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PV PANTHERS

ALL-AMERICAN CANDIDATE

SPLIT END



CHARLES WILLIAMS, No. 88

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 1969
PRESS
TV
RADIO
FOOTBALL GUIDE

MEMO TO PRESS, RADIO, TV:

This Guide has been prepared to assist you in your coverage of the Panthers in 1969-70. It is full of factual information about the college, the schedule, team and coaches. We hope you will enjoy reading through it, and that it will encourage you to tell more about the Panthers football team.

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PRESS PASSES

Press Passes will be made available through the Sports Information Office. These Press Passes are good for all sports events at the college during the year. Press passes will be mailed upon request from various news media.

PRESS SERVICES

Complete statistics will be furnished including line-ups, game summary, halftime statistics and final team and individual statistics. The news media planning to cover Prairie View's home games are asked to contact the Prairie View Sports Information Office in advance. Western Union services are available on the campus.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for Prairie View A&M College home games may be purchased by letter enclosing check or money order covering price of the ticket. For information on tickets, write Luther Francis, Athletic Business Manager, Prairie View A&M College.

COMPLIMENTARY PASSES

Complimentary passes are kept at a minimum. Complimentary passes are generally given to news media, coaches on the staff and visiting team coaches. High School coaches and players are normally recognized by their coaching credentials. High school coaches who plan to attend one of Prairie View's home games are asked to write or call in advance if they are bringing players.

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1968 RESULTS

| Date | Opponent | Site | Results We - They |
|----------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Sept. 21 | Jackson | There | 10 — 8 |
| Sept. 28 | Southern | There | 0 — 20 |
| Oct. 5 | Grambling | Here | 14 — 22 |
| Oct. 19 | Bishop | There | 13 — 20 |
| Oct. 26 | Arkansas AM&N | Here | 7 — 9 |
| Nov. 2 | Mississippi Valley | Here | 19 — 7 |
| Nov. 9 | Allen (S. C.) | There | 20 — 2 |
| Nov. 16 | Alcorn | Here | 3 — 17 |
| Nov. 23 | Texas Southern | There | 14 — 22 |
| Nov. 30 | Wiley | There | 22 — 15 |

1969 SCHEDULE

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sept. 20—Jackson State | Prairie View |
| Sept. 27—Southern | Astrodome |
| Oct. 4—Grambling | Grambling |
| Oct. 11—Open | |
| Oct. 18—Bishop | Dallas |
| Oct. 25—Arkansas AM&N | Pine Bluff |
| Nov. 1—Mississippi Valley | Itta Bena |
| Nov. 8—Maryland State (Homecoming) | Prairie View |
| Nov. 15—Alcorn A&M | Lorman |
| Nov. 22—Open | |
| Nov. 28—Texas Southern | Astrodome |

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



DR. A. I. THOMAS, *President*

Although he is neck-deep in administrative interest, Dr. A. I. Thomas doesn't hesitate to take time out and attend athletic events at the college.

It is fortunate for Prairie View that this amazingly successful executive is an admirable sports fan.

There is a strong bond between the president and the athletic department. He has always treated it most generously, rewarding them according to merit, even during the less successful season.

He has been president at Prairie View since November, 1966.

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Thomas has been a resident of Texas since 1949.

He attended the public schools of New Orleans and completed two years of liberal arts work at Xavier University. He received the B. S. and M. S. degrees from Kansas State College in 1948 and 1949, respectively.

He received his Ph.D. in 1957 at Ohio State University and has attended Pennsylvania State College, University of Michigan and the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Thomas has had a wealth of experience as a teacher, supervisor and administrator. He has also served as a consultant to schools and industrial companies. In 1952, he served as a consultant to the Foreign Operations Administration and completed a study entitled, "Technical Education in Liberia." Since 1964 he has served as a consultant to Dow Chemical Company, Litton Industries and Westinghouse Management Services.

