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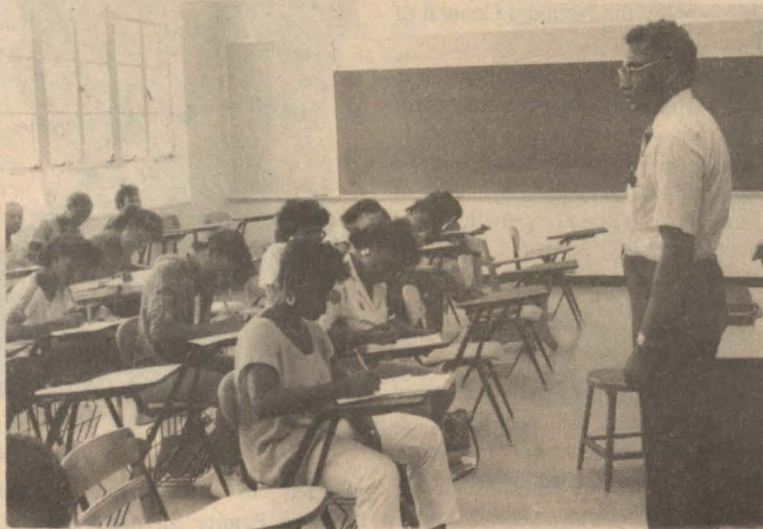
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## Y.O.U. Brightens P V Campus



Mrs. Gloria Perez giving some key instructions to Miss Love.



Dr. Oliver teaching a class with Y.O.U. participants.

The youthful, cheery faces seen all over campus this summer belong to the Youth Opportunity Unlimited (Y.O.U.) students who are participating in an eight-week program combining academic skills and job training to 8th, 9th, and 10th graders.

This is the third year the program has been conducted at Prairie View. It is approved by the Teachers Education Association and if

students successfully complete the course work, they receive credit for math and English to be applied to their high school credit hours.

Y.O.U. students spend 4 hours either in the morning or afternoon taking classes in English, math, reading, writing and computer skills. The remaining 4 hours are

spent working for one of the departments on campus.

Everything is furnished for the students at no cost. They receive a small, weekly allowance with the balance of their job earnings placed in a trust fund to be given to them at the end of the program in August. The Students come from Harris

County and parts of Northeast Texas. They are admitted to the program on the basis of family income and the benefit they will gain from exposure to a university setting.

Dr. Benjamin Berry of the Banneker College is head master for the program. Ms. Jackie Tompkins is the master teacher and Ms. Bettye Hollins is the master Counselor. Job developers are Sam Williams and Rhoda Richards. The teaching staff includes two Prairie View faculty and several teachers from the public school system.

The students live in Drew Hall under the supervision of the master counselor. The job developers provide orientation, seminars and job placement on campus.

Although many of the students are homesick at the beginning Ms. Tompkins says "it is amazing to see how the students mature over the course of 8 weeks."

Field trips are provided on weekends. An awards night is planned and a Mr. and Miss Y.O.U. pageant to conclude the program.



### Miss PV Competes For Miss Texas

Lenice Brown, Miss Prairie View A&M University 1986, is a 22 year old junior at Prairie View A&M University. She will compete in the 1986 Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant at the Tarrant County Convention Centre Theatre in Fort Worth, Texas, during the week of July 6th through July 12

Ms. Brown will be competing in 3 events: talent, swimsuit and evening gown competition. A bus trip for Ms. Brown's supporters and fans will be provided on Wednesday, July 9th by the Office of Student Activities. The buss will leave at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person which includes the round-trip, a bag lunch and a ticket for the pageant. The attire is semi-formal.

Lenice is the daughter of Patricia Brown-Dever and Otis C. Brown. A very versatile and talented young woman, Lenice has been a member of university and church choirs, the Charles Gilpin Players Drama Group, several professional societies and is a certified Water Safety Instructor. She was crowned "Miss Black Imperial Miss" of Waller County in 1980 and received the Outstanding Young Women of America Award in 1984. Lenice is studying Electrical Engineering and Business Administration and her ambition is to own and manage an Electrical Consulting Firm.

When asked why she entered the local pageant at the University she state, "To be a positive role model for the children in my community."

