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# PARENTS DAY Sunday, April 25, 1982

The Annual Spring Parents Day — Sunday, April 25, 1982, Prairie View A&M University. The Executive Director Mrs. Delia M. Hunt and Co-Director The Reverend W. Van Johnson state that the Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students have planned for a full day of activities beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Field House and ending at 3:30 p.m. with a Reception at the President's Campus House.

Highlights of the day will include a concert of Gospel Singing, Religious Service, Parents of the Year Awards, a Mini Concert of String music and a special address by the President of the University (Dr. A. I. Thomas).

Specific objectives of the Parents and Guardians Day are as follows:

- 1. Participate in the Sunday morning activities.
- 2. Support the Mini Concert by the University Chapel Choir and students majoring in music.
- 3. Lunch in Alumni Hall parents, students and faculty eat together and listen to the President.
- 4. Greet the parents and communicate with them concerning their children.
- 5. Share with parents and guardians the fact that employment opportunities for qualified Black professionals are excellent even though there is some nationwide unemployment. Encourage parents to keep their children in the University until they graduate.
- 6. Parents and guardians input is our most important ingredient for prospective productive people.



DR. A. I. THOMAS Parents Day Speaker

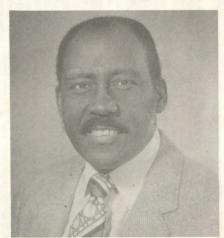
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May 2,
1982

# Prairie View Parents and Guardians Association



MRS. DELIA M. HUNT Executive Director



REV. W. VAN JOHNSON Co-Director

# Why My Parents Should Be . . .

# PV A&M PARENTS OF THE YEAR

Parents of the Year 1982 have selected on the basis of rearents of the Year 1982 have selected on the oasts of the beautiful themes written in the Freshman Studies Department (English) by their sons and daughters on the Topic — "Why my parents should be honored as Parents of the Year." This project is sponsored by Mrs. Ruth B. Arnold and facilitated by a selected panel of judges.

#### **ROY AND RUTH BEATY**

My parents are Roy and Ruth Beaty at 5139 Bunglow of Houston, Texas. They are the parents of three daughters, Reesa, Robin, and Rosalyn. They are both teachers in the Houston Independent School District. My father teaches fourth grade and my mother third grade. My father is also the Minister of the

Sugarland Church of Christ in Sugarland, Texas.

Both my parents received their B. S degrees from places other than Prairie View, but they received Master degrees from Prairie View. Their daughter, Reesa, is now attending Prairie View. She is a freshman majoring in Accounting.

My father used to be the minister at the Prairie View A&M

Church of Christ on Campus. He is the Secretary of the P.T.A. at Ross S. Sterling, where Robin attends school. My father also helps in the community during election time. My mother participates in the community exercise class. She is also a member of the Heart Association, where she collects donations for them every year. She used to be a co-leader of a Girl Scout troop. During the years. I have had a few relatives attend and graduate from Prairie View. Two of them are Dellanise Brigham, who is a Delta and graduated in Mechanical Engineering and Dewry Brigham, who is an Omega and also graduated in engineering. I feel my parents should be parents of the year, because they have strived to make me and my sisters individuals. They are always there when we need them. My parents are not ashame to when they are wrong. Like all parents, they have their faults but they are the only one I have and I would not trade them for the world. Their telephone number is 738-2116.

Ressa Beaty

#### MR. AND MRS. ELMER BATY

My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baty. They reside at 1513 Gerald S. E. in Alburquerquee, New Mexico. Neither of them are graduates of Prairie View A&M University; although they have two offsprings now in attendance. Several of my relatives are graduates of Prairie View. If we name a few, we have Raymond Carreathers, Head of Student Affairs at Prairie View Tommy Carreathers Williams, a principal in a Dallas high school; Margaret Carreathers Bell, a teacher in the Glatewater School District; Mel Carreathers Pruitt, a teacher in the Bryan School District; and Willie Pruitt, Sr., the Principal at Bryan High School. Syliva Halt will be a graduate in the May Class of 1982.

