement soars as school kids burst into applause. It's Geese Ausbie — all six-feet-five-inches of him!

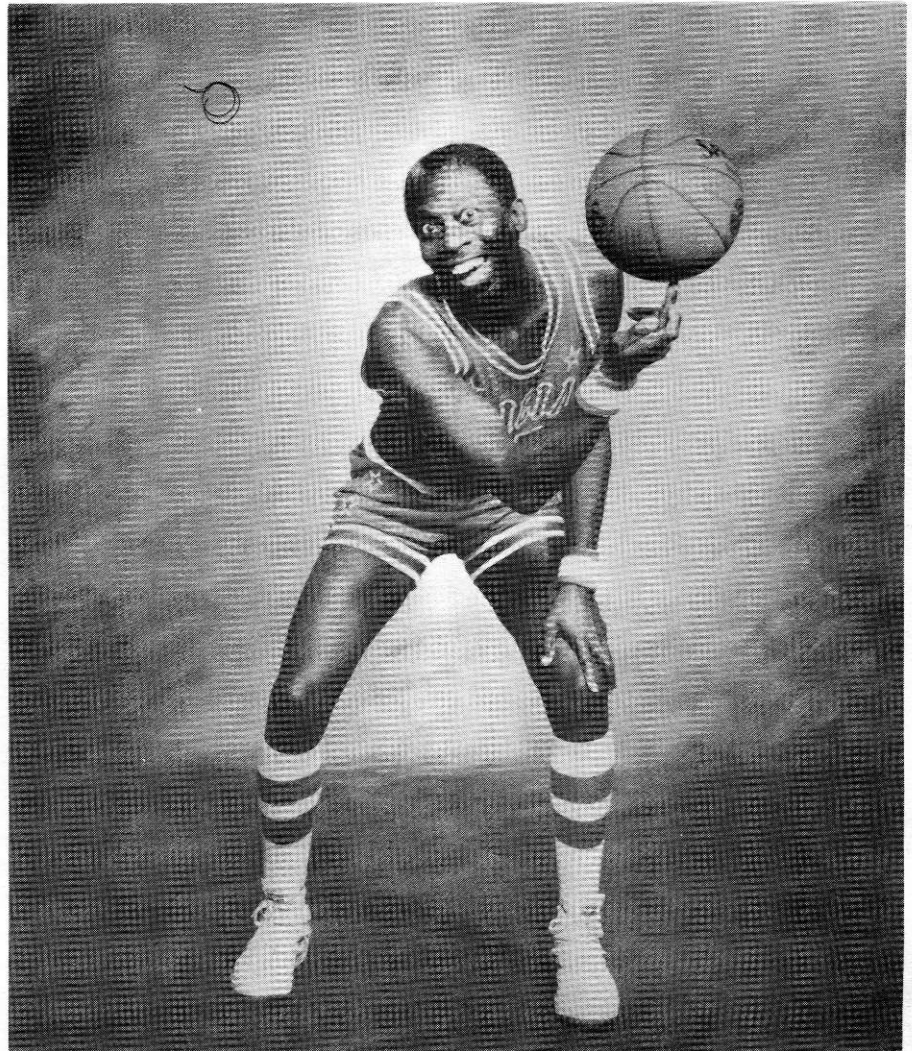
That's the atmosphere surrounding a live appearance by Geese Ausbie and his Drug-Free Youth Program. From the moment his program begins, he holds his audience captive for over 40 minutes with trick shots, spins and long shots executed with precision timing and comical expertise. Students and teachers in the audience lean forward to hear every joke and see every antic. The joke might be on them.

In contrast to the humorous side, Geese is serious with his anti-drug message. He tells it like it is. He disputes deceptive claims by casual drug users looking for a temporary high. He tells how cocaine can leave a person in isolation or annihilation. He closes the program with sincerity and compassion, leaving students and teachers with a clean, uplifting feeling. The program is over and the bleachers are empty. But students know that their hero is real. He cared enough to come and talk to them in person. He dared to tell the truth.