The final night of competition will be televised statewide on Channel 2 on July 12th. For a complete schedule of events or additional information, please contact Glenda Bates, in the Office of Student Activities at Prairie View A&M University, 857-4410.

Gifts, flowers and telegrams may be sent to: Lenice D. Brown, Miss Prairie View A&M University, Ramada Inn - Central, 2000 Beach Street, Fort Worth, TX 76103.

## Graham-Rudman-Hollings Bill

By Wayne Turner

Senator Phil Gramm spoke to the Houston Chamber of Commerce about the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Bill at the Lincoln Hotel on June 16, 1986

Senator Gramm said if the Supreme Court finds constitutional problems with some section of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Bill he'll

go back and fix the problems and stay with the program that commits him to balance the budget.

Gramm says the issue is that the Lower Court ruled there is a problem with the involvement of the Comptroller General. The 3-judge panel set up to hear the case had the opportunity to file a lawsuit against the bill sending the bill to a 3-judge federal court and then immediately appeal to the Supreme Court.

Gramm and his 2 co-sponsors didn't want any legal or constitutional ruling on a bill this important.

The 3-judge panel ruled that everything in the bill is legitimate except the involvement of the Comptroller. Since Congress can remove the Comptroller by a 2/3 vote without the consent of the President, that Congress controlled the Comptroller General.

Gramm said the offending item is not Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, but the provisions of the 1921 Budget and Accounting Act that allows Congress to remove the Comptroller. Gramm-Rudman-Hollings II will propose a repeal of

the provisions of the Budget and Accounting Act. Gramm said the bill is a commitment over a 5 year period to balance the budget.

### IIAS Workshop

The IIAS, in cooperation with the Office of International Cooperation and Development, will be hosting a seven-week workshop for educators from Costa Rica from June 23-August 10. The participants were transported to local farms and agro-industrial areas for hands-on teaching field trips, as well as on-campus lectures. The College of Home Economics lectured on various textile manufacturing techniques and the International Dairy Goat Research Center at the College of Agriculture provided instruction on the aspects of Dairy Goat Herd Management and Maintenance.

The workshop offered new avenues of education and scientific-technology transfer between the IIAS and Costa Rica.





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**Letter To The Editor**

Letter to the Editor:

Since 1980 Prairie View has received a major face-lift. Sidewalks have replaced dusttridden trails. Vast malls have replaced streets and there are fountains, benches, trees and grass where there was once sand and ant mounds.

However, beyond this overwhelming mecca of new buildings malls, fountains and greenery there is an invisible problem that has haunted us for sometime.

Now we must focus on this problem with as much dedication and diligence as we devoted to the physical appearance of our campus. This invisible, yet visible problem is our mental and spiritual being. This problem is as physical as our outward appearance and can be seen like the clothing we wear.

To amend this unseen problem we must begin to respect each other. We should encourage each other to perform at the best of our ability and we must exemplify behavior that will support our collective vision.

We must unite as an institution and strive jointly to reach the highest level of quality education. That was the dream of 1878 and is still our dream in 1986. We must not let this

problem continue to debase our great institution.

Barry L. Coles

**Tyler Scholarship**

The members of the Scholarship Committee would like to invite all interested business majors to apply for the 1986-87 award. Contact any member of the Scholarship Committee listed below for additional information. We also invite anyone interested in helping to perpetuate the memory of the late Esther J. Tyler and/or to aid us in increasing our endowment fund to send your tax deductible donation to the Ester J. Tyler Endowment Fund, College of Business, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX 77446. Scholarship Committee members are: Dr. Doisula W. Hawkins, chairman; Dr. Clyde Ashley, Mrs. Savannah J. Collier, Mrs. Florine J. Muse, Mr. Glenn Moye, Mrs. Lucille Pointer and Mr. Willie Webb.



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The Panther serves the University community and the surrounding area. It also serves as a laboratory for Communications majors and gives them hands-on-training in their chosen career.

**"Family" Professor**

Dr. Maxine Hammonds-Smith of Houston is the first in Texas to be certified as a family professional and among the first 12 in the country to receive certification as a family life educator by the National Council of Family Relations.