Parents are very special people. They do things for us that no one else would ever consider doing. My mother presides over a day care home and my father is the Supervisor over the Traffic Engineering Deparement of the City of Alburquerque. This couple is well known in Albuquerque. Working at the Baptist neighborhood center, my mother known by all the children as "Aunt Shiele". She meets no strangers. It kewise my father has Aunt Shirley." She meets no strangers. Likewise my father has worked for the city for twenty years, and everyone knows Mr. Baty. Together they are raising four children, and speaking as one of the four they are doing a magnificent job.

A parent is not just someone who pays the bills and feeds and clothes his children. He is not just a person who puts a roof over his children's head. Parents are people who love and care for their children. And my parents are all of this and much more. An essay cannot describe Why my parents Should Be Parents of the Year, but their love for me does.

My parents phone number if 1-505-842-9422.

## MR. MATHEW RANDLE & MRS. JO ANN RANDLE

My parents should be parents of the year because they have accomplished many things, for their children and themsleves. My parents have four children including me. Each one has attended college or is now doing so. My brother at age 24 has graduated from college and has a B. A. degree. My sister and I are now attending Prairie View A&M University. My younger brother is at home, attending high school. My father, Mr. Mathew Randle went to school in Louisiana, but he did not attend college. My mother, Mrs. Jo Ann Randle, attended Prairie View A&M University and graduated and received a B. A. degree in Business. My father did not have any relatives to go to Prairie View A&M University, but my mother's brother, and four sister went to Prairie View and they all received degrees of some sort. One of Prairie View and they all received degrees of some sort. One of them (Carolyn J. Robinson) received a doctors degree, and is now Head Assistant Surgical Doctor in San Bernadino, California. The reason I feel my parents should be parents of the year is not because my relatives went to school here, but because they deserve such a distinguished honor. My father for instance, knows I am going to school to become a business man, but every time I go home he has me working at the shipyard, or teaching me to drive a diesel truck. He says he is doing this because he wants me to fall back on something, in case business doesn't come through or I change my mind. My mother, on the other hand is always doing something extra around the house or buying something extra for the family. She always asks if I am doing everything right when I come inside and she says, be careful, even if I am going around the corner to a friends house. This show much concern seeing that I am 19 years old and college student Incidentally, not to long ago my brother moved to another apartment and my parents wanted him to start off good, so they paid the down payment and the first month's rent, even though my brother had the money. These are only a few reasons why I feel my parents should be parents of the year.

Randy J. Randle

# MR. AND MRS. GERON TURNQUEST

Mr. and Mrs. Turnquest of Freeport, Bahamas unlike my parent Mrs. Leanora Ferguson of Nassau, Bahamas fortunately in my mind, deserves to be the Parents of the Year at Prairie View A&M University. My reasons for not choosing my parents was one of utmost sincerity. I am and appears to be forever, the only child of Mrs. Leanora Ferguson to attend such an outstanding University, such as Prairie View A&M University. The Turnquests, have seven presently attending Prairie View A&M University. One of the children has graduated from the undergraduated degree program, and is presently finishing up hig graduate program in Agriculture through soils and science, only to mention that three of his undergraduate semesters were all A's for three perfect 4.00 semesters, and other numerous listing on the

President's Honor Roll.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnquest are still encouraging their six undergruate children to look up to their elder brother as a living example, as they all attempt to finish this find institution, of which all six have made the President's Honor Roll one time or the other. The names of the children are as follows: the graduate student in Davovan Turnquest, the undergraduate students are, eldest brother Geron Turnquest, Wade Trunquest, Stacie Turnquest, Treor Turnquest, Dexter Turnquest and Peter Turnquest. Yes, the Turnquest family has one girl and six boys currently enrolled at

Mr. and Mrs. Turnquest have brought up in this world eight very fine, well-trained children, of whom I am familiar with the seven now studying at Prairie View A&M University. It is no doubt in my mind, that the eighth child, young Christopher will be knocking on our University door in the near future. It has been known for a fact, that all the boys have worked to assist the family with school fees. Each child is known and likable by all, and each

for an accepted fact, was quite helpful to one and all.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnquest reared a religious family, of which
produced leaders here at Prairie View A&M University. Each of their seven children at one time or the other, were and are members of various associations, clubs, organizations, fraternities, and sororities. Each child was and I migh add, are still club officers, and are consistent donors to the various needful functions held here, and throughout Prairie View.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnquest have demonstrated through good heart and good will, "Unity And Understanding," and without a doubt, are my choice and reasons why they should be Parents of

#### MR. AND MRS. AARON WEAVER

My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Weaver of 603 Montray, Wharton, Texas. Both parents are graduates of Prairie View. My mother, Frances M. Weaver teaches at Lamar Consolidated School. My father Aaron Weaver is the Superintendent of Kendleton High School.