Geese's Drug-Free Youth Program has been a hit with students of all ages and grade levels—from kindergarten through high school. When he visits a school, he does a lot more than just a 40-minute presentation. He spends as much time as possible visiting with students—in small groups or one-on-one. He joins students for lunch in the school cafeteria, visits classrooms or conducts special counseling sessions with smaller groups of selected students. In addition, Geese sometimes makes his Traveling Museum Showcase a part of his visit. Geese welcomes input from teachers and principals to tailor his visits to the special needs of the schools and students. Geese cares about kids, and always goes the extra mile to help make a positive impact on their lives.

Turning down offers from both Professional baseball and basketball, Geese was chosen from over 500 applicants as the

Geese Ausbie's Antidrug Campaign Takes Flight



one to join the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters in 1962. Obviously, he made a good choice, since he remained the team's cornerstone for the next 23 years.

Today, the "Clown Prince of Basketball" is dedicated to spreading his anti-drug message to young people throughout the country. Over the past few years, Geese has presented his Drug-Free Youth Program and Traveling Museum Showcase to hundreds of students at all grade levels in Arkansas and other states. In 1990, Geese was recruited by the Executive Director of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments to present his program in schools throughout this region of

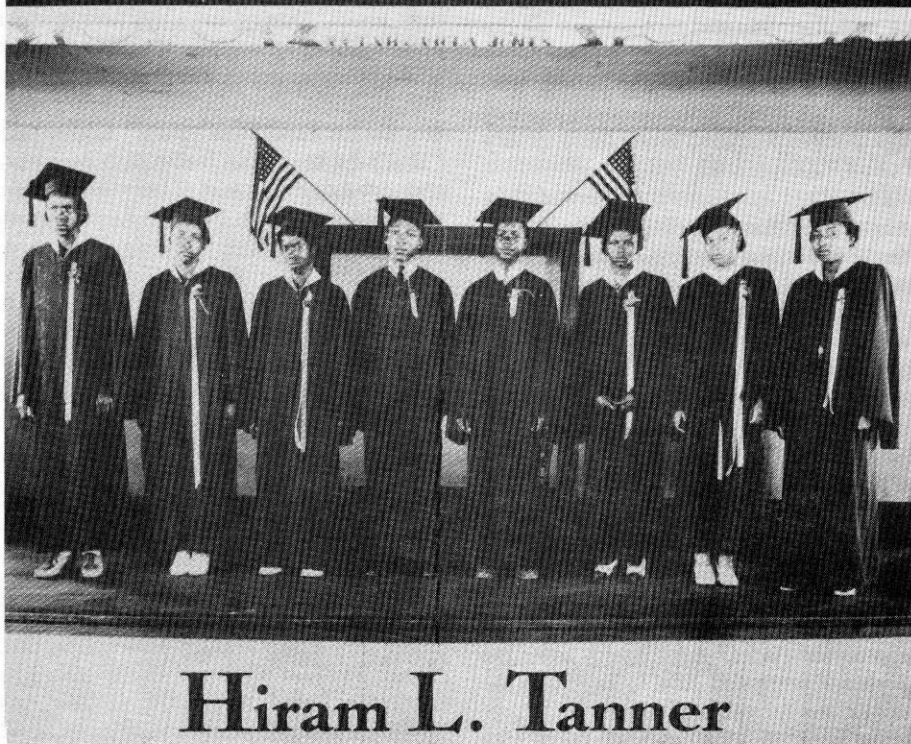
the state. This proved to be one of the nation's most successful Drug Awareness events of the year. Eighty-six presentations were made at sixty-six schools. The Council initiated a drug awareness program that was so well received, it sought and received additional funding in order to reach approximately 25,000 more young people. During this effort, Geese was able to present his program to more than 55,000 youths.

