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40th Annual Ministers' Conference *Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel's Annual Celebration*

PVAMU--Yearly for the last forty years, clergy from throughout the US have gathered to attend an annual ministers' conference under the auspices of Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel at Prairie View A&M University. The **40th Annual Ministers' Conference** will be held **February 3 and 4**, at PVAMU beginning promptly at **9:30 a.m.**, in **Hobart Taylor Hall**.

The theme for the ministerial conference is, "Preparing Today's Leaders for Tomorrow's Ministry". Featured on the conference program will be **Dr. Miles Jerome Jones**, Baptist; **Dr. Gregory G.M. Ingram**, African Methodist Episcopal; **Bishop Marshall Gilmore**, Christian Methodist Episcopal; **Dr. Ed Montgomery**, Abundant Life Ministries and **Bishop Martin Luther Johnson**, Church of God in Christ.

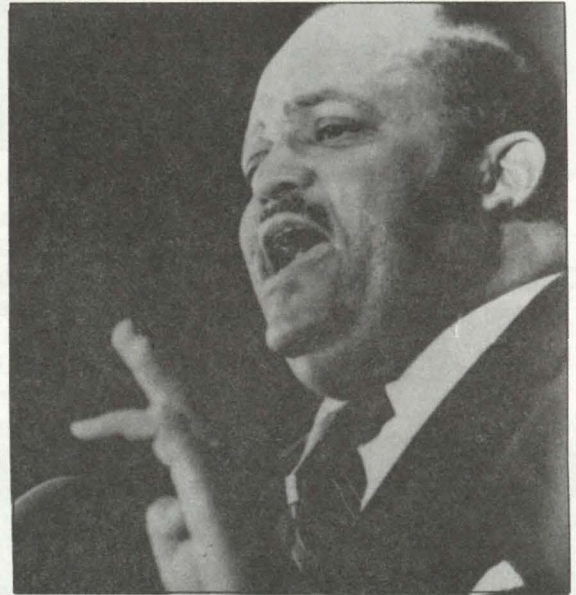
Conference chairman, **Dr. Daryl B. Ingram** says of the upcoming conference, "**Personally, I am excited and making preparations for you to be enlightened and encouraged to become effective leaders for the next millennium.**"

Another important feature of the ministerial conference will be a banquet set to raise funds for the **Lee C. Phillip Building Endowment**. The late **Lee C. Phillip**, the first dean of the chapel, will

be honored with a special address by nationally known televangelist, **Dr. E.V. Hill**, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California. The **Lee C. Phillip Banquet** will be held **Wednesday, February 4**, at **7:00 p.m.**, at the **Sheraton Hotel Houston** (formerly known as the **Medallion Hotel**) at **3000 N. Loop West** at **Hwy. 290**. For ticket information contact the **Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel** (see address below).

Proceeds from the banquet will go towards the building endowment that helps support the chapel. The chapel does not receive state funds and therefore is dependent upon funds raised through avenues such as the conference in order to provide assistance to students at Prairie View A&M University.

Charles H. Lewter, Jr., current dean of the All Faiths Chapel, stated, "**I hope and pray that your agenda will allow you to witness a great movement felt throughout our ecumenical fellowship and to experience the knowledge to implement min-**



Dr. E.V. Hill

istries for this new generation of Christian believers."

The pre-registration fee for the conference is **\$50** and the "on campus" registration fee is **\$65**. Pre-registration is available up to **January 23, 1998**, and checks/money orders should be mailed to: **Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel, P.O. Box 2073, Prairie View, Texas, 77446-2073**. Checks/money orders for support of the scholarship fund should be made payable to the "**Ministers Scholarship Fund**". Please call **(409)857-4940** or **857-3946** for more information on the **40th Annual Minister's Conference**.

