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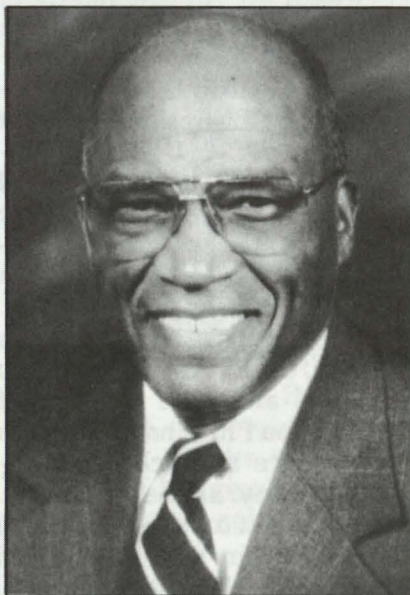
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1998

New PVAMU Science Building in the Works

When he came to Prairie View A&M University in 1994, President, Charles A. Hines realized a new science building was needed. In fact, the Harrington Science Building, constructed in 1961, was bursting at the seams.

Original plans for the Harrington Science Building in 1952, called for a building able to accommodate a student body of 3,000 students. Current PVAMU population totals are in excess of 6,000 students, hence the need for a new science facility.

Inadequate small animal housing, facilities for seminars, few student study areas, no adequate greenhouse and a lack of essential equipment have made the old building a difficult propo-



Dr. Charles A. Hines

Boeing Makes Major Donation to PVAMU FAST Center

College of Engineering Moves Forward

Beauford L. (Beau) Daniel, a 1973 graduate with a B.S. degree in industrial technology from Prairie View A&M University's College of Engineering, beamed as he presented a check for \$104,165 from The Boeing Company recently. Funds from the grant will go toward upgrading the PVAMU Future Aerospace Science and Technology Center (FAST).

Beau Daniel, a 23-year Boeing employee and manager of the Manufacturing Engineering Missile, Electrical Center, is convinced that such funds are integral to the development of a whole new generation of researchers.

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Dr. Allen R. Atkins says, "The FAST Center provides an excellent opportunity to introduce engineering and science students to research prior to entering jobs in industry."

According to Dr. Paul O. Biney, associate professor and FAST Center director, "These funds will enable critical FAST Center modifications to be completed and thereby make it possible for the FAST Center to realize its full research potential."

College of Engineering dean, Dr. Milton Bryant, said, "We are elated with this major grant by The Boeing Company which our students and faculty, I assure you, will put to good use."

sition for students. Dr. Hines, however, has been successful in convincing the Legislature, the Coordinating Board and the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents that a new building is necessary in order to meet expanding student needs.

The new science building will have 140,000 total square footage and 86,000 sq. feet in assignable area (actual usable area), at a cost of \$28.09 million. Ground-breaking for the project is set for March of 1999, with completion slated for 2001.

Vice president for Fiscal Affairs, Willie Tempton, says, "The project is on schedule and we think that it will truly expand our ability to educate students well."

Architectural design for the proposed new science building is in the hands of 3-D/International, Inc., 1900 W. Loop South, Houston, Texas.

The science facility will house new classrooms; the Biology Department; the Chemistry Department; the Physics Department; student study areas; lecture areas; state-of-the-art: computer accommodations and office space for faculty and staff.

President Hines stated, "We need this new science building to enhance opportunities for students and to prepare them for employment or entry into graduate and professional schools." He also confided that the new building will be helpful in maintaining the accreditation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and in serving the state through research programs that improve the quality of life for Texans.

Dr. A. D. Stewart - A PVAMU Icon has Fallen

The legacy of Dr. Alfred D. Stewart is that he cared about students, was devoted to academic excellence and had passion for Prairie View A&M University and its mission. When the well-liked mathematics professor expired at Tomball Hospital, Sunday, September 6, word spread quickly that a PVAMU icon had fallen.

Professor Stewart came to Prairie View A&M University in 1953, as a mathematics instructor, rose to the rank of department chair and finally was named a "Distinguished Professor of Mathematics".

Before coming to PVAMU, Dr. Stewart earned two B.S. degrees in mathematics from Rusk College (Holly Springs, Miss.) and Howard University (Wash., D.C.). He obtained two M.S. degrees in math from Howard University and the University of Wisconsin.

"Whatever was needed to help our students achieve, Dr. Stewart was for it!"...said Dr. Freddie Frazier

Dr. Stewart has long been noted as the first African American to receive a doctorate in mathematics from The University of Texas at Austin, graduating in 1963.