Persons wishing to have Geese bring his program to their group may contact

Tanner's History of Malvern School Published

MALVERN NEGRO PUBLIC SCHOOL PRIOR to WW II

The Black Legacy of Malvern, Arkansas



Hiram Tanner '40, has published a book through Vantage Press entitled, "Malvern Negro Public School prior to WW II: The Black Legacy of Malvern, Arkansas". Born in Georgia and educated in the public schools of Columbus Ohio, he entered PSC in 1936. After graduating in 1940, he started teaching at Malvern Negro Public School. During his second year, he became principal, and was assigned the task of registering the black men of Hot Spring County for the draft. After World

War II, he returned to Columbus, where he was a civil servant for the Veterans Administration and later the Post Office, until his retirement in 1976.

It is amazing how such an important part of Black History can be told in less than 100 pages. Tanner's book tells how the voice of protest coming from parents of the Black community in Malvern concerning the lack of opportunity for Black children to be educated led to the hiring of Emma Lee Peyton, a woman with a

vision, and himself, a well-educated, cultured athlete from the Midwest.

The Malvern story shows that with a vision, people don't have to perish, and that which was meant towards them for evil can be turned around for good. The book is very informative; it gives a new insight about the "separate but equal" myth. Mr. Tanner did an excellent job of spicing his book with the humor of the day, making it a joy to read. This well-documented part of black history could well have been the catalyst that encouraged the blacks of Little Rock to stand so courageously during their civil rights struggle with their public school system in 1957-58. The book also teaches a very basic truth: Power concedes nothing without a struggle; it never has, and it never will.

In 1939, during his senior year at Philander Smith College, Tanner was sent to Sweet Home, Arkansas as a practice teacher. He was subsequently offered a full-time position in Malvern, Arkansas. This narrative chronicles the author's experience as a teacher in Arkansas's segregated public school system of the thirties and forties.

"Although our nation pledged equal opportunity to all," writes the author, "the dual system [of segregation] discriminated against the black students." Mr. Tanner reveals some of the inequalities and injustices his students faced and the faculty's attempts to remedy the situation with limited resources, while offering the students a quality and enjoyable educational experience. This is the story of true devotion and merit that will make the reader rejoice in the human spirit.

Copies of this book are available direct from Vantage Press at \$10.95 each, plus \$1.50 postage and handling. New York State residents please add sales tax. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. The address is: Vantage Press, Inc., 516 West 34th Street, New York, NY 10001, or call (800) 882-3273.

In addition, Tanner has published another book, "The Last of The Buffalo Soldiers", an account of his experiences in Italy during WWII. An excerpt from this book is available from the College's Alumni Office. •

ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND QUINTUPLES IN TWO YEARS

by Melody Goss
PSC Public Relations Coordinator



Mr. & Mrs. William Adams as newlyweds in 1926. The two met at Philander Smith College.

As the world focused on a city gone mad in the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict in Los Angeles, an octogenarian couple in Small Town USA quietly continued their work towards a peaceful answer to the country's woes.

From their hometown of Columbia, Louisiana, a languishing town of approximately 600 residents, Mr. & Mrs. William Adams decided long ago to contribute to the solutions, instead of the problems, all Americans face. "Racism has been around a long time," William Adams said. "I know I won't be around to see this disease die out, but at least I can rest easy knowing I did my part to alleviate some of the pain caused by bigotry."

What the Adams' part is, is their establishment of the William & Lois Wilson Adams Endowment Scholarship Fund at their alma mater, Philander Smith College. Philander, a historically black college located in Little Rock, Arkansas, holds many precious memories for the couple. It was on Philander's campus that William Adams learned the most effective way to fight racism is with education. "Without education we are all doomed," Adams said. "We are forever doomed to keep making the same errors over and over again." To date, their scholarship fund has

grown in excess of \$60,000, and is expected to amass to \$1 million in the near future.

Adams, a retired postal worker who settled in Louisiana after a 40 year career in Detroit, said the scholarship fund he and his wife created over the years was designed to give hope to young people who have become discouraged by life.

