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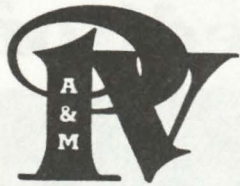
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PVAMU Building Dedication Honors Jesse H., Mary Gibbs Jones & Houston Endowment Inc.

Prairie View A&M University bestowed a high honor Tuesday, April 14, dedicating its Agricultural Research Building in honor of Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones. Held in front of the Agricultural Research Building, the dedication honored philanthropic efforts by Jones' and Houston Endowment, Inc.

In 1937, Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones created a private foundation for the support of charitable causes called **Houston Endowment Inc.** For more than five decades, Houston Endowment, Inc. has made numerous grants to "not-for-profit" organizations seeking to enhance the quality of life for Texans and Houstonians.

Cooperative Agricultural Research Center research director, Dr. Alfred Parks, said, "I too share the vision of the late Mr. Jones...This a vision of providing education to young men and women who otherwise may not have had a chance." Further, "We are glad you came here...to help us pay tribute to the late Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones."

Jesse H. Jones wrote in 1946, "I have had a feeling for a number of years that too many of our young men were being educated away from the farm and it is our expectation that scholarships from this fund will be awarded to young men who are interested in the study of agriculture and related fields..."

The first check to the institution was presented in 1946, to W. R. Banks, principal of Prairie View A&M College. By 1956, the first president of PVAMC, Dr. E. B. Evans, was very pleased with what PVAMC had been



able to offer students resulting from the Jesse H. Jones Scholarship Program.

In a letter to the endowment, Dr. Evans stated, "We wish to express our deepest appreciation to you...for making it possible for these young men to continue their education. Without such help, most...would have been unable to remain in school."

"Since the last grant was made, we have been successful in securing a first class, modern agriculture building on our campus. With this new building...we believe that we are well equipped to provide the types of training and experience that will prepare our agriculture students to render even greater service to the citizens and communities of our state and nation," said Dr. Evans.

Over the years, Houston Endowment Inc., has awarded the university grants totaling close to \$5,000,000. Portions of the grants, that were allocated for scholarship endowments, were paired with "state matching funds" which

doubled the financial impact for students.

Dr. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, provost and vice president for academic affairs, quoted Proverbs, saying "A good man leaveth an inheritance..." She commented also that, "The measure of a man's character is based on what he leaves to future generations." Dr. Thomas-Smith likened the vision of the Jones' to, "...a beacon of light and a beacon of learning."

Prairie View A&M University president, Dr. Charles A. Hines, added a moment of history stating, "I join a long list of PVAMU principals and presidents in expressing our gratitude to Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones and the Houston Endowment for their great contributions to our university."

President Hines fittingly ended the program saying, "Prairie View A&M University honors the commitment of Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones and the Houston Endowment Inc. by saying...because of their dedication to improving the lot of others...the best is yet to be!"

A 'Thank You' from the editor

For six years, it has been a privilege to be public information director for Prairie View A&M University. Since this is our final issue for the year, it seems appropriate to thank the many of you who have done so much to make our efforts successful.

Public information dissemination is much more than writing press releases and sending them out. It involves knowing people, achievements, organizational goals and objectives and history. Without these tools, an individual can do enormous harm to an organization such as ours lasting many years. At times, folks seem to believe this job is about grinning and smiling for the media. Rarely do they see the hard work, professional responsibility and stress that are integral to the job. On the other hand, the greatest joy is to see people empowered by the notion that we have truly talented people working for

our university.

When I came six years ago, PVAMU was the recipient of negative news coverage almost daily. Taking the job, I thought there was much here which might be illuminated. I had only one stipulation, however, when accepting the job and that was that I not be expected to lie in the performance of the job. In six years, that promise has not been broken! It took only one day on the job to find out that a good deal of positive news was not being reported by the media. During the next six years, we fought many battles while working to telling the PVAMU story. We hope that in the end, we have had more successes than failures.

It was a pleasure when the faculty and staff insisted that we develop a newsletter for this institution in the Fall of 1997. Our first issue was completed with what seemed to be little more than "bailing-wire" since we had no in-house funds for it. However, we did have some community-minded underwriters who took note of the situation. They are NationsBank Copperfield, State Bank Hempstead, Carrington & Dargan Law Firm and Pace Photography. Some would believe that commercial entities are not interested in "not-for-profit" organizations such as ours,



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(even with a 2,000 person distribution), but nothing was further from the truth. We thank them for their confidence in the faculty and staff of Prairie View A&M University.

To the staff, Tom Godwin and Gloria Perez who worked long hours on behalf of this publication, we say, "May God bless you all!"

Finally, to those of you who mentor our students through your professional achievements, while encouraging them to pursue a vigorous quest for knowledge and excellence...we salute you!