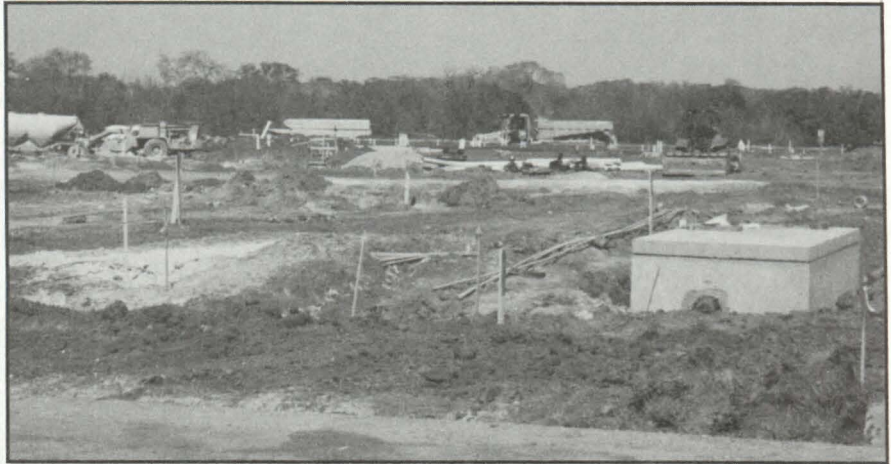
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Phase III of Student Housing Commences

A major thrust for Prairie View A&M University president, Dr. Charles A. Hines, has been to improve student housing conditions at PVAMU. Dr. Hines and his staff have been successful in coordinating construction of two privatized housing complexes in the last two years, "University Village I and II". Ground breaking, however, for Phase III of the University Village Complex began Monday, December 22, 1997, further expanding accommodations for students with a first class quality of life.

The new Phase III consists of two and four bedroom units, adding six hundred new private rooms for students at PVAMU. Phase III will be located on the Northwest corner of E.E. O'Bannon and D. W. Martin Streets.

The addition of Phase III adds new student housing to the cam-



Phase III Student Housing Construction

pus totaling \$37,000,000 in just three years time. University officials indicate that this rate of development is nothing short of

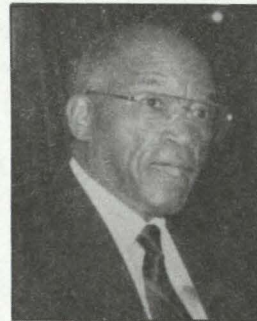
phenomenal. Phase III construction is expected to be completed in August '98, in time for the fall semester.

SACS team visits PVAMU

Since the mid-fifties, Prairie View A&M University has been accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), one of the six regional accrediting agencies nationwide that review the quality of college and schools. In 1990, PVAMU received a full ten year accreditation, the longest period granted a university found to meet the standards and to be performing well in the fulfillment of its mission.

January 29, 1998, Dr. Tom Benburg, associate commissioner of the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, visited the University to launch the "kick-off" of the self-study process that will culminate in a full SACS team visit in the Spring of 2000.

Dr. Charles A. Hines, president



Dr. Charles A. Hines



Dr. Thomas-Smith

and Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, realizing the importance of the SACS reaffirmation of accreditation actually began the self-study process in August, 1997, during the Faculty and Professional Staff Conference attended by over 400 faculty, and staff. Every area of the University will be involved in the self-study and faculty, students, staff, alumni as well as corporations and school districts will serve on committees as active participants in the process.

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COMING SOON!

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PVAMU Cooperative Ext. Program Sponsors Unique Youth Entrepreneur Symposium

Practical seminars for business success, networking opportunities, and customer service classroom sessions are familiar to the average adult in business, but the Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) at Prairie View A&M University has a new twist on holding an entrepreneurial symposium. CEP will host a Youth Entrepreneur Symposium (YES), April 22-26, designed to inspire, motivate and nurture a whole new generation of business professionals. The teen symposium will be held at the Astro-dome Hotel, Houston, and is co-hosted by the National Coalition for Empowering Youth Entrepreneurs (NCEYE).

"This national event is gaining support from all over the country," said interim program leader of the 4-H & Program at CEP, Beverly Spears. According to Spears, "The Youth Entrepreneur Symposium is specifically designed for teens to showcase their business talents and for teens interested in becoming entrepreneurs."

"We plan to have exhibits, youth forums, a market place

Johnnie Smith promoted

Mrs. Johnnie (Sue) Smith, who has served as data entry supervisor in the PVAMU General Accounting Department, has been promoted to the rank of accounts payable supervisor. Smith replaces Mrs. Kay Peavy, who is now in charge of the PVAMU Travel Department.

A career employee, Mrs. Smith has seventeen years working at Prairie View A&M University. She is originally from Sealy, Texas, where she currently resides.

where youth will actually talk about and display their business products, Houston area tours, a fashion show, a plenary panel for teens who have experience in owning and operating a business and much more," commented Spears.

