



### **Larry H. Jemison Class of 1969**

As the fastest quarter mile runner in Alabama during his high school and college days, Larry gained more than ribbons for his athletic ability. "Athletics gave me a belief in myself," he says. I learned that not only can I be a leader, I can be number one." And number one he was. Larry won the SIAC Championship in 1966 as well as the 440-yard Dash at Florida A&M University in 1966. He served as Captain of the Tuskegee Track Team from 1965-1969.

Jemison served in the United States Marine Corps, graduating number one in both his 80-member platoon and 300 member series. Larry was also selected platoon and series honorman.

Larry's professional life was just as distinguished as the time he spent on the track at Tuskegee and in the Marine Corps. As a Petroleum Marketer with BP Oil Company he added to his successes. His stellar performance in the work place brought him many honors and much recognition.

Larry also served the communities where he lived as well as Alma Mater. He has hosted Alumni activities, serving as president of the New Orleans-Tuskegee Alumnae Club, hosted the Southwest regional meeting and organized the first Tuskegee Homecoming Golf Classic. "Coach Frank Leftwich had a tremendous influence on me. After having given me a scholarship in 1964, Coach Leftwich believed in me and showed me how to run the quarter mile, an event I felt I was already good at, but he showed me how to be better."