Bryan H. Barrows, III, Editor



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Dr. Muoneke presents Scholarly Paper in Memphis



Dr. N. E. Muoneke

Dr. N. E. Muoneke, associate professor of mathematics in the PVAMU University Scholars Program, presented a scholarly paper at the annual meeting of the National Association of Mathematicians, March 20-21. Professor Muoneke's paper is entitled, "On the Equality of the Determinant of a Transformation and the Permanent of a Square Matrix, Beyond the Messenberg Matrix". His earlier work in this area was presented at the International Linear Algebra Society Meeting in Chemnitz, Germany last August.

Goats, Goats and More Goats...

Goat Field Day held May 1-2

The 15th Annual International Goat Field Day returned to Prairie View A&M University Friday, May 1-2, at the Cooperative Extension Program Auditorium on the PVAMU campus. The Goat Field Day is a yearly event whose purpose is to transfer information to goat producers, processors and consumers. It is sponsored by the Cooperative Agriculture Research Center, the Cooperative Extension Program, the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences.

Begun in 1983, the Goat Field Day features presentations of practical applications for goat producers; current research in goat production; a look at market trends and profit potential for goat products. The Goat Field Day event boasts a "taste test" of goat meats and goat dairy products such as milk and a variety of cheeses.

The Goat Field Day is an annual PVAMU signature event. The PVAMU International Goat Center was instrumental in introducing the internationally-known African Boer Goat to U.S. markets for study and production.

Such innovations as the Boer Goat introduction and development of the PVAMU International Goat Center had their nucleus as a brainchild of former congressman, E. "Kika" de la Garza (D-Brownsville). By virtue of a congressional junket to Africa, de la Garza wondered if American ranchers might want to participate in meeting the booming, world-wide demand for goat meat

and products. Congressman de la Garza is credited with motivating the U.S. Congress to appropriate agricultural funding for the PVAMU program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

US deputy secretary of agriculture, Richard Rominger, said at the 1997 Field Day, "PVAMU...was the first center funded by USDA. Other goat research centers around the country have followed...but, PVAMU was the first!"

This year's Annual Goat Field Day offered information for begin-



"Here's looking at you kids..."

ners and professionals. It celebrated the virtues of a world-wide industry that is one of the fastest growing within the field of agricultural production and marketing. Seasoned professionals found ample opportunity to ask questions and give repartee to other professionals in the field and indulge in the "down-home" atmosphere so prevalent at Prairie View.

Beginners found the conference an interesting place to get new infor-



"Here's to you kids..."

mation while tasting new delights associated with goat product and meat production. A favorite for conferees was the "Taste Test" featuring BBQ, a variety of cheeses, goat meat sausage, goat ice cream, etc.

Another important feature of International Goat Field Day was the dedication to motivating a whole new generation of farmers and ranchers through youth programs. The Field Day annually includes cooperative programs with 4-H chapters throughout the region and goat management workshops for young people. In addition to this feature, the Goat Field Day hosted a "Kid Give-Away" Program allowing young people to have livestock they can use to begin a hobby or a career.

Finally, those interested in obtaining livestock got to bid for goats at the Annual Goat Auction which is a very popular event held during the field day.

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PVAMU Grad chosen Dean of Monroe Community College, New York

Dr. Quintin B. Bullock, a graduate of Prairie View A&M University, has been named executive dean of Monroe Community College's Damon City campus in Rochester, New York.

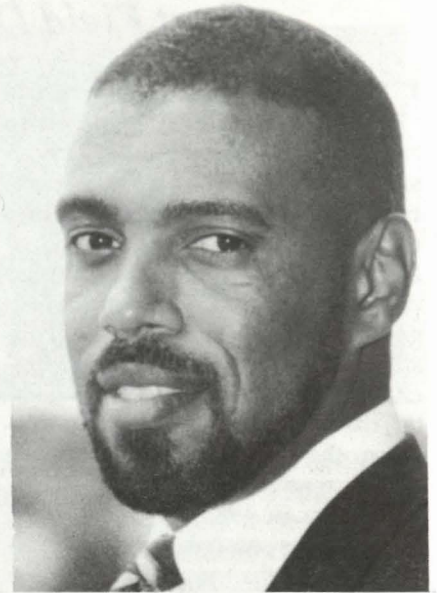
As executive dean, Dr. Bullock provides leadership for all aspects of the campus, including academic, student life and community service initiatives. He oversees the college's welfare-to-work partnership between Monroe County Social Services, Greater Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce and community-based organizations.

Bullock has served as DCC's interim executive dean since July 1996. Since that time, he has strengthened the campus' relationships with political and community leaders; un-

der an aggressive marketing campaign, and developed a team-approach among DCC's faculty and staff in meeting students' academic and support needs.