He is a member of many professional and honorary societies in the field of management and education. He is the holder of both the laureate and honorary citations of Epsilon Pi Tau, Inc. Recently, Dr. Thomas was selected as a Holt Fellow by Yale University.

Dr. Thomas is married to the former Iris Butler and is the father of two sons and twin daughters.

1969 OUTLOOK

By JOE BOOKER, *Sports Publicity Director*

Led by Charles Williams, a 6' 4", 215 pound do-it-all split end, the Prairie View Panthers look forward to a season that is less remote than it seems on paper.

Some 20 lettermen will return — mostly sophomores — but the sophomores have class.

New coach Alexander Durley, hopes to make the 1969 campaign an exciting one with a striking aerial game and a selfish — don't-make-me-mad defensive line.

The key to a winning season or a losing season, will depend on the rapid development of sophomore quarterback Allen Merchant. Durley calls Merchant the best high school passer he has seen since former All-American Charlie Green, whom he coached at Texas Southern. The loss of Huzell Allen, will hurt the Panthers, but Maurice McGowan and Paul Kearney, are two good ones.

Durley and his staff have conceded that with Charles Williams on the roam, they are set at split end. Williams is hailed as the top split end in the country. James Wilson, Louis Neal, Sammy Lee and Claude Harvey, are other ends that will be around as pass-catching fanatics.

The backfield, should be a good one with fleet Jerry "The Jet" Jefferson, a dashing sophomore returning. Willie Holloway, Jessie Webb and Willie Limbrick, are classy runners with power and quickness.

The offensive line won't be lauded as Panther lines of yester-years, but SWAC opponents won't ignore the fact of its presence. Johnny Jernigan, a 6' 3", 250 pound pulling guard, is tough and mobile. Ed Fisher, a 6' 4", 240 ound tackle, is a power packing monster who refuses to give ground.

Sam Mitchell and Larry Demerson are two lads with unlimited fighting tactics.

Center, with sophomore Jerry Wallace returning, may be taken care of. Wallace started all ten games as a freshman last year.

A hungry and vicious defensive line headed by All-SWAC end James Bagby, should be better than last year's nationally ranked defensive line. Bagby, a 6'4", 240 pound All everything, is rated the best of Panthers in years. He may be moved to linebacker. Playing alongside of Bagby will be two wolf-pack mean sophomores. Luther Gentry, a 6' 7", 270 pounder and Leslie Hudson, a 6' 5", 265 pounder, are names worth remembering.

The linebacker slot, could be one that Durley may be losing sleep over, but defensive whiz James Bagby is moved there, the Panthers will be set.

Bivian Lee, a 6' 3", 200 pound All-SWAC cornerback, heads the secondary. Ted Mercer, a 6' 3", 215 pound lightning quick sophomore, who played linebacker last year, is moved to the secondary. James Bodley and Luther Hudson will also see action in the secondary.

If anything looks unfavorable to the Panthers, it will be a road schedule that will take them to unfriendly sites as — Alcorn, Arkansas, Bishop, and Grambling.

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

ALEXANDER DURLEY, Head Coach

Durley, returns to the life he cherished most — coaching football — after four years of exile.

He is known to put together an explosive offense that is combined with smartness and exceptionally well-drilled units. The Durley coached teams are capable of moving the pigskin great distances in one devastating assault.

His teams rarely fail to seize full advantage of an opponent's mistakes. They usually cash in on miscues for six points before their victims can figure out where or how they erred. The Panther's ramrod, has a high regard for the minute details that might seem inconsequential to the less industrious. Each play of each game is carefully dissected with individual performances rating prime attention.

The shrewd mentor's Panther Club will be built around All-American Charles Williams and James Bagby.

Durley received his collegiate baptism under the late A. W. Munford from 1931-35 at Texas College in Tyler, Texas.

He started his career as head coach at Texas College in 1942, where he coached until 1949. He posted a 45 — 15 — 8 record and three championships at Texas.