This year, the first recipient of the Adams scholarship is Columbia, Louisiana native, Monier Simmons. Simmons, a freshman at Philander, was recently named to the Dean's List. "Monier is a model student," Dr. Myer L. Titus, Philander's president said. "She embodies all the attributes the Adams scholarship fund outlines for its recipients." Those guidelines stipulate the student must demonstrate a record of academic success and be willing to uphold the values and ideals of Philander Smith College.

Adams said Philander then, and now, stresses Christianity as the foundation for all things; scholastic achievement, trustworthiness, self-discipline and motivation - all the ingredients that contribute to a well-rounded individual. "Just one young person who chooses to use his mind instead of violence or drugs to solve problems is one more victory for us all," Adams said.

"In my day I have seen men burned alive just because of the color of their skin. I have been denied access to hotels, restaurants and living quarters because of the color of my skin. Somehow I knew early on the key to survival, with dignity, was a good savings account and education."

Adams recalls some of his travels across the United States with amusement instead of bitterness as some people might. When he and his wife could not find a hotel to accommodate them for a night during a cross-country road trip, (the hotel did not take in "Coloreds"), Adams was distraught but not defeated. "We simply slept in our car alongside the road rather than search for a hotel that accepted blacks," Adams said. Later, the experience prompted him to purchase the couple's first recreational vehicle. "On subsequent trips, we took our hotel room with us," Adams laughed.

Adams conceded, they (the Adamses) are getting older and it's time for the younger generation to stand up and "tell the truth". "A lot of people said they didn't know black people were getting treated as badly as they were before that incident happened in California. That's just not true. I think people let racism, drugs, joblessness and poverty get way out of control. It's sad something as terrible as the rioting in Los Angeles had to happen before everybody realized how bad things had gotten; it's bad, but it's not hope-



The Adamses at home today in Columbia, Louisiana. Since retiring, the couple love to design and maintain their beautifully landscaped lawn and travel around the world.

less."

Hope is something Adams knows a great deal about. During his days at Philander Smith College, Adams recalls when he couldn't afford to buy a 25 cent pair of shoes. Still, he didn't despair. "I worked hard, I studied hard and I had a plan," Adams said. "That's the key to life, really. You must have a plan." Adams' wife of 66 years helped him see his plan through. "We lived on my salary and banked William's earnings all those years," Mrs. Adams said. "To build a good life together, a husband and wife have to agree on what must be done as a couple."

The Adamses, who are childless, agreed to travel and lend a helping hand to young people who wanted an education, but couldn't afford one. Mr. Adams credited the 1920's classic film, "Over The Hill To The Poor House", with instilling him with deeply ingrained humanitarian values. "That picture made me realize how hard my mother had to work just to send me to college. The washing, the ironing and the cleaning she did just to make sure I had an education was inspirational. I vowed right then and there to give something back." Adams said he has always given to charitable causes but insists he would never help those who refuse to help themselves.

Years of hard work have paid off for the Adamses in their twilight years. They live comfortably and by their own standards. When asked what their philosophy towards life is, the couple smiled knowingly at each other. "You don't live but once in this world. Whatever you want, you had better get up and go get it. Don't wait for someone to bring it to you; life doesn't work that way," Adams said. His wife gently nodded her head in agreement. °

PHILOLOGER FILES

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returned to the College January 6 as its Assistant Dean in Charge of Evening Programs and Articulation. She had been on sabbatical to work on a Doctorate in Education. ... A February 25 reception at the Capital Club feted faculty, staff, students and alumni who assisted UNCF Director Sybil Bunn in the successful 1991 UNCF Drive. ... PSC's First Lady, Constance Titus, has been assigned the duties of the College's Hospitality Coordinator. ... Associate Professor of Business Administration Mrs. Zenobia P. Waters, Little Rock Branch AAUW President, was a delegate to the Regional Conference of AAUW held in Fort Worth April 3-5. ... Mark W. Riley, the College's Marketing Director, was elected April 10 to a two-year term as one of four Directors-at-Large of ACUMUG (Arkansas Colleges and Universities Macintosh User Group). ... Melody Goss, the College's Public Relations Coordinator, took a group of students from the Take Pride in America project to an Earth Day observance in Heber Springs on April 22.

