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CELEBRATING NURSES—A National Black Nurses Day celebration was presented by the Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association at the John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science. More than 200 nurses and health care workers attended the event, including, from left, registered nurse clinician Beulah Hadrick; Mary Holt Ashley, Ph.D., associate administrator and chief nursing officer at BenTaub General Hospital and a Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association board member; and registered nurse clinician Lola Denise Jefferson, president and founder of the association. Ashley presented the keynote address titled "Leadership: Excellence in the Workplace."



SUMMIT SIGNERS—Patricia L. Starck, D.S.N., dean of The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston, looks on as development board member Robert Cizik signs a beam which later was placed at the top of the new University of Texas School of Nursing and Student Community Center, scheduled to open early next year. A "topping out" ceremony, during which this uppermost beam was positioned, was held recently at the building site on the corner of Bertner and Holcombe. Cizik chaired the fund-raising campaign for the building, which will cost $57 million and give the UT-Houston School of Nursing its first dedicated building home. James T. Willerson, M.D., president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, watches in the background.



PARTNERS IN NURSING—The April 3 PARTNERS luncheon benefiting The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston raised more than $200,000 in support of nursing education and research. More than 450 attendees heard a presentation by David Snowdon, Ph.D., center, author of "Aging With Grace," and director of the "Nun Study," a longitudinal study on health and aging focusing on 678 American members of the Sisters of Notre Dame religious congregation in Minnesota. The luncheon honored registered nurse Nancy B. Willerson, right, one of the founding members of PARTNERS, a community support group for the UT-Houston School of Nursing organized to fund nursing scholarships and special nursing projects. Patricia L. Starck, D.S.N., the nursing school's dean, joined in welcoming Snowdon and congratulating Willerson.



NEARLY NURSES—Sixty pre-nursing students from Prairie View A&M University recently toured the Texas Medical Center campus to see firsthand the health care institutions that are providing state-of-the-art patient care. Shown with the students is Randy Abrams, Ph.D., assistant professor of nursing at Prairie View A&M University.