Participation for the Youth Entrepreneur Symposium is limited to the first six hundred registrants. Teens and adults interested in the symposium should contact Beverly Spears at (409) 857-2517, or E-mail, bspears@tamu.edu, or visit the web site at <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/users/kidbiz>.



Beverly Spears

Classic Dance Ensemble Needs Your Help!

The Prairie View A&M University Classic Dance Ensemble needs your help in order to attend the Annual Spring Dance Conference, in North Carolina, during April. The ensemble needs to raise a total of \$5,000 to attend this annual conference and dance workshop.

In order to contribute or help in the effort to get the

Classic Dance Ensemble to North Carolina to represent PVAMU, please call (409)857-2440.



Prairie View A&M University Classic Dance Ensemble

PVAMU's Sabrina Mathis Wins "Best Program Award"

Sabrina Mathis, president of the PVAMU Residence Hall Association, has been awarded the Texas Association of Colleges and Universities Residence Hall's "Best Program Award" for 1997. Mathis was given the award by

the Southwest Association of College and Universities Residence Hall Conference held in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She was also awarded a three year service pin for "Outstanding Services and Contributions to SWACURH".

Coming Soon!

February '98

February 3 & 4

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
40th Annual Ministers' Conference
benefiting Johnson-Phillip All Faiths
Chapel, (Hobart Taylor Hall)

February 4, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Lee C. Phillip Building Endowment
Banquet, Sheraton Hotel (formerly
the Medallion Hotel). Featured
Speaker: Dr. E. V. Hill, pastor and
national televangelist, Mt. Zion Mis-
sionary Baptist Church, Los Ange-
les, California

February 7-14

Prairie View Trail Riders
Saturday, February 7 - Sunnyside
Enterprise Park. Assembling of wag-
ons/riders and kickoff dance.

Sunday, February 8 - 21 mile ride to
Hempstead, Texas, and camp social.

Monday, February 9 - PV 10 mile
ride to campsite west of PVAMU
football field. Leave Camp 7:00 a.m.
Hempstead Elementary - "A West-
ern Adventure", 10:15 a.m.

PVAMU Campus Parade - 1:00 p.m.
Chili Cookoff - PV Trail Riders H.S.
Estelle 4H & Youth Camp.

Charles Gilpin Players

Intercontinental Studio Dance and
Fine Arts (Houston) Camp Social -
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

February 9 (3:00 p.m. Deadline)

Last Day to Pay 1st Tuition/Fees
Installment Payment.

Tuesday, February 24, 5:00 p.m.

Economics/Finance Club, College of
Business African American History
Quiz.

PVAMU's Cheryl Lewis Named "Advisor of the Year"

Prairie View A&M University
Area Coordinator for the
Department of Housing, Cheryl
Lewis, was presented the "Advisor
of the Year Award" at Texas Tech
University by the Texas Residence
Association during the fall school
term.

Lewis has been credited for her

innovation in the initiation and
execution of three PVAMU campus-
wide student developmental and
education programs for Fall
Semester, 1997. She was primary
organizer and coordinator for the
recent Residence Hall King and
Queen Pageants and the Residence
Hall Homecoming Decorating

Contest. Ms. Lewis also coordinated
the procurement of Residence Hall
King and Queen floats for the 1997
Homecoming Parade.

Annual Fund Kicks Off "For a Stronger PVAMU"

Prairie View A&M University
president, Dr. Charles A. Hines,
has announced the kickoff of an
Annual Fund Campaign designed
to raise \$1.5 million dollars for the
University by August 31, 1998. The
1997-98 Annual Fund Campaign will
help generate dollars for more
athletics scholarships, academic
scholarships and to support the
greatest needs of the university.

"Nothing saddens me more than
to have deserving, qualified
students overcome numerous
personal obstacles to achieve
scholastic excellence and reach the
doors of our university, only to learn
that we do not have enough
scholarship dollars to support their
education at PVAMU," says Dr.
Hines.

For information about the
Annual Fund Campaign, call
409/857-4091.

SUPPORT

1997-1998 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

"FOR A STRONGER PVAMU"

Seeking to Raise \$1.5 Million by
August 31, 1998

supporting athletics scholarships, academic
scholarships and the greatest needs of the University.

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