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# 2013 Black History Month Remembering The Past With Pride







Walking in to the University Interscholastic League office, one of the first things a visitor sees is a wall that displays more than just your average office artwork. In honor of Black History Month, the UIL unveiled a display to honor African-American participants over the years."I wanted the



exhibit to show the same support for Black History Month that is exhibited around the country," UIL Executive Director Charles Breithaupt said. "At the UIL, we have so much to celebrate in regards to Black History Month because we have had so many gifted actors, musicians and athletes compete."When he was principal of Hardin-Jefferson High School, Breithaupt had his students put together a display, which eventually became his inspiration for this project."Dr. Breithaupt came to me and said he wanted to showcase the students that have competed in academic and athletic events, including students from the Prairie View Interscholastic League," said Mary Mendez, the athletic staffer who designed and put together the display. The PVIL was the state governing organization of extracurricular activities for African-American students from the 1920s to 1967 before it merged with the UIL. The oldest photo displayed is actually a photo from one of the PVIL boys' basketball state tournaments dating back to 1955. "It is a real tragedy that before the PVIL, our black students could not participate in extracurricular events," Breithaupt said. "But thankfully, once the UIL state executive committee met and allowed for the integration in 1967, the schools joined the UIL merging the two organizations."

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### Congratulations To New Life Members

Our newest life members are: Jimmie L. Cobbin, Oscar Willie Fresch Jr. and Travis Alton Wright. Please accept our sincere congratulations.



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## West Kirbyville and I. M Terrell 1963 PVIL State Champs Honored



Members of the 1963 PVIL 2A boys' state champion Kirbyville team were William Roseman, Robert Wright, James R. Thomas, Pervis Roseman, Odis Booker, Albert Bree, Clarence Thomas Jr., Clifford Booker, Raymond Blueitt, Coach Brady Beauregard, Jesse Samuels.



Members of the 1963 PVIL 4A boys' state champion I.M. Terrell team were (front row) Samuel Evans, Dwight Thomas, Bobby Young, Melvin Simmons, Lillard Harris; (second row) Byron Hill, Rubin Russell, James Cash, Clarence Henry, Elmo Maple, Coach Robert Hughes.

The results of the 1963 PVIL State Basketball Tournament were: (4A) Fort Worth I.M. Terrell defeated Galveston Central 87-83 (2 OT); (3A) Carthage Turner defeated Bryan Kemp (68-48); (2A) Midland Carter defeated Fairfield 47-36 and (1A) Kirbyville West defeated Smithville 64-45.

All of the basketball championship games were played in Prairie View A&M's old gym until 1965 when the Baby Dome (William J. Nicks, Sr.) was constructed. It was a state of the art facility. A similar situation was developing at the University c

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### Farewell To George "Starky" Gray



On January 31, 2013 the Houston community said farewell to one of it's legends, George Gray. He was a product of Yates High School of Houston, Texas starring as a quarterback in football, a center in basketball and a high jumper in track

In 1951 at 6 feet 6 inches, George was the tallest basketball player in Houston. According to historians, in

1951, Yates was without a proven quarterback and George played end. At that time, the football positions were not classified as they are today split ends, tight ends, wide receivers etc., they were just plain old ends, tackles, guards, centers, quarterbacks, halfbacks and fullbacks. So the story goes that legendary coach Pat Patterson needed a quarterback and George filled that position.

Of course, at 6'6", George was the starting center on the basketball team and an all state high jumper in track. He continued his education at Texas Southern University and played under Ed Adams with Bennie Roy and Robert Hughes, who had transferred from Texas College. After T.S.U, he entered the army and played service ball in Frankfurt, Germany. Upon returning to the States, he joined the renowned Harlem Globetrotters.

George leaves to cherish his memory a beloved, wife, Gennella, two daughters, Jennifer and Germaine and a host of relatives and friends.

### **Black History**

Thanks to J. Warren singleton who submitted several interesting articles on people from the Baytown community, such as: Allene Archia Williams, Eulalia Velma Butler Taylor, Hattie Violet Dalcour, Henrietta Archia, Johnnie Mae Walton, Fred E. Adams and J. D. Walker . Due to limited space in this edition, these lessons in Black History will have to be published in upcoming newsletters. If you have such articles of interest, please share them.

### Terrell from page 2

Texas where championship basketball games were played in old Gregory Gym where the benches were hardwood and fans had to run for seats. In 1977, the Erwin Center



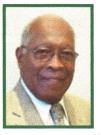
The William J. Nicks, Jr. Building, Prairie View, Tex



Frank Erwin Center Austin, Texas

was built with reserved cushioned seats. It also became pigeon proof. These structures verify the fact that Texas is no longer just a football state, but a basketball state as well.

### UIL Honors W. Charles Akins







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Charles Akins was honored at halftime of the Class 5A state semifinal between South Grand Prairie and Cibolo Steele. Akins, the namesake of the high school in South Austin, was the first principal at the integrated Anderson High School. He was recognized Friday for his years of service at the state tournament and with the UIL's waiver-review board. During the days of segregation, Dr. William Charles Akins attended Blackshear Elementary School, Kealing Junior High School and [L.C.] Anderson High School. A graduate of Huston-Tillotson College, Dr. Akins aspired to be a teacher and a principal in large part due to the influences of his teachers and principals during his student days in East Austin schools. Dr. Akins served as principal of Anderson High School for almost 10 years before becoming an assistant superintendent with the Austin Independent School District.

### Area Co-ordinators

The PVILCA would like to thank the following members for their support as Inductee Coordinators. Carolyn Brown (Conroe), Jerry Blair (Willis), Robert Smith (Jasper), Bill Rosemon (West Kirbyville), Elgin Davis (Livingston),Rodney Savaeat (Beaumont), Leon Hamilton (Silsbee), Warren Singleton (Baytown) and Mrs. Doris Sampson (Smithville). Their responsibility is to provide information on potential inductees in their areas.

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In 1968, the first year PVIL schools were able to compete in the newly integrated UIL events, Houston Wheatley High School won the boys' basketball State Tournament. A photo of this tournament is displayed on the third floor of the UIL. Other photos displayed on the wall in the lobby include swimming and diving, football and golf, as well as academic and music events such as the One-Act Play and marching band competitions.

The unveiling took place on Feb. 12. Vice President of diversity for the University of Texas, Dr. Greg Vincent, and charter member of the UIL waiver-review board, Dr. Charles Akins, spoke and helped with the unveiling of the wall. This display wall will be used throughout the rest of the year to display significant events, people and processes of the UIL.

### Gentlemen.

Regretfully, it has become necessary to cancel the PVILCA Golf Tournament for April 27, 2013. Perhaps we will look forward to this event next spring. If you have concerns or questions, please contact me @ (713) 542-5682 or email me at eulanda1@earthlink.net. Thank you for your willingness to be a part of the event

Cov Limbrick.

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

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### Hall of Fame/Honor Ring Coming Soon

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