Founder's Day was held in March. Receiving an award for recognition of his outstanding service to the College was Dr. M.A. Jackson '49.



Jerome Muldrew '50 Sings at
Founder's Day Service

PROGRAMS

The PSC Theatre Department presented the play "Contribution" Feb. 20. In mid-March the Theatre Dept. sponsored the

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Kansas City Theatre Guild's presentation of "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf". ... In a May 4 letter to Dr. Titus, Arkansas's Eastern District Magistrate John F. Forster, Jr., cited Dr. Titus and the College for "the lawful and constitutional manner in which the students expressed their indignation over the Rodney King verdict. ... I applaud your fortitude and forbearance as a lawful exercise of Constitutional rights occurred." Students conducted a peaceful march from the campus to Little Rock City Hall to protest the verdict. There they spoke to representatives of the local media.

PHYSICAL PLANT

New energy-saving vestibules were added to the east and west entrances of the M.L. Harris Fine Arts Building beginning January 28. ... The College is leafing out, thanks to the Downtown Neighborhood Association who assisted in planting trees around the perimeter of the campus on Saturday, February 7th; on February 21, the College received a Silver Leaf Maple tree, christened "The Spirit of Life", which was grown on the Tennessee farm where the late "Roots" author Alex Haley was raised.

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Jerrold A. McNeal has been elected President of the Student Government Association for the 1992-93 school year. The faculty and staff of the College extend to Mr. McNeal their support and best wishes for a successful term.

ATHLETICS

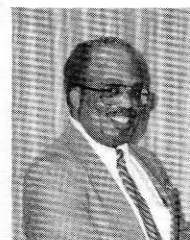
The Women's Basketball team is the 1991-92 Conference Champion. The contest, held in December at Paul Quinn College in Dallas, also saw our ladies finish as runners-up in the tournament. An added feather in the College's cap came with the naming of Hilton Chandler as Coach of the Year.

NEW MISS PSC CROWNED

JaJuan Chantel Williams was crowned the new Miss Philander Smith College for 1992-93 following a dramatic pageant held on April 25. •

President's Message

Dr. Myer L.
Titus, President
Philander Smith
College



Those of you who visited Little Rock for the National Convention are to be commended for your interest in continuing the proud tradition of alumni participation which has been a mainstay of the College's life since its founding. We are blessed at Philander with a group of dedicated alumni who devote a great deal of their personal and financial resources, and most importantly of all, their time, to the betterment of the offerings we make to our students.

On Page 14 there is an article detailing the proposal for our new security fence. This attractive addition will control access to the campus while at the same time enhancing and defining our grounds and buildings. This is an excellent way to memorialize a friend, loved one, class, or campus organization for their efforts and dedication on behalf of the College. Those of you who wish to reserve a section of fence or a brick column should contact Reba Watson at (501) 370-5271.

Our Capital Campaign has gone well over the \$2,000,000 mark, including matching funds from numerous Arkansas corporations, large and small. We have some distance yet to go to reach our \$3,000,000 goal, and the active involvement of our alumni is crucial if we are to accomplish this objective.

It is vitally important that those of you who have not made a pledge do so at your earliest possible convenience, that we may further implement the plans for our new Multipurpose Building. This building will be constructed in the block northwest of 14th and Gaines, just south of the Women's Dormitory. We have obtained the artist's renderings of this facility, and, space permitting, will publish them in the next issue of The Philanderian. •

"PENNIES FOR P.S.C." PROGRAM ANNOUNCED TO ARKANSAS ALUMS

Alumni residing in Arkansas will soon have an opportunity to take advantage of a new program the College and the National Alumni Association are endorsing. It's called "Pennies for P.S.C.", and is available through the Prudential Insurance Company. Representatives of Prudential were on hand at the National Alumni Convention, April 1-5 with complete details, and will be calling on Arkansas alumni over the course of this summer.