Dr. Hammonds-Smith successfully met all requirements for teaching, counseling, and training in family-related areas that include families and the internal dynamics of families, human growth and development, human sexuality, interpersonal relationship, family resource management, parent education and guidance, the law and public policy, and ethics.

Dr. Hammonds-Smith has more than 20 years of experience in family life education. For more than 10 years she administered the Huntsville-Madison County CAA Family Planning Clinic.

Her responsibilities included coordinating the gynecological and birth control clinics, conducting human sexuality education programs for high schools, colleges and universities, and counseling clinic patients in respect to family related issues.

While studying at Iowa State University, Dr. Hammonds-Smith conducted research that investigated young adult attitudes toward sexuality decision-making as part of her degree program. For a doctorate degree, she has researched sexuality education/instructional techniques: relationships among teacher usage, student preference, and student learning styles.

She has published her dissertation findings in refereed family journals and has co-authored a curriculum guide for teaching parenthood education.

Recently, Dr. Hammonds-Smith was one of 50 family professionals - representing each of the 50 states -



Dr. Maxine Hammonds-Smith

selected to attend the national Building Family Strengths Project at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

As a state family strengths trainer, Dr. Hammonds-Smith will play a leadership role in Texas in the dissemination of BFS ideas, training information and materials. She will establish a Building Family Strengths statewide network consisting of family practitioners, self-help groups, community agencies, and individual families.

Also, she will organize, plan and conduct a statewide dissemination program to communicate to the public the six strengths of the Building Strengths Project and demonstrate how individuals and families can learn and apply the strengths.

Presently, Dr. Hammonds-Smith is a family research scientist in the College of Home Economics at Prairie View A&M and is a board member of the Texas Council on Family Relations. She is married to James A. Smith and the mother of a college age son, Roderick.

**Introduction To Biomedical Research**

Ms. Judy Greenlea recently participated in a two day program "An Introduction to Biomedical Research" at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), located in Bethesda, Mawryland.

The program, sponsored by the national institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) was designated to alert college minority juniors, graduating seniors and first year medical and graduate students of the opportunities in biomedical research at the NIAID as well as students of other research centers at the NIH.

While at the conference, students heard a series of lectures by members of the NIAID staff, and were interviewed by NIAID scientists, and

took a tour of the hospital and laboratory facilities on the NIH campus.

Students from the United States and Puerto Rico were recommended by their deans and professors to attend this program. To be eligible, students must be interested in science and have some courses in the physical, chemical, biological, mathematical or behavioral sciences. Some also are involved in on-going research projects at their universities.

Of the 36 students attending the conference, at least 8 individuals will be offered summer employment in NIAID laboratories, located either in Bethesda, Maryland or in

**W. R. Banks  
Library  
Ground Breaking**

By Michele Smith

Mr. Robert Wedgeworth, Jr. will be the keynote speaker for the W. R. Banks Library ground breaking ceremonies on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, July 18, 1986, 10:30 a.m.

On September 2, 1985, Robert Wedgeworth became the sixth Dean of the School of Library Service, Columbia University, the oldest and best known library school in the United States. He came to this position after having served as Executive Director of the American Library Association from 1972 to 1985.

It is particularly appropriate that Mr. Wedgeworth participate in this \$19 million project. Throughout his 25 year career as a professional librarian he has rejuvenated the art of library science and service.

As chief executive officer of the ALA, Mr. Wedgeworth revitalized and computerized its publication program, introduced the use of video-tele-communication for professional education programs and oversaw the development of new offices for the ALA's Chicago headquarters. He stored the Association's fiscal health and generally strengthened ALA's ability as the leading organization in North America devoted to libraries, librarianship and information services. He was also prominently involved in founding the Coalition For Literacy.

Mr. Wedgeworth describes himself as "professionally, a child of the technological revolution with a humanistic grounding."

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Hamilton, Montana. Selection for summer employment is based on recommendations from the student's program director, evaluation of the student during two personal interviews by NIAID scientists and academic records and special achievements.

**NASA Space Agency  
Funds Land Study**

NASA, the nation's space research agency is funding a land research study in Texas. The National Aeronautics and Space Agency has awarded a grant of \$411,000. to the College of Agriculture at Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas to measure nitrous oxide gas emission from pastures under intensive management. The research will examine the effect of these emissions on atmospheric quality.