Founded in 1991, MCC's Damon City campus is located in downtown Rochester, and serves about 1,700 students in credit programs. One of the college's two campuses, DCC serves students in credit, non-credit and community-based programs and is a "first-rate facility," according to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. Bullock has a doctorate in dental surgery from the University of Texas Dental Branch, and a master's of education in biology and a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from PVAMU.



Dr. Quintin B. Bullock

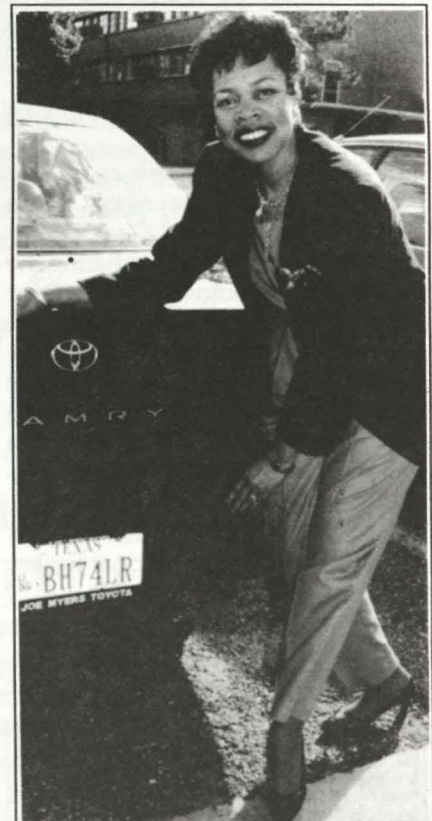
PVAMU Coordinator Named to National Security Education Program

Ronald Server, coordinator of the PVAMU Criminal Justice Program, has been selected to participate in the National Security Educational Program (NESP). The program, entitled, "Improving Educational Opportunities Among Diverse Student Populations" is to be held this summer at the University of Iowa, followed by a month-long tour of the former Soviet Union, including Russia, the Ukraine and Budapest, Hungary.

The program is designed to establish or enhance international stud-

ies at targeted universities with limited academic work and research capacity in the field.

Mr. Server, an attorney, teaches a comparative law class and hopes his experience will provide research material to utilize in his class, along with a research project. The educator says, "I am really looking forward to the summer program and would like to thank Dr. Jewel Prestage (director of the University Scholars Program) for nominating me. I know it will be a life-altering experience..."



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PVAMU Faculty Members Awarded Fellowships

Dr. Clarissa G. Booker, Dr. Freddie Frazier (Prairie View A&M University) and Mrs. Sharon E. Clark (Waller ISD) have been named "Sid Richardson Fellows for School-University Collaboration". The honor recognizes leadership in collaborative projects between PVAMU and area school districts. The award provides an honorarium of \$1,000 and financial support for a research and professional development project undertaken in the next year.

Dr. M. Paul Mehta, dean of the PVAMU College of Education, said, "I am pleased that you (Clark, Booker and Frazier) have been named Sid Richardson Fellows for School-University Collaboration. My heartiest congratulations!"

Through the Partnership for Texas Public Schools, Texas A&M University System and Texas Education Agency hope to promote greater opportunities for collaboration between System's institutions and the State's public schools.

Through a multi-year grant from the Sid W. Richardson Foundation, the Texas A&M University System has established three Richardson Fellows for School-University Collaboration for each of its Texas A&M University System institutions.

Richardson Fellows conduct research, design and implement development projects and are expected to be actively involved in a system-wide professional development sequence. They will also participate in the dissemination of information, regarding their topics, at their respective institutions.

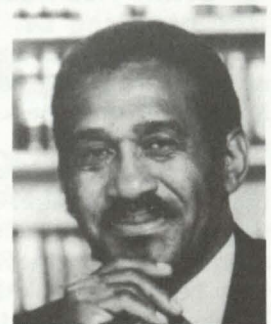
In order to be a fellow, full-time faculty and other educators are nominated by their deans of education with final approval by the university president, Dr. Charles A. Hines. Dr. Paul Mehta, dean of the College of Education, selected Dr. Clarissa Booker, Dr. Freddie Frazier and Mrs. Sharon Clark as PVAMU Sid Richardson Fellows. Their



Dr. Clarissa Booker



Sharon Clark



Dr. Freddie Frazier

nominations were reviewed and approved by Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, provost and vice president for academic affairs, before being sent to Dr. Hines for final approval.

Clarissa Gamble Booker, Ed.D, is professor and coordinator of Reading Programs at Prairie View A&M University where she has served since 1969. Her doctorate was earned at the university of Houston in curriculum and instruction: reading. She possesses a M.A. degree in reading from the University of North Colorado and a B.S. degree in elementary education from PVAMU. Dr. Booker has done post-doctoral studies at the University of Chicago; Harvard University; Indiana University; Boston University and Bank Street College of Education.