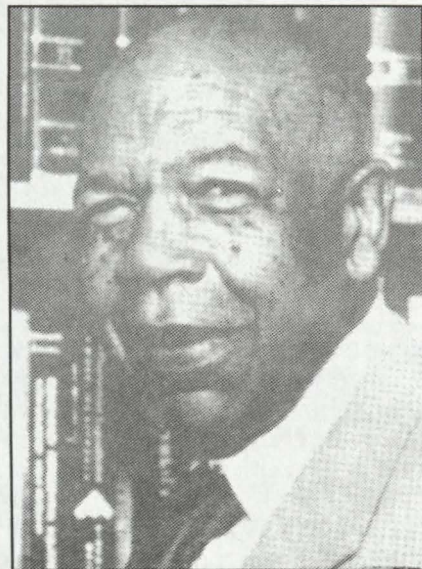
Coming to Prairie View during the administration of its first president, Dr. E. B. Evans, Professor Stewart was instrumental in bringing mathematics honor societies to the campus and providing a stronger linkage between math and science programs.

Stewart organized Pi Mu Epsilon, the PVAMU Math Club and was an active member of Beta Kappa Phi (a national math and science research organization). Many students of Dr. Stewart went on to win national honors within Beta Kappa Phi for research in science and math.

Dr. Stewart held membership in the Texas Academy of Science and mathematics where he served as state chairperson. He also was a consistent and faithful supporter of athletics through both the PVAMU Athletics Club and the Sports Hall of Fame.

Current Mathematics chairperson, Dr. Evelyn E. Thorton, says that Dr. Stewart, "...was truly a steadfast individual who loved mathematics...with football a close second. Dr. Stewart truly loved and believed in our students." She further stated, "When the football team (or any of our teams) played, he had no expectation except that they would win. That was a foregone conclusion...Dr. Stewart was committed!"

The distinguished professor inspired more than four genera-



Dr. A. D. Stewart

tions of students, many of which became mathematicians at PVAMU and around the U.S. His students have also distinguished themselves in their outstanding contributions to education, research and corporate affairs.

As department head, Dr. Stewart was instrumental in recruiting and mentoring many classes of students to become mathematics majors. In his official capacity, he was in the forefront in helping to establish the PVAMU Computer Science Program.

A former student, PVAMU professor, Dr. Freddie Frazier, recalled, "Whatever was needed to help our students achieve, Dr. Stewart was for it!"

Perhaps Dr. A. D. Stewart will best be remembered for his gentleness, his vision and his compassion for others. As Prairie View A&M University moves on toward the future he anticipated, his words of encouragement might surely be to new generations, "Carry on!"

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PVAMU's Dr. Prestage to Receive Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Jewel Prestage, director of the University Scholars Program and professor of Political Science at Prairie View A&M University, has been selected to receive the Frank J. Goodnow Distinguished Service Award. The award, given by the American Political Science Association (APSA), is named for the first president of the prestigious national association, Frank J. Goodnow.

The Goodnow Award honors, "...the outstanding contributions of individuals, groups and public/private organizations to both the development of the political science profession and the building of the APSA."

Dr. Prestage has given extensive service to APSA as an executive council member, vice president and as a member of several national standing and ad hoc committees.

Especially notable has been her service as chair of program committees for annual meetings of political science organizations and her service as mentor/role-model for generations of undergraduates and young faculty members. She is also author or co-author of numerous journal articles and chapters in edited volumes in political science. With



Dr. Jewel Prestage

Marianne Githens, Prestage is co-author of a widely used women in politics textbook, A Portrait of Marginality: The Political Behavior of the American Woman.

Since returning to the PVAMU faculty in 1989, Dr. Prestage has been dean of the Benjamin Banneker Honors College and professor of political science. Currently, she is director of the University Scholars Program. Professor Prestage has also taught political science at the University of New Orleans and the University of Iowa.

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Subway, Inc. Sponsors School of Architecture "Sandwich Lecture Series"

The School of Architecture at PVA&MU has taken a new twist on the concept of public/private partnership as it announces the staging of the Subway Speakers Series. Subway, Inc. (the national sandwich chain) will sponsor seven lectures dedicated to architectural themes during the Fall '98 semester.

According to Dr. Peter Wood, lecture coordinator for the School of Architecture, for donating time and energy, each speaker will be awarded a SUBWAY sandwich of his/her choice.

