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Phillis Wheatley High School Houston, Texas Celebrates 85 Years



The weekend of November 10, 2012

was one that will not be forgotten. The Phillis Wheatley Wildcats of Houston, Texas celebrated their 85th school reunion. They came from all over the nation. There were Ivy League College presidents, U.S and State Representatives, Lawyers, Doctors, Teachers and others from all walks of life

The highlight of the weekend was the unveiling of the Wheatley Alumni Wall of Fame that recognised distinguished graduates. Members of the PVILCA that were recognized were Felix Cook, Jr. (`44), Osby Mitchell (`45), Luther Booker (`45), Frankie Brazos, (`47), Jackie Carr, (`48), Walter Yates, (`60), Melvin Edwards, (`55), Collin Briggs, (`38), Donald Grace, (`48). and Frank Walker, (`36). There were a total of 59 honorees.

The weekend concluded with a Dinner/dance in which 900 plus were in attendance. The closing activity was a Sunday morning Worship Service held at the host Hotel Reliant -Crowne Plaza. Elaine Williams, president of the The Phillis Wheatley Metropolitan Alumni & Ex-students Association served as general chairperson of the reunion. Ella Walker and David Edgerson, Principal Wheatley were co-chairpersons of the Wall of Frame Committee. Our own Robert Brown, Charles Herbert, Walter Yates and Don James were members of the planning committee.

February is Black History Month

He's on the road again. Our Board Chairman, Robert Brown and his staff have announced that they will resume their travels in displaying the PVILCA Black History Exhibition. The display can be veiwed in the Dallas and





2013 Hall Fame/ Honors Banquet July 27, 2013



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Houston areas high schools. The Dallas schools are Madison, Lincoln, Lancaster and Fort Worth Dunbar. The Houston schools are Worthing, Yates, Wheatley, Jones, Washington, Kashmere and M.C. Williams. One added stop this year will be the NBA All-star game that will held in Houston's Toyota Center.

"Reporters Needed"

If I ask the question, "What makes a newsletter interesting?" The answer probably would be many of the following: 1. Information you never knew before. 2. Incidents that you will cherish the rest of your life. 3. Exciting games in which you were involved. 4. Information about who has passed on. 5. Interesting articles about teams and individuals from the past. So, we need your help to let us know what's happening or has happened in your area. Send your articles to: Don A. James - 4810 Clover Lane - Pearland, Texas 77584 or email your information to donajames@aol.com. If you email photos please use a jpeg or pdf format.

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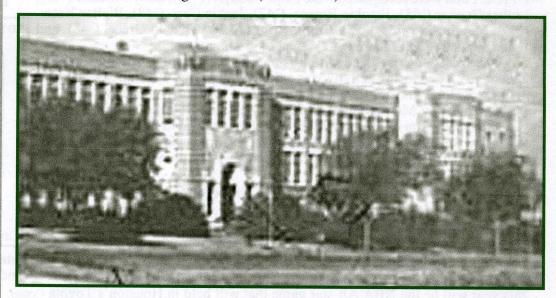
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Fort Worth's 1963 I.M. Terrell Panthers 2013 UIL-PVILCA Honors Team



The 1963 Fort Worth I. M. Terrell Panthers will be presented during the half time of the UIL 2013 Basketball Tournament. The team was composed of Samuel Evans, Dwight Thomas, Bobby Young, Melvin Simmons, Lillard Harris, Second Row: Byron Hill, Ruben Russell, James Cash, Clarence Henry, Elmore Maples, Robert Hughes (Coach holding trophy). The 1963 Terrell Panthers defeated Galveston Central (87-83) in a double overtime game. This was Coach Robert Hughes first of three PVIL State Championships. He also won in 1965 and 1967, prior to integration. He continued this wining tradition in the UIL at Fort Worth's Dumbar and became the winnest high school basketball coach in America.

The History of Fort Worth's I. M. Terrell High School
In 1882, Isaiah Milligan Terrell (1859–1931) became the head of East Ninth



Street Colored School, the first free public school for African Americans in Fort Worth. Terrell became Principal and Superintendent of Colored Schools in 1890. In 1906, the school moved to a location at East Twelfth and Steadman Streets, and was renamed North Side Colored School No. 11. A new school building opened in 1910, with Terrell as principal. In 1915, Terrell left the school to become an administrator at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College (now Prairie View A&M University). The school was renamed I.M Terrell High School in 1921, in honor of

its former principal.

In 1938, the school moved to an existing structure (a former white elementary school at 1411 East Eighteenth Street in the Baptist Hill neighborhood. The building was expanded as part of a Works Progress Administration project. The school's former location became an elementary

and junior high school.

In 1940, the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes (ACSSN) selected I.M. Terrell High School to participate as an experimental site in the Secondary School Study (also known as the Black High School Study). The study, funded by the General Education Board, sought to include African American teachers in the development of progressive education. According to the study, by the 1940s the school had 26 faculty members serving 900 students in grades 9 through 11. In addition to serving students in Fort Worth, the school drew students from areas outside the city, including Arlington, Bedford, Benbrook, Burleson, Roanoke, and Weatherford, where African American children could not attend school.