Nitrous oxide gas can destroy the ozone layer of the atmosphere-allowing high frequency, ultra-violet radiation from the sun to penetrate the atmosphere and reach the earth. The resulting radiation can cause skin cancer in humans and reduce crop yields. Destruction of the ozone layer also contributes to the

heating of the atmosphere - "the greenhouse effect". This phenomenon can change weather patterns which seriously affect crop growth and adverse changes in human habitation.

The principal investigator on the College of Agriculture team is Dr. Eugene Brams, Professor of Soil Science and Environmental Quality. Mr. William Anthony, Mr. Jessie Trevino and Dr. Patricia Brams, are research scientists for the project.

The grant addresses an aspect of NASA's comprehensive study of the global habitability by the year 2001. Dr. Jerry Livingstone, Atmospheric Scientist at the Ames Research Center (NASA), Moffit Field, California, will also be working with the College of Agriculture team.



The Prairie View Team on the NASA Project (l to r) Dr. Patricia Brams, Research Scientist; Mr. Jessie Trevino, Research Specialist; Dr. Eugene Brams, Principal Investigator; and Mr. William Anthony, Research Specialist.

**I I A Joins  
Caribbean Pact**

A Joint Memorandum of Agreement for scientific and technological collaboration between eight Caribbean countries, and the IIAS, was signed by the Directors of the Institute for International Agribusiness Studies at Prairie View A&M University, Dr. Theodore R. Freeman and Mr. Jethro Greene, Chief Coordinator for the Organization for Rural Development (ORD) of St. Vincent, West Indies. The agreement resulted from a four-day workshop on "Regional Self-Reliance Through Collaboration" held in Kings Town, St. Vincent.

On the international scene, the Caribbean Islands maintain a strong presence. A need is apparent for Caribbean agro-industry to have an organization geared to provide needed services if agriculture is to keep pace. Mr. Greene identified areas of emphasis for the Caribbean Pact in agro-industry as:

- \*Marketing\*Quality control
- \*Update of adequate and reliable information \* Entrepreneurship
- \* Transportation/Storage
- \* Organization/Methods of Management.

This new pact includes the Caribbean Islands of Antigua, Barbados, Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Thomas, St. Vincent, and Trinidad representing diverse farm organizations such as Antigua and Barbuda Cooperative Farmer Association, Barbados Agriculture Society, Christian Potato Growers

Society, Concord/New Hampshire Farmer Marketing Association-Grenada, Dominica Hucksters Association, Farm to Market, Ltd.,-Dominica, Jamaica Agriculture Society, New Rivers Farmers Cooperative-Nevis, Organization for Rural Development-St. Vincent, South Western Fruit/Vegetable Producer Cooperative-St. Lucia, Ti Rocher Farmers Cooperative Society-St. Lucia.

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**Training For Crisis  
Hotline Volunteers**

Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc. will be holding spring training sessions for its Crisis Hotline Volunteers.

During the training program, volunteers will acquire effective listening and crisis intervention skills, and hear presentations of a variety of mental health topics.

Training classes will be held in both the Bay Area and Central Houston. The dates and times are: Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 15, 17, 22, and 24 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturdays, July 19 and 26 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about the volunteer training program, contact Crisis Intervention of Houston at 527-9864 or 228-1505. (24-hour Crisis Hotline). A United Way Association-Jamaica, Concord/New

**Freeman To Chair MTEC Session**

Dr. Theodore R. Freeman will chair the bi-annual session of the Scientific and Technological Exchange Committee of the Mexico-Texas Exchange Commission (M-TEC) at the slated meeting at South Padre Island, July 28-29, 1986. According to Dr. Freeman, "This scientific and very comprehensive program will offer an exchange program that will involve close collaboration between Mexico and Texas. Exchanges will enhance our respective agribusinesses and agro-industries."

M-TEC was established in June, 1985, through the collaborative efforts of the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Jim Hightower and the Secretary of Agriculture of Mexico, Sr. Eduardo Pesqueria Olea. The Institute for International Agribusiness Studies, under the auspices of Dr. Freeman, was invited by M-TEC to coordinate the Scientific and Technological Exchange component of the commission protocol at a meeting held in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico on March 17, 1986.