Wood hopes the lecture series will mentor a whole new generation of architects by increasing awareness of practical issues

PVAMU Director Pens Book on Quality Assurance

Prairie View A&M University director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Analysis, Dr. Gerald H. Gaither, has finished a new book dedicated to improving organizational effectiveness.

Quality Assurance in Higher Education: An International Perspective (New Directions for Institutional Research #99) is set for release in November, 1998. The journal is being published by JOSSEY-BASS INC., San Francisco, Calif.

Using a set of international resources, including web sites and other electronic resources, Dr. Gaither has brought together a cadre of contributors who believe the key to successful quality assurance programs lies in the overall professional commitment of the faculty. In order to add credibility to ideas presented, he has utilized the writing of a variety of contributors from other countries around the world.

As editor of the new journal, Dr. Gaither endeavors to present some of the best quality assurance policies, practices and procedures found in five progressive countries: Scotland; the Netherlands; Spain; Britain and the U.S.

inherent in the field alluding to new architectural trends.

All **Subway Speaker Series Events** will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Austin E. Greaux Building (Room 206J) on the Campus. For further information on "Sandwich Lecture Series" call: 409-857-2014.

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COMING SOON!

Texas Renaissance Festival
Sat., Oct. 3- Nov. 15,
Plantersville, Texas

PVAMU Homecoming, Oct. 5-10
Homecoming Game
PV vs Alcorn State U.
Blackshear Stadium, Oct. 10, 2 p.m.

Panther Tracks with Charles Porter
KPVU FM 91.3, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
(PVAMU & Waller/Hempstead H.S.
Football Team Reports)

New Student Park Dedication
Campus Northside
Friday, Oct. 9, 4:00 p.m.

Alumni Wall park
Ground-breaking Ceremony
Friday, Oct. 9, 3:00 p.m.
University Blvd., Entrance

"Sandwich lecture Series"
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1:30 p.m.
A.E. Greaux Bldg., Rm 206
Leslie Elkins
Leslie K. Elkins Architect

KPVU's Radiothon
October 16-23

Women of Destiny
Annual Women's Conference
with Special Guest: *Felicia Moon*
October 17, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sens Center, Bellville, Texas
(409) 865-8291

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P.O. Box 188, Prairie View, 77446.

4th Annual Educational Leadership Academy Shines at Prairie View A&M University

Increasingly in the public forum, people are asking, "How should we meet the educational challenges occurring in our country?" For the fourth year, Prairie View A&M University graduate students sought to answer that question. Mid-management student interns, under the tutelage of Dr. William Parker, hosted the 4th Annual Educational Leadership Academy, July 9th. The student-planned and executed program featured PVAMU president, Dr. Charles A. Hines, an Urban School Forum and a host of national speakers from the field of education. The program was held in the Cooperative Extension Building, with a luncheon in the West Wing of Alumni Hall.

The overall theme for the Educational Leadership Academy was *"Preparing 21st Century Leaders to Effectively Serve Diverse Populations"*.

Mid-management students are graduate students, often career professionals, seeking to move into the vanguard of the educational system. Such interns

come from teaching; principalships; counseling positions and general administration.

Dr. William Parker, professor and head of the PVAMU School Services Department, is the grad advisor for the course

College of Engineering Summer ESCI Students Graduate

The College of Engineering held a banquet Friday, August 7, celebrating the graduation of eighteen students from the 27th Engineering and Science Concepts Institute.

The PVAMU ESCI Program is an innovative eight-week freshman summer program introducing recent high school graduates to the engineering profession. ESCI's mission is to select students who meet high academic standards and have great leadership skills in the hope of offering promising engineering career opportunities. Students receive instructional foundations in math, computer science, engineering and professional concept.

According to program director, Betti Poindexter-Blackshear, "Each course is augmented with

and originator of the class. Dr. Parker says internships allow students to set goals and plan activities thus giving them a golden opportunity to exhibit self-discipline, motivation and progressiveness.

a reinforcement seminar to facilitate the learning process. ESCI is designed to create a realistic awareness of the profession."

L. Donnel McArthur was presented the "Students Choice Award for Leadership". The "Students Choice for Teaching Award" was given to Dr. Freddie Frazier for excellence in instruction. Orlando Piper was named "Outstanding Researcher" and Dr. Milton Bryant received the "Visionary Award".

Engineering dean, Dr. Milton Bryant, said, "The excitement that ESCI builds among students is astounding. The motivation, self-esteem and professionalism experienced by students will make them nothing less than the best."