I.M. Terrell High School closed in 1972 during racial integration of Fort Worth's schools. The building reopened in 1998 as I.M. Terrell Elementary School. In 2004, the portion of East Eighteenth Street around the school was

renamed I.M. Terrell Circle South.

An Interview of Robert Hughes on Youtube.com.

You won't believe this. I didn't believe it myself The first school I went to was one room with one teacher, teaching grades one through twelve. All basketball was played outdoors. There was no gym or gym classes. You played on dirt and with that old fashion basketball with laces like the old fashioned football. Learning how to play basketball and learning how to dribble was really a task. When the ball became old it was filled with dirt and all of a sudden there was a big knot on the side where the laces were. Then you had to figure out how to dribble the knot.

I never played in a gym until I was in the 7th grade. I spent my first 15 years of teaching at I.M. Terrell, but it was the first five or six years that blew me away. The school was 7 through 12. Now a days if you went to school with juniors and seniors, parents would go crazy. "I don't want my baby to be with all of those hoodlums, thugs and grown men. Well, you didn't have a choice. So that meant that I had grades 7 through 9 in my gym classes. We turned the gym classes into the biggest basketball program you ever laid your eyes on. so what I would do, was let all those 7th graders, the tall ones, the skinny ones, the guys who would come to practice, the guys who would do all the plus things and by the time they were ninth graders they were just about ready to play varsity. But, we were so far ahead of the other schools it was a joke. I. M. Terrell will never be repeated again. First, of all it won't be repeated again because the social climate is different. The people that are going to make the big money now are in other fields. The fields now open to us of color, were not open in the 50's and 60's and before then, you would be wasting your time. So what you had at Terrell were the best and brightest minds in your black community, because we could do only two things. You would either preach or teach. I. M. Terrell was just a special place. It was more special than special, but that act will never be repeated.

I always tell the kids in the gym when I was getting ready to make one of my speeches. My speeches were always short because I didn't want to waste my time. When I would go to the drug store, the old fashioned kind that had malts and all that stuff, I'd get ice cream. I'd get plain vanilla. I didn't want Tutti Frutti. I didn't want a cherry on top. I just want plain vanilla ice cream. Of course that means if you play basketball, I didn't want the behind the back passes. I didn't want the look aways. I didn't want the finger rolls. I didn't want the floaters. All I want is plain vanilla, but I would tell them. How hard can you push yourself to be the best? Are you prepared to get up every morning and ask yourself what can I do today to be the best and then back it up with that work? If they do that, they are home free, but it tough to push yourself.

Coach Hughes concluded the interview with "There

are a lot of Tutti Fruttis out there".

Congratulations To New Life Members

The following members have become our newest life members: Brady Beauregard, Albert T. Breed, John Luther Clayton, Charles Ray Cone, Lester L. King, Leroy Marshall, Lewis M. Marshall, Clarence D. Weatherspoon. Elgin Davis, Warnie Hill. Jr., Griggs Owens, Jr. and Rev. Ruben E. Phillips. Please accept our sincere congratulations.

Farewell To Weldon Drew (1935-2012)



On Nov. 22, 2012 the PVILCA and UIL coaching communities lost one of it's stars. Weldon Drew was killed in an auto accident. Drew began his coaching career at Houston's Kashmere Gardens. He was one of a few coaches to win state championships high school in both the

PVIL and the UIL. In 1960, Houston Kashmere and Dallas Madison were declared Co-Champions because, due to the overflow crowd, the fire marshall would not allow the game to be played. The same thing could have happened in the University of Texas's Gregory gym. Attendance at the state tournament was on the rise. In 1974 and 1975 under Drew's leadership, Kashmere was on a 78 game wining streak, winning consecutive UIL Championships.He relocated as assistant basketball coach at New Mexico State University under head coach, Ken Hayes. After four short years, Drew accepted the position of head basketball coach of NMSU Aggie's men's basketball team. Drew held the distinguished honor of being one of 13 Black head coaches of the 276 NCAA Division 1 basketball teams during that time. Drew furthered his career as assistant coach at Oklahoma State University under Paul Hansen and Leonard Hamilton. His last career move was to the position of Head coach of men's basketball at Langston University. During his eighteen year tenure, Drew became the second coach in Langston's athletic history with the highest winning record. Although he retired in 2005, he remained an avid sports fan.

Current Life Members "You are the grease in the wheel."

2006

Jack Bellinger Robert Brown Ellis Davis, Jr. Herman Gabriel Arthur Gillum Clyde Glosson Charles Herbert 2007 Charles Brown Jackie Carr John Codwell, Jr. Glennor Davis Walter E. Day Ronald Goodbeer James "Bo" Humphery Alvin N. Jackson James C. Mayes, Sr. Stanley R. Mays King Arthur Prayther Dr. Thurman Robins **Edward Roby** Ray Seals William L. Sims James Wanza Gene Washington Franklin D. Wesley, Jr. Walter Yates, Sr. 2008 Weldon O. Baker Oliver "Show" Brown Coger H. Coverson Jefferson Davis, Jr. Joseph Melvin Dixon, Sr Willie Floyd Charles Frazier George Gray Charles Green Roland Haves L.L. Jackson Don A. James

Freddie James

James Jones, II

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R. "Ralph" Johnson

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Lorenzo Cole

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