As chairman of the Committee on Scientific and Technological Exchange, Dr. Freeman state, "Because the IIAS is a recently founded entity at Prairie View A&M University, we are very pleased to be honored by the trust the State of Texas and Mexico has placed in the Institute. Knowing that the future of agribusiness lies in the dissemination of scientific research and exchange offers an impetus to

the timely establishment and formation of the Institute and to our active support of the state and the national community."

The primary goals of the Mexico-Texas Exchange Commission are for: \*Improvement and expansion of commercial relations for: Sheep and goat stock; Dairy cattle; Beef cattle for breeding, fattening, and final processing; Stock for rodeos; and Grain for animal consumption.

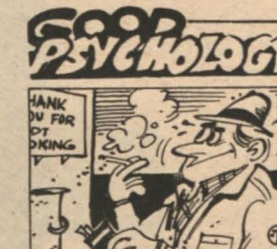
\* Exchange of commercial information on animals and agricultural products.

\*Development of cooperative technical projects for joint efforts on courses and seminars in agricultural areas, and exchange of technical personnel (scholarships, etc.)

\*Promotion of livestock and agricultural products with participation by both parties with products in fairs and expositions.

The first phase of the Scientific and Technological Exchange will involve the visits of 4-man teams to view institutions, research and development centers, and agribusiness firms. Joint agreements will be established between research stations and developmental centers in Mexico and Texas for the timely exchange of these scientific findings. first-hand reviews, and hands-on research. Such research has been tentatively identified as forestry management, citrus cropping, crop-packing plant approvals, grain for animal consumption, embryo transfer, fruit-fly extermination, pest control, and pulp production for newspapers.