Why This Plan Is Important

Charitable organizations such as Philander Smith College have always relied on large lump sum donations to supplement their ongoing contributions and pledges. These sizeable gifts provide the much-needed capital for larger expenditures such as building expansion, land purchases and increased services.

However, because of inflation and economic uncertainty, many people are reluctant to write charitable bequests in their wills and estate plans. This plan enables everyone to make a meaningful gift without reducing their estate.

The Advantages

- It's simple to arrange - the gift is easily made without any legal document involved, other than the life insurance contract, with the guarantee of knowing the gift will be carried out as requested.
- Cost is just pennies on the dollar - much larger gifts are possible. For the same amount of money paid in installments as annual premiums, an individual can make a larger gift through life insurance than through other types of lifetime gifts or through charitable will bequests.
- Unlike a gift of income-producing property, the donor can aid the charitable organization without loss of capital to the donor or donor's family.
- The gift is certain, and paid immedi-

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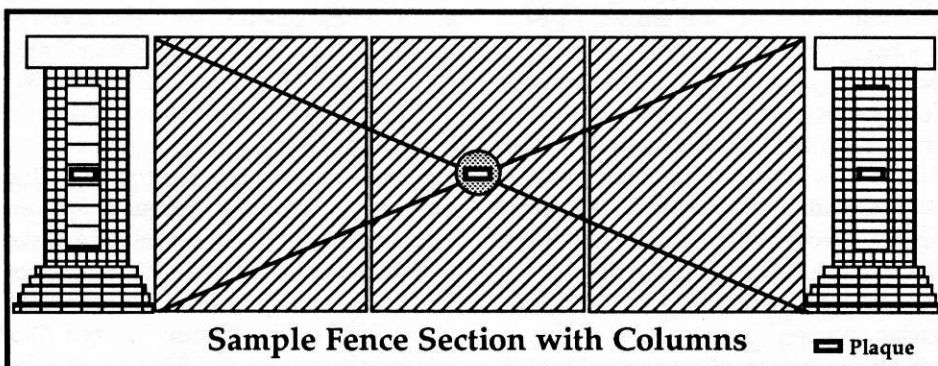
PRESIDENT TO PROVE THAT GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS

In a letter dated May 4 to alumni whose national and/or local chapter 1992 dues are paid, President Titus announced that the College has announced it will enclose the campus with a combination brick column and black vinyl-clad chain link fence. The purposes of this exciting project are to: 1) define the campus, 2) control access to buildings and grounds, 3) provide more security for students, and 4) to beautify the campus environment.

This idea was presented to the Alumni at the National Convention in Little Rock in early April, and was met with a great deal of enthusiasm. Some columns and fence sections have already been reserved.

Dr. Titus stated that "This is a great opportunity to set up a lasting memorial for a loved one or a family member, or to make a dedication personally from a chapter, organization, or graduating class."

A brochure is available from the Development Office at 370-5271 with details on how brick columns and fence sections may be reserved. The columns will be brick-veneered with concrete block centers, and will measure 3 feet square by 6 feet high. The vinyl-clad chain link fence sections are six feet high, and will vary in length from 27 to 30 feet. Each column and fence section will have a name plate similar to the illustration below. •



LEON BROWN '88, DIES

Leon Brown, a 1988 graduate of the College and former Senior Class President, died May 15, 1992. The service was held May 21. Burial was May 22 at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

Brown was noted for obtaining full scholarships for 34 disadvantaged youth in the Maywood area. He taught fourth grade at Resurrection School, and was an evening youth program coordinator for Maywood's recreation department. In 1983, he was "Mr. Black Teenage World-Illinois", and won a four-year scholarship. His degree was in Elementary Education and Theater Arts. In 1985 he was an ambassador for the Black College Fund, calling his program the Black Illinois Teen Scholarship Program. He founded the Spirit Repertory Theater in Maywood, and directed a show, "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf" in December, 1989.