He left Texas in 1949 and came to Texas Southern and compiled a 101 — 55 — 7 record and 2 championships in 16 years.

His coaching philosophy is: "The game belongs to the players and they should enjoy it. But players must have extreme dedication to the game."

ATHLETIC STAFF AND COACHES

JOSEPH HENRY, Assistant, Backfield

Henry will serve as Durley's first assistant. He is a former Yates (Houston) quarterback and Prairie View signal caller.

He is one of the finest offensive minds in the game.

He brings a wide variety of experience to Pantherland.

He has held the head football position at Worthing in Houston and recently he was the mind behind Booker Washington's high flying offense.

His greatest asset is bringing out the talent in quarterbacks. He'll have former Kashmere great, Allen Merchant, to tutor into top-flite performance.

JOHN "Tank" TANKERSLEY, Assistant and Defensive Line

John Tankersley, is regarded as a superb builder of linemen. He is a native of Dallas, Texas and did his prep playing at Booker Washington.

He attended Wiley College, where he was a two-way All-American under the late Fred "Pop" Long.

Tank, has had a taste of SWAC gridiron menu, when he served as Al Tabor's assistant at Wiley College in 1954.

He has held head coaching position at Washington and Worthing in Houston. One of his greatest pupils was Otis Taylor, an All-State quarterback at Worthing, who later was an All-American end at Prairie View.

His recent job was head line coach at the famed Jack Yates High in Houston.

At Prairie View, he is expected to develop wolf-pack mean linemen and All-American.

WINDELL DAVIS, Assistant, Specialist

Davis is a native of Bryan, Texas, where he was a fine all around athlete.

He has had high school coaching experience. He is a former Prairie View track star. The former Panther track flash, is head of the Intramural program and will serve as specialist coach.

SAMUEL LINDSEY, Assistant, Defensive Backs

Samuel Lindsey, is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He has coached at Detroit High, Tougaloo College and Paul Quinn, before coming to Prairie View. He will handle the Panthers' defensive backs and scout. He is also head tennis coach and coached the team to the SWAC title last season.

ATHLETIC STAFF AND COACHES




JOE DAVIS, Equipment Manager

Joe Davis, equipment manager, now in his fifth year with the Panthers, Joe is one of the best equipment custodians in the business. He is a resourceful and efficient workman who can be depended upon to get the job done at all costs.



E. V. RETTIG, Assistant, Defensive Line

Rettig is a former All-American end at Wilberforce University. He has held coaching positions at Texas College, Wiley and Texas Southern. His Texas College team won four SWAC titles in a row. Football experts regard him as the greatest defensive mind in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Opponents, who put their offense up against a Rettig coached defense have found it difficult to penetrate. He has been at Prairie View longer than any active coach on the staff, coming to Pantherland in 1951.



COACH W. J. NICKS, Administrative Assistant to President on Athletics

Coach Nicks is regarded everywhere as one of the top football coaches in the nation. His lifetime record is 184 victories, 9 ties and 55 losses. His teams have won five (5) National Championships, and a total of nine (9) conference championships in his 25 years as head football coach.

Nicks joined the Prairie View staff in 1945, and has served as Head of the Department of Health and Physical Education since that time. He has served as head football coach for 14 years. He came to Prairie View following a very successful coaching record at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia. Nicks is a graduate of Morris Brown and Columbia University.

The 1965 Panthers well represented Nick's sixteenth Panther Team. His teams have consistently finished in the first division in the very rugged Southwestern Conference.



JOE BOOKER, Sports Publicity Director

Booker is a former Prairie View athlete. He is the first person to be hired as Sports Director at Prairie View. He is active in sports and is a former high school quarterback and basketball star. He has coached high school football, basketball and baseball. He has also served as Sports Editor of the Forward Times Newspaper (which he presently writes for) and the Houston Informer. He is a member of: The Texas Sports Writers