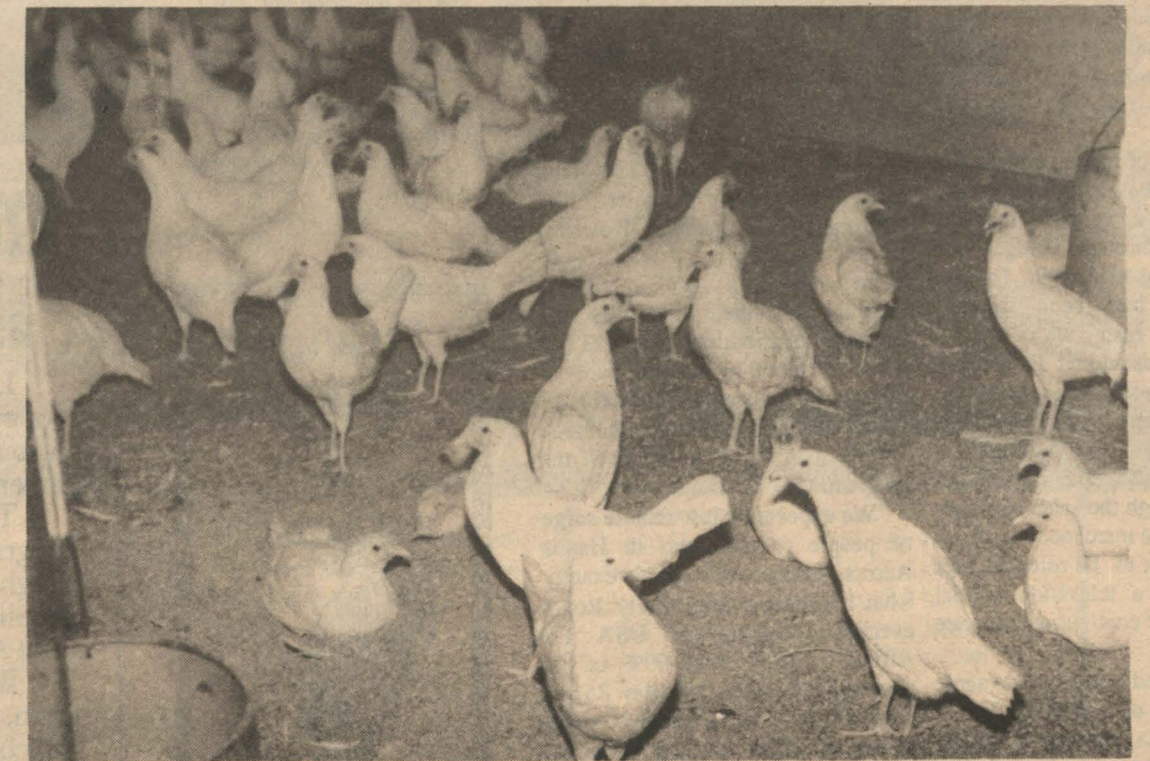
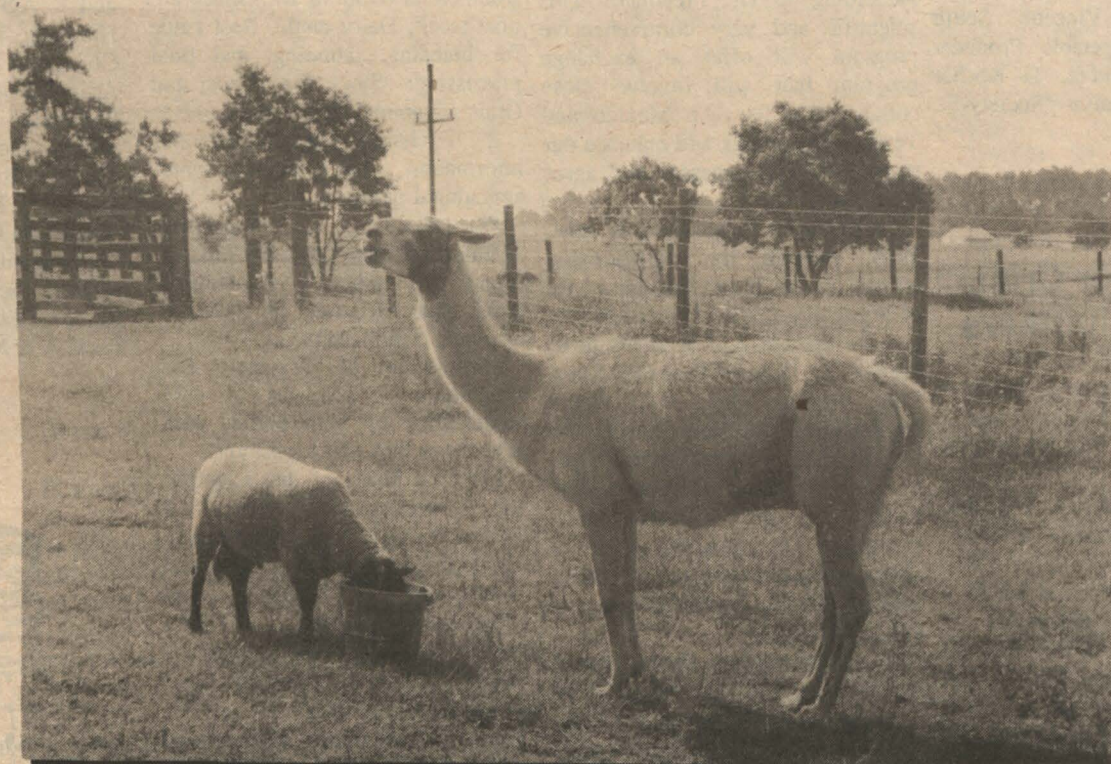
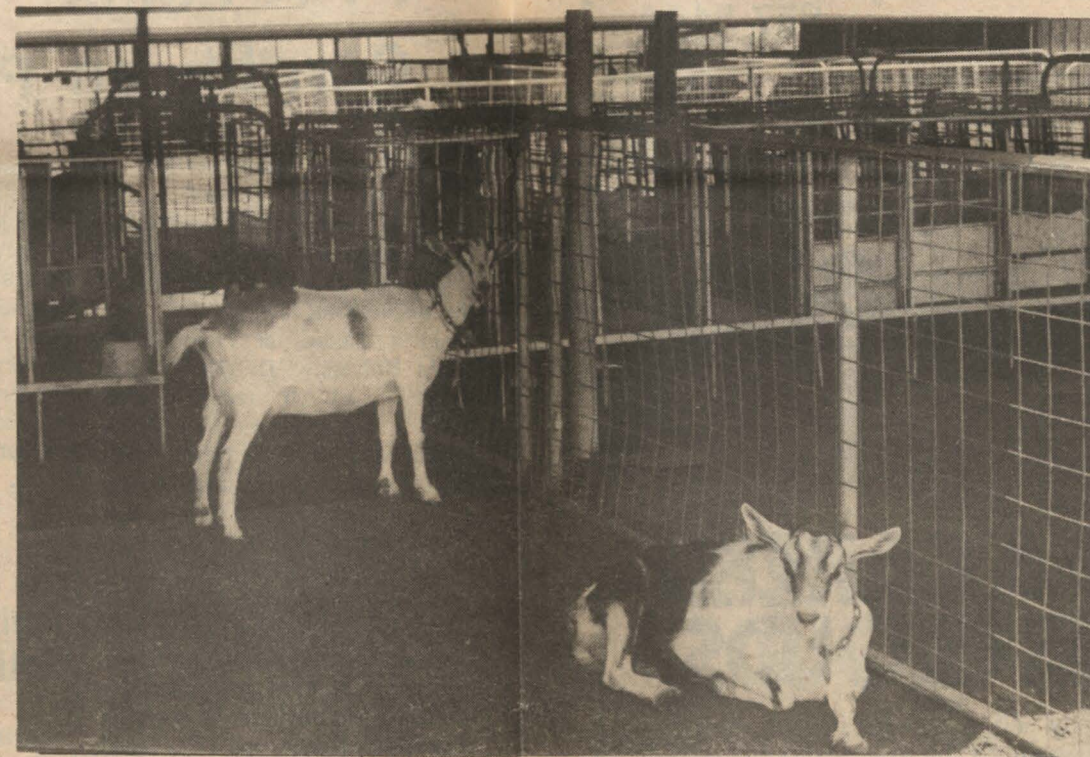
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# The Farm On The Hill