Dr. Titus stated, "He shared with us his talents as a leader and performer, displaying outstanding ability in every task he undertook. ... Leon will be remembered as a dedicated student who celebrated life by serving others with his time and his talents." •

Special Recognition

CLASS NOTES

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named a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, according to a directory of their Distinguished Alumni produced in late 1991.

1956

Dr. Carl G. Harris, Jr., Professor/Head of the Department of Music at Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, was elected to a three-year term on the Commission on Accreditation for the National Association of Schools of Music at the Association's recent meeting in Orlando, FL.

1962

Williarene P. Beasley is now the Principal of the Afrocentric Educational Academy in Minneapolis, MN, according to a recent article in *The Advocate*.

Pearl Rogers Jordan, an elementary science teacher at Linwood Academy, Cincinnati, OH, was selected to participate in the National Science Teachers Association Convention, held in Boston March 26-29. Her activity, "Heating a Raisin", was presented during the Council for Elementary Science International's "Make, Take, and Think About It Workshop". This workshop is one of the best attended sessions of the convention.

1964

Kathryn F. Worthen, an office administrator with the Illinois Department of Public Aid in Chicago, was one of more than 100 outstanding graduates of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) honored at NAFEO's 16th National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education, held March 20-24 in Washington, DC.

1967

Harvey Wiley has been selected as Comptroller for the USDA, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation in Washington, DC. He is currently an adjunct faculty member of the USDA Graduate School in Washington and at Columbia Union Col-

lege, Takoma Park, MD.

1969

Charles W. Donaldson, a SILO (Science Information Liaison Office) Advisory Council member, is the Vice Chancellor for Education Services at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, a post he assumed in January. A new computerized student information system has been implemented under Donaldson's administration, and he has simplified and streamlined the registration process.

1976

Frances Ruth Harris was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, according to a directory of their Distinguished Alumni produced in late 1991.

1977

Wonda Vincent-Chestnut recently moved to Orlando, FL to accept a teaching position.

Alice L. Smith, Director of Accounting for the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library was chosen by the 13th Annual Human Enrichment of Life Programs Inc., Saluting Young Black Achievers of Houston.

1987

Delbra Stewart, Disaster Recovery Coordinator for Arkansas Blue Cross/Blue Shield, received the Golden Paintbrush Award from the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce for community service, and was co-recipient of the Downtown Partnership's prestigious Top of the Rock Award for helping bring business to the downtown area. She is currently serving as President of the Little Rock Downtown Neighborhood Association, and has been involved in tree-planting and house painting projects with the Association.

1988

Leon Brown of Chicago died May 15. (Article on Page 14) •

UNCF Report

by Sybil Bunn,
Director,
UNCF Office



The UNCF Office would like to thank each of you for your contribution to the 1991 Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon. If your pledge is not yet paid, please send your contribution to the UNCF Office today, in care of the College.

1991 was quite a successful year for your UNCF Office: We raised over \$107,000. Thanks to all of those alumni and friends who helped us hit this all-time high.

1992 is upon us, and we hope you will be generous in helping us to raise our 1992 goal of \$135,000. If we all work together, our goal can be accomplished.

UNCF Volunteers will meet each Monday at 6:00 PM in the Alumni / UNCF Building on the campus at 1108 Izard. Come and take part in this exciting work as we help to shape our community and the world.

UNCF PROJECT '92

In keeping with the College's theme of providing education in a student-centered environment, one of the major emphases for 1992 is to promote the work of the National Alumni Council and especially our PSC Pre-Alumni Council. All alumni and staff of the 41 member colleges are asked to promote the work of these two organizations.