I have two relatives who have attended the University, My uncle, Benny Boone is the Public Relations Advisor for Prairie View now. My aunt, Gregory Rogers is a elementary teacher.

My mother has a hard working respectable job. She works with children which is the most dedicated job in the world today. My father works with children also. They are both proud of their jobs. Helping other people makes their day. My parents should be parents of the year because they really care. They can be

Aaron Richard Weaver

#### MR. CAMILE JOSEPH & MRS. JOYCE JOSEPH

My parents are Mr. Camile Joseph and Mrs. Joyce Joseph. They reside at 5918 Hirsch Road, Houston, Texas 77026. Mrs. Joseph is an employee of St. Elizabeth Hospital with ten years of service. Mr. Joseph is a veteran of World War II and has since retired from Memorial Post Office where he worked for over

My mother is a graduate of Wheatly High School. My father dropped out of high school at the tender age of fifteen because of economic problems within the family. He began working to help his father feed him and his brothers and sisters. My mother and father are both without a college education. They are parents of seven children with one being a Prairie View graduate with a Riches prairie. Proceedings of the process of the now attending. Biology major. Presently, there are two of us now attending Prairie View. Mrs. Belle Young is a graduate of Prairie View. She is one of two sisters of my mother.

My mother and father are members of Hester Houses'

Senior Citizens Program, directing services for the disabled. Both are members of the Kashmere High School Band Booster Club. father is a member of the American Federation of

My lather is a member of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations. (AFL-CIO)

In conclusion, my parents should be parents of the year because of their tremendous effort put forth to send my sister, brother, and I to school, despite their age and my father's retirement on disability. They can be contacted at (713) 635-1388.

#### MR. ROY J. LEE

Mr. Roy J. Lee a resident of 5430 Windemere located in Houston, Texas. My father was born in St. Martinville Louisiana, birthday on January 26, 1931. Mr. Lee was married eighteen years to Mrs. Verna Mae Lee who has departed him in the year of 1972. Mr. Lee is the proud parent of thirteen children which he struggles and raises by himself. Unfortunately, the house we stayed in was totally destroyed in the year of 1973 and my father started all over again. Mr. Lee is very active in Church and a very strong and understanding man.

Mr. Lee is not involved in any civic contributions, besides, I feel that my father contributed a great deal to his family and friends, who would certainly acknowledge it. In the past my father has not had any relative that attended Prairie View but my issier and myself, so therefore no one has contributed anything to the University. Mr. Lee is proud to announce the names of the two daughters that attend Prairie View not. One by the name of Beverly Ann Lee who is twenty years of age and sophomore. Beverly wants to further her education in Accounting, she chose her field because she likes to deal with numbers and loves the

money she will be making in the future.

Mr. Lee's other daughter that attends the University is named Juanita. Her major is Special Education the reason she named Juanita. Her major is Special Education the reason she chose her field because she loves to work with people, and that is what her father taught them. Mr. Lee showed us that life is competition and we must deal with the good as well as the bad. My father punishes us when we need it, but that's the role of the parent that loves you. My father feared and made a lot of mistakes in his life but, he did show us how to pray together and togetherness is what counts in life. When we are sad and need our spirit to be lifted my father talks to us, and try to make us deal with that problem "the usually will say bay, that's life, it has it's with that problem, "he usually will say, baby that's life, it has it's ups and downs." My father should have been awarded parent of the year, years ago because he taught us to love and respect

# MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MELVIN MOONEY

Parent of the Year award is a very important award. It should be presented to outstanding parents, those who have sacrificed so much in their lives for the sake of their children and to those who

have lead a productive life. My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mooney are symbolic of outstanding parents.

My father Mr. George Melvin Mooney a Luling, Texas native was born November 11, 1936, the fourth oldest of six children. He was born November 11, 1936, the fourth oldest of six children. He enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served three-five years until he decided military life was not for him. Presently my father is a successful insurance agent for National Life and Accident Insurance Company. A hard worker with Prairie View A&M University Parents and Guardians Association, of San Antonio. A member of the Elks Club and a member of Grace First Baptist Church.

My mother Mrs. Verlene Marie Harris Mooney, was born in My mother Mrs. Verlene Marie Harris Mooney, was born in Greenville, Mississippi August 28, 1938 the oldest of three sisters. A scholarship student in Music at Mississippi Valley State University where she completed two years and then decided to be a loving wife and mother. Up until August 1981 she was employed at Baptist Memorial Hosital as an emergency receptionist. Presently she is a full-time housewife, Vice-President of the P.T.A. at E. T. Weenen, Ir. High, Secretary, G. Our, Community, Workers. Wrenn Jr. High, Secretary of our Community Workers Organization, a leader in Prairie View Parents and Guardians Association of San Antonio, a hard worker with local political activities, a Vice-President of Mission I at Grace First Baptist

There are many great things that I can write on and on about how outstanding my parents are. Taking a definite priority is the fact they have instilled in us a need for education and have presently put one of six children through college. There are presently three now attending Prairie View A&M University, and one at the University of Houston. Their oldest son George, 23, graduated from Prairie View in August 1981, is a successful Marketing representive for Texas Power and Light Company, in Round Rock, Texas. Their oldest daughter Sharon, a 22 year old senior, Mass Communication major, now interning at USACC Cable Television in San Antonio, is four months away from graduating from Prairie View. I am Verlena a 21 year old junior majoring in Market/Specializing in Statistical Analysis. Their middle son Darrlle who is interest in Law Enforcement, is an 18 year old freshman here at Prairie View majoring in Criminal Justice. Toni their youngest daughter a 20 year old Sophomore at the University of Houston has her mind on Radio and Television Broadcasting. She is an outstanding member of the Lady basketball team. Last but not least the baby of the Matthew, is 13 years old student at E. T. Wrenn Jr. High School. where he is the President of the Student Council and an outstanding musician

My mother and father have reared six disciplined children. They have taught us the responsibility of life and the significane of love for one another. They quote "without love from your family you have no family." You may wonder, but them having five children one after the other where do they find time to spend with us? The only answer is my parents have made time and have sacrificed their time for us. If it was a track meet, a volley ball, basketball, or football game or any extra-curricular activity my parents made an effort to be there.

God has blessed Mr. and Mrs. Mooney by giving them six healthy children and by giving them the heart to love us, courage to continue their responsibilities and the strength to guide us. All the love and attention has not stopped. They are loving us more and more each day. I feel that any child would be more than happy to have such warm, understanding parents as I have, and there are many of my peers who look up to them. I am not saying that they are perfect, but they sure try to be. Being Parents of the Year at Prairie View A&M University would be the highlight of their life.

Verlena E. Mooney

MR. AND MRS. MARSHALL V. BROWN

My parents Mr. and Mrs. Marshall V. Brown are the best parents a child could ever have, and are most qualified for parents of the year.

They have gone out of their way to provide me with the want

and needs for a happy life. But the most important thing they have done is sending me to college at Prairie View A&M University. There are only two children in our family. I am the oldest and

first to go to Prairie View, but not the first in our family.

Both my parents graduated from Prairie View and so did my father's parents and many of my aunts and uncles.

Our family has contributed a lot to Prairie View, that is worth more than money. My father is on the staff of the Engineering Department. He works from the fall through the summer helping

others to gain more knowledge.

His working at Prairie View, to me is one of the largest donations one could give.

My relatives have also contributed to Prairie View, in the same way as my father. His brother Dr. George Brown is also on the staff at Prairie View and his father Marshall V. Brown, Sr., was on the staff for many years.

on the start for many years.

My parents are not only helping me, but many other as well.