## Hands Across America Continues To Generate Public Response

Two weeks after the remarkable public response to Hands Across America on May 25, organizers believe that two of the three major goals have been met with hopes that the third will be achieved later this summer. The following is an update on the status of Hands Across America as of June 9, 1986.

Originally stated, the primary goals of Hands Across America were three-fold: 1) To increase public awareness about the issue of hunger and homelessness in the United States and to create momentum for further action by communities and groups across the country; 2) To raise \$50 million to combat hunger and homelessness in America and 3) To form a 4,152 mile human link from the Atlantic to Pacific Oceans.

First, media coverage of the event, and more importantly, of the issues has been extensive. Radio, television and print combined to make Hands Across America and the issues a lead news item, especially in the days immediately preceding and following the May 25 event.

"The primary goal of Hands Across America -- even more important than the money raised -- is continued news coverage of the issues," said Ken Dragen, HAA Project Organizer. "The ongoing media attention will help to remind the American public that these problems will not go away without their involvement. I feel that May 25 only symbolizes the beginning of the new age in domestic activism."

With hopes of raising at least \$50 million, Hands Across America has brought in a gross total of \$36,444,533 through pledges and contributions as of June 9. To date, \$27,824,937 has been actually received in cash with another \$8,619,596 outstanding in pledges. Donations are still coming in on the toll-free number 1-800-USA-9000, which will be active through the remainder of 1986. Other revenue is expected through the sales of Hands Across America merchandise, a book about the event to be released later this summer, a television special and a variety of continuing corporate programs.

"We expected a last-minute surge of people to take part in Hands Across America, and that is exactly what happened," said Marty Rogol, executive director of USA For Africa. "More than 60% of the people participating on May 25 just showed up, and we encourage everyone that had a positive experience on that day to make a contribution."

The true success of Hands Across

America is reflected in the spirit and energy expressed by the American people on May 25. There were literally thousands of stories from that day and here are a few examples:

-- The family that flew to Missouri from Saudi Arabia to hold a family reunion on the line.

-- The New Jersey bus driver who saw a gap in the line, stopped his bus, filled it with his passengers and then loaded them back on and drove off.

-- The 30 paraplegics in Kayaks who linked across Lake Ray Hubbard in Texas.

-- The equivalent of 20% of the population of the state of New Mexico that took part on the line.