The National Alumni Council is an affiliate of the United Negro College Fund, Inc., which was founded in 1946 to safeguard the existence of and increase the strength of historically black colleges and universities. The PSC UNCF Office solicits your support in providing programs on campus that will support the National Alumni Council membership, including our student organizations and volunteers in the National Pre-Alumni Council. Be a winner and support your College. •

"PENNIES FOR PSC"

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ately. The charitable organization knows right away it will receive a guaranteed sum of money regardless of when the insured donor dies. Upon proof of death, the charitable organization will receive the proceeds without delay, as would be the case if the gift had to await probate.

- No legal problems or expenses. Life insurance proceeds payable to a charitable organization are not subject to probate and estate settlement costs, nor will they be subject to the claims of creditors or heirs contesting a will.
- Personal satisfaction in knowing you have provided a caring gift.
- No publicity - this plan will be kept confidential, without being exposed to public or family view. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your gift can be a living legacy that will last for many years to come.
- The **ENTIRE** premium is **Tax Deductible**.

How Much Should You Give?

Only you can determine the amount that you should give. Some people can set aside \$100 per week, others only \$5. In addition, there are three methods of payment to choose from:

- Monthly - bank draft automatically debited from your account.
- Annual - discounted about 7% to 8%
- Advance Payment - even more of a discount when paid in one lump sum.

With all three methods, your entire premiums are fully tax deductible.

It is hoped Arkansas alumni will respond enthusiastically to this exciting program. •

**ZENOBIA WHITE
HONORED**

Dr. Zenobia Reid White of Des Moines, who was born in the Dark Corner Community to Cotton Plant, is founder of OSACS (One's Self Actualizing and Communication Skills) in Des Moines. She is the daughter of Mrs. Johnnie Reid of Brinkley and the late Willie Joe Reid. Her mother is a retired school teacher from the Brinkley School System.

Dr. White attended Philander Smith College, and later moved to Los Angeles, where her husband was in service. After moving to Des Moines and rearing six children, she entered Drake University and received a degree in Social Science.

Dr. White received the YWCA's "Women of Achievement" award in 1987, President Bush's Volunteer Action Award in 1989, was designated the "84th Point of Light" by the President in 1990, and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Drake University in 1991.

This information was forwarded to the Alumni Office by her 91-year-old mother, Mrs. Johnnie Reid, twice a graduate of the College, and one of its oldest alumni. She was a representative to the World Student Volunteer Convention in Indianapolis in 1924, and graduated from PSC with an Associate's degree in Education in May, 1925. The mother of eight, she completed her Bachelor's in Elementary Education in 1963, and was the elementary teacher for Erma Miller, President of the Class of 1991. Another of Mrs. Reid's children, Warner, is a minister in Little Rock. Mrs. Reid currently resides in Brinkley. •

**Capital
Campaign**

by Reba Watson,
PSC Development Office

The Capital Development program continues to make significant strides in achieving the campaign goal.

Recently, the College has learned that all pledges to this program can be routed through the UNCF office in New York, and will be matched dollar-for-dollar for use at Philander. As an example, Tyson Foods recently committed to a \$15,000 pledge, and agreed to send their pledge through UNCF's Matching Gifts Program designated for PSC. Thus, this gift of \$15,000 has become a gift of \$30,000.

Also, PSC has now met the challenge requirements for the \$500,000 Mabee grant. The College is preparing to submit verification to secure payment of the \$500,000 grant. We are working with the Mabee Foundation to route this pledge through UNCF to double it to \$1,000,000.

The College is still under consideration for a \$100,000 grant from the Ottenheimer Foundation of Little Rock. A final decision is expected in June. We will also submit this grant to UNCF for matching.

Lastly, with the final architectural plans and designs completed for new campus construction, the Capital Development Campaign is soliciting contributions of building materials such as bricks, etc., for construction activities on campus.

To date, the program has pledges and financial commitments totalling \$2,110,100.45. •

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