During her time at PV, Dr. Booker has received a host of prestigious awards, in and out, of the field of education. She has received the NISOD Award for Teaching Excellence (1992); the Distinguished Faculty Service Award (1993-94); the Counselor of the Year Award, KAPPA DELTA PI (1990) and the Outstanding Young Woman in America Award (1972). Professor Booker was elected to Who's Who in America in 1980 and 1981. She was given the "Eagle Award" by Houston Independent School District (1996) for "...advancing the vision at Coop Elementary School. Also, she is an Educational Foundation board member, for KAPPA DELTA PI International Honor Society in Educa-

tion (term 1996-99).

Sharon E. Clark, is an adjunct faculty member at PVAMU and elementary curriculum director for Waller Independent School District. Ms. Clark was a principal at Jones Intermediate School (1992-97), a teacher/team leader/district science advisor for Roberts Road Elementary (1985-92) and a teacher for Holleman Elementary (1973-74 and 1979-85). In preceding years, she has served as a homebound teacher; a team leader and a director for the Spring Branch Summer School Studies Program (1968).

Ms. Clark is presently doing post graduate work at the University of Houston, the University of St. Thomas and PVAMU. She has a master of education degree from Prairie View A&M University (1976) and a bachelor of science degree in education from Sam Houston State University (1961).

Clark has authored and presented a number of academic papers during her professional career. Among her publications were "Learning Partners", Reading Education in Texas (1991); "Teacher Corps", Texas Outlook (1976); "So You Have a Technology School, So What?", Texas Middle School Journal (1994) and "Integrating Technology in the School Environment: Through a Principal's Lens", co-authored with Jon J. Denton, NASSP Bulletin (1997).

Professor Freddie L. Frazier,

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Ground-Breaking at PVAMU Begins New Student Park Project

Prairie View A&M University president, Dr. Charles A. Hines, led a delegation of dignitaries April 24, in breaking-ground for a new student park at the north end of the campus.

Located across the street from the university Village North project, the new park is scheduled for completion before the Fall '98 school term begins along with University Village North. The student park will have picnic tables, a lake, recreational areas and a clubhouse.

"It is the students of PVAMU that this park will serve and through it the spirit of the Panther lives on!", commented Student Government Association president, David Walden (1997-98).

Anticipated for over ten years, the park was designed and rendered to "blue-print" form by students from the School of Architecture at PVAMU. Commenting on the work of her students, Dr. Ikhlas Sabouni, dean of the school said, "At last, our students will have a place to relax, dance and have activities. We are very proud that this new facility is coming to pass." Further, "This park is going to be a great place for students to relax and have fun."

Miss PVAMU, Chrystal Bender, stated during the program, "This is a historic moment and one of many student-centered projects that we expect in the coming months."

Marshall V. Brown, engineer within the School of Architecture, who has been a part of the continuing efforts for the park, said, "We are real proud to have this project at the site of the original park which was here more than thirty-five years ago."

Project architect, Ron Kent, stated, "This park is going to be a great place for students. We hope you all will enjoy this new park."

President Hines told those assembled, "What a great location it is to have the park across the street



from University Village North!" In picking this location, my concern was that this location be reflective of safety, security and have aesthetic quality. I believe that this location meets all of those criteria",

stated Dr. Hines.

Assuring the crowd that the park will be ready in the fall, Dr. Hines said, "The completion of this project is a grand tribute to our students and our university."

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Ed.D., received his doctorate in mathematics education in 1975, and has provided mathematics instruction at PVAMU since 1967. He possesses an M.S. and a B.S. degree in mathematics from PVAMU.

Currently, he is coordinator of engineering mathematics, coordinator/instructor for the FAA Institute and math director of the MITE Program at PVAMU.

Professor Frazier has also served as a mathematics consultant for Aldine ISD (Houston), Dallas ISD; Galena Park ISD; Hempstead ISD and North Forest ISD. For Beaumont ISD, he holds the positions of instructor for Adult Night Classes in Modern Mathematics and Television Instructor for Adult Classes in Modern Mathematics.

During his long career with PVAMU, Dr. Frazier has received many awards such as the NISOD Award for Teaching Excellence (1994), the "Outstanding Service Award" (1992), the "PVAMU Spirit Ad" (1992) and "Male Faculty Member of the Year" (1990). He has also

received Mega Omega Beta Service Award (1986), the "Youth Opportunity Unlimited Award" (1989) and the Service Award" of the ECI Program for 18 Years Service (1989). Dr. Frazier was also named "Teacher of the Year" during 1989 by Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Professor Frazier is credited with coordinating the establishment of three research laboratories at PVAMU: The Environmental and Electrical Testing Laboratory, the OASIS Language Laboratory and the RF Signal Laboratory. He also has developed a 93 videotape lecture series on algebra; trigonometry; differential calculus; integral calculus and differential equations.

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