Metoya Brown

#### MR. AND MRS. NORMAN TIBBS

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tibbs are residents of 7905 Chain Street, Houston, Texas 77033. A very heart warming people. My father was born and raised in the state of Louisiana, where he attended school until he reached his freshman year of college. At which he then attended Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas where he studied Accounting. My father, Norman Tibbs is employed at the United States Postal Service of Houston, where he is a supervisor; however, my mother is a very kind and dear person, was born and raised in Texas in the City of Houston. She is also a graduate of Texas Southern University, who majored in business and now is employed at the Bank of Southwest and holds the position of Personal Banker. In addition, my parents are of strong religious backgrounds, which addition, my parents are of strong religious backgrounds, which accounts for them being diligent workers in religious or church associated activities. They may be considered as the ideal parents for any child, because of their backgrounds. They are very and attitudes. Fortunately, they are also firm in their beliefs and attitudes. Fortunately, they are bless with a son, Eric, who is a nineteen year old student at Prairie View A&M University. In retrospect, my parents believe in discipline and obedience and upholding the name of the Lord, first above all. On the whole, my parents are one of a kind, generous, and loving people, who could and should be considered as Parents of the Year. Their number is 734-4864.

Mrs. Ruthie Mae Wortham and Michael J. Mitchell My mother, Mrs. Ruthie Mae Wortham is now living at 406 Mitchell Street Calvert, Texas 77837. She is now enrolled in Prairie View A&M University's Weekend College. She is the mother of four children. Consequently, I am the only one attending Prairie View A&M University. I am her eldest child. My mother is a faithful church worker. She has driven the church bus for 3 years. My mother's occupation is a cook at Luby's Romana Cafeteria in Bryan, Texas. She has taught her children to obey their elders, and to respect others. She has also taught us to obey God's words and to have faith in him. She is a member of New Magnolia Baptist Church and has been since childhood.

My Father, Mr. Michael Jerome Mitchell is now living at 2295 Basin Street, Beaumont, Texas 77705. He is an Alumnus of Prairie View A&M University, where he also received his Master's degree. My father is a dedicated professional. He has been the head coach for French High School for 5 years. He is also a faithful church worker. He attends First Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas. He often teaches Sunday school there.

My parents have made many contributions to Prairie View

A&M University. But the most important one's are themselves and me. I was convinced by my parents to attend Prairie View A&M University. The graduates include: my uncle John Henry Ford, Jr., Aunt Lydia Diane Ford, and Kenneth Wayne Ford. I have great pride in my parents, because of their hardwork to raise their children and lead them in the right path. I love my parents and hope them the best out of life. In conclusion, Mr. Michael Jerome Mitchell and Mrs. Ruthie Mae Wortham should be parents of the year, because they are the most influential, and faithful parents anyone would love to have. Phone 1-713-364-8805 mother, Phone 1-713-842-0696 father.

Ronnell O'Keith Trotter

# MRS. BEVERLY PORTER WILLIAMS

Mrs. Beverly Porter Williams, who is my mother, should be parent of the year. I feel this way because she has raised two daughters by herself which is not easy. Mrs. Williams is an active and respected member of our church, and the main reason I feel my mothers should be parent of the year is because she is a good example of the kind of person I would like to become when I get

As I have told you, my mother has raised two by herself. It was not easy for her to do this, but some how she managed. Her daughters are Michelle Porter, which is myself, and Sharon Sands. Sharon Sands is now married with two children. My mother has always wanted the best for her children and nothing less if my nother could help it. My sister and I were raised without a father but that did not discourage my nother at all. Times were hard in the beginning, but we all lived through it. My mother always made sure we had food, clothing, and we have a roof over our heads. It was demanded upon us to attend school every day, because my mother wanted us to make something of ourselves. One of her dreams was to have her daughters go to college. This college would be Prairie View A&M University. Attending Prairie View is a family tradition. My mother, aunt, grandmother, sister, and a line of other relatives attended Prairie View. My mother put my sister through school; she has graduated and she in now a Registered Nurse. My mother is now putting me through college hoping that I

Along with raising two daughters, Mrs. Williams is an active member of Second Baptist Church. She attends church every Sunday unless she just can not make it. My mother made sure my sister and I attend church with no excuses. My mother loves to sing so she became a member of the Senior and Mass Choirs. She has held the office of President of the Senior Choir for several terms She frequently leads songs and she loves it. She was also the president of the Business and Professional Club which was a newly organized organization of the church, and she held this office for two years. She enjoyed this club because they would help the young people of the church decide on careers, they might like to persue. A ot of the clubs funds would go to the churches scholarship fund Some of the people of the church depend on my mother, because they know that she would be willing to help in any way that she could. If the announcing clerk of the church was out or an announcement needed to be said; they might ask my mother to do it, because they know that she will try her best. She is known in the

hurch and she gets along with a lot of the members.

Beside raising two daughter alone, and being an active member of her church; Mrs. Beverly Williams is a good example of the kind of person I would like to become when I am older. One reason is that she is successful in her career. She is an elementary school teacher in which she has been working at the same school for eighteen years with many more years ahead of her. She is well-liked at school because she can get along with the other teachers. Her students just love her, and they miss her whenever she is absent from school. My mother is just an all around beautiful person. I believe this is one of the reasons I love her so dearly. If my mother had to she would go out of her way to do fo me or my sister no matter what the cost may be. A lot of things she did for us she really did not have to. I used to kind of take advantage of some of things she had done for me, but I soor learned that that was not right. My mother has always tried to do her best for us and I will always appreciate and thank her for it all

In conclusion, my mother, Mrs. Beverly Porter Williams in my opinion is an all right parent. She has raised two daughters alone, she is an active and respected member of her church, and she is an excellent example of the kind of person I would like to become when I am older. For these reasons, I feel that my mother should be

MR. AND MRS. HOZA SADBERRY

I feel my parents should be parents of the year for several reasons. Mainly because they provide me with love, a good Christian love. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hoza Sadberry who reside in Austin, Texas. My father is an extremely intelligent business man currently working for the State of Texas. My mother is also very intelligent and is currently a housewife involved in many activities and social events in Austin.

I have had three brothers to graduate from Prairie View A&M University. They are as follows: Hoza Sadberry, Jr., majoring in Business and is currently employed at the Health Department of Austin. Rich Sadberry majored in Business and is currently a major in the Air Force. Reginald Sadberry majored in Business and is currently a sales representative for MIC Telephone

I feel my parents have contributed to Prairie View is various ways. When my older brothers were undecided about which college to attend my parents always recommended Prairie View as a excellent university. As a result, my brothers decided to attend Prairie View which was very costly for my parents who had to pay

for their schooling.

I have many relatives who made contributions to Prairie View in different ways. Practically all of my relatives on my father's side of the family have attended Prairie View. Some of them have been instructors at Prairie View. Two that immediately come to mind are Dr. J. R. Phillips who is the Head of the Mechancial Engineering Department and Alonzo Sadberry who was a Foreign Language teacher back in the early 70's. Other relatives have made financial contributions to Prairie View for worthy benefits and organizations.

In conclusion, I feel my parents should be parents of the year because of the good values they instilled in me, a loving environment at home, and contributions they have made to Prairie View A&M University.

Steven D. Sadberry

#### MRS. CATHERINE JACKSON

My parent is Mrs. Catherine Jackson. She lives in Katy, Texas at 422 Danover Road, P. O. Box 240, Katy, Texas 77450. She is the mother of four girls and one boy. My mother is a divorcee and has been for a number of years. She is likable and a well loved person. Mrs. Jackson is a hard working employee and a dedicated mother

She has never attended Prairie View A&M University or any other college. Because of hard times and her family's low income, she barely made it through high school. My mother does not have a strong educational background but she has always encouraged her children to receive as much education as possible. Through this encouragment three out of the five of her children have attended Prairie View. The eldest daughter, Delora Jean Waterhouse, graduated with honors. The other two daughters, Arlyn Jackson and Theressa Jackson Lewis, are presently enrolled at Prairie

My parent should be parent of the year not because of her educational background but because I believe she is a living example of a perfect parent. She is a prent that would go beyond her limits to provide for her family. Although my mother was the only parent in the household, she brought plenty of joy and

My mother is a member of the Antioch Baptist Church. She is the Sunday School Teacher for the Senior Class, a Teacher for the Mission Department, a great singer in the Senior Choir, the Vice-President of the Senior Choir also Director for the Youth Department. My mother is very active in the Church and lives what she teaches. She contributes love, joy and concern to the citizens of Katy.

To conclude, my sister, Delora Jean Waterhouse graduated with honors in the Education Department. She is now teaching American History and Government at Edgewood High School in San Antonio, Texas. My other sister and I are going to strive to achieve a similar success in our goals. My mother will not only be a dedicated mother but also a proud parent of five. Mrs. Catherine Jackson's phone number is 319-3668, area code 713.

Theressa Jackson Lewis

# MR. AND MRS. MOSES KIRVEN

My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Moses Kirven; they did not attend Prairie View, but they were able to send five children to school at Prairie View. I am the sixth child at present to attend Prairie View. There are three children at home, who will also attend Prairie View in the future. My father is a meat processor and my mother is a social worker. They are very important people.

and my mother is a social worker. They are very important people.

They should be parents of the year because they contribute to Prairie View. First, they have donated money to Prairie annually. Second, they send specimens to the anatomy laboratory. In Second, they send specimens to the anatomy laboratory is the base supported various programs at Prairie View, financing their five children's education at Prairie View A&M

Although they contribute to Prairie View, they are the currators of thirteen children. Five whom graduated from Prairie View A&M University. They are Floyd who graduated in nineteen seventy-two with an Engineering degree. He is presently employed at Texas Utilities in Dallas. Lavern graduated from Prairie View in nineteen sixty nine with a Bachelors' degree in business. She is now employed at State Farm Insurance in Dallas, Texas. William graduated from Prairie View in Nineteen sixty-seven with a Bachelors' degree in Science and Arts. Otis graduated from Prairie View in nineteen seventy three with Bachelorss degree in Industrial Education. He is the manager of Red Arrow Freight Lines Shipping Department in Dallas. Evelyn graduated from Prairie View in nineteen seventy-one. She received her Bachelors degree in Science. She is an inspector at Texas Optis Center in Dallas. Although my parents raised and educated thirteen children Although they contribute to Prairie View, they are the

Although my parents raised and educated thirteen children they give me moral support. My parents are very eager to help mehnever I have problems. In addition, they encourage me to set m my goals high. Lastly, my parents are people who everyone would enjoy being with. In conclusion I believe my parents should be parents of the year because they were not able to obtain a college or high school education, but they were able to send six of their children to Prairie View.

Felix Kirven

# MR. EVERETT JAMES & MS. MAE H. JAMES

My parents are Mr. Everett James and Ms. Mae H. James. On mothers side, this family has had a lot to do with Prairie View in the past. My grandfather Jessee M. Wilson got his Masters at Prairie View, Mr. Wilson used to help people at Prairie View and in the community with their income taxes. He also was a professor in the Industrial Education College where he taught Sam Collin

todays Dean of the Industrial Education College.

My mother did her first two years and then later came back to get her Masters degree at Prairie View. With a degree in Music, she has sung many times for the University and for the con sister Suganne Karen James has followed in my mothers footsteps and has completed her first two years at Prairie View.

Mr. Everett James, my father is and always was a very honest individual. He was always setting examples of honesty. My father also always taught us to do respectable things, nothing that wouldn't earn any honors or respect. When you did something you would always have to do it to the best of your ability. My father always told us this, he would also talk to us about being responsible. He told us, it was a responsibility of his to make sure that we lived accordingly. And he would tell us that it is our main responsibility to watch out for each other. This is my big sister and my older and younger brother, we were always watching out for one another, my father made us a team. Yes, my dad taught me, my brothers and my sister, to be honest, respectable and to show and be responsible for one another.

My mother, Mae H. James is the most kind person I know and not only to me. I grew up with my mother on my side, either she was physically on my side or she was with me in spririt, most of my life I either lived in New York or Texas.

I don't think there is a person alive today who could dislike my mother. She has and will always be a very nice and considerate person. She is always making sure people are getting along all right. And if you were not getting along very well, she would try and help you to the best of her ability. To me my mother is still and will always be the kind. will always be the kindest person that I have ever known

During the years that I was coming up, I was highly influenced by my parents. I was influenced by my father by the knowledge of what he would teach, honesty, respectability, responsibility and hard work. My mother influenced me in her setting the exam being kind to everyone, and the example of a good citizen. I do not believe I would have picked up any other better moral values and standards to live by. Personally, I feel that I am a reflection of my parents and what they stand for







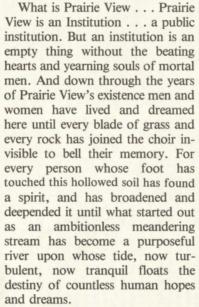
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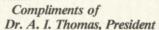


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