-- The thousands of people who stood in line in the desert areas despite the medical warnings and HAA's attempts to close these areas.

While the number of inspirational dramas from May 25 is endless, many of the post-event results carry the same flavor. One example is from the Haa Phoenix office where Doug, a project volunteer from an area homeless shelter, was featured in a newspaper article. One of Doug's former employers saw his picture, called to offer him a job and a place to stay. Doug is now getting a new start on his life.

Another unique facet that emerged from Hands Across America was the formation of unlikely coalitions in support of the issues. One such partnership is the St. Louis Can Rally which kicked off a year-long commitment on May 11. This group merged companies like Citibank, McDonnell Douglas, Rolling Rock Beer, Schnuks Grocery Store chain and local media to organize a canned food rally and equitable distribution. Schnuks has made a monthly commitment to donate 1,000 cans of food for 18 months and proceeds from other area events will serve to support the program.

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With regard to the human link on May 25, an estimated 5,602,960 people took part on the route between New York and Long Beach with an additional estimated 1.5 million participants in the off-route states.

## Basic Skills Test For All Freshmen

San Marcos -- A basic skills test for all freshmen entering Texas public colleges and universities beginning in 1989 will be recommended to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, by its special Committee on Testing.

The committee is chaired by Southwest Texas State University President Robert L. Hardesty.

At a meeting Monday (May 19) in San Marcos, the committee unanimously agreed to recommend an entry level test beginning in the fall 1989 to measure freshmen in the reading, writing and mathematics skills needed to perform successfully in college. The test would be used for academic advisement and for placing students in courses designed to overcome basic skills deficiencies.

The committee also recommended that each public college and university "be required to offer or make available non-credit remedial opportunities on its own campus to those students identified by the test as needing assistance," and that strong advisement programs be put into place. There should be non-credit courses financed by state appropriations, the committee said.

All students would have to pass the test by the time they have completed 60 semester hours of degree-credit work. It would be given after admission; in no case would it bar entry to any student otherwise qualified to attend college.

"Deficiencies in reading, writing and mathematics represent a major education problem in Texas," committee chairman Hardesty said, "and the committee was unanimous in its belief that it is a problem that needs to be addressed. Our studies indicate that a full 30 percent of Texas students entering their freshman year of college are deficient in at least one of the basic skills. The problem is we have no way of identifying those students or helping them early in their college careers. And yet we know, from the experience of several other states, that students who receive remedial instruction are three times more likely to be successful in college than those who need such instruction but do not receive it."



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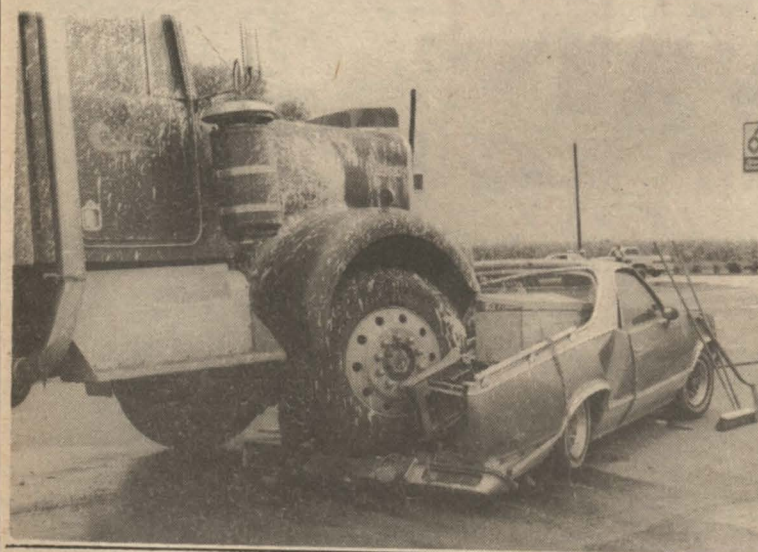
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By not getting too much sun. By not smoking cigarettes. By not overeating. And by following a diet high in fiber and low in fat.

By simply doing these few things, you could drastically reduce your risk of getting cancer.

Sure, you could still get cancer.

But why not give yourself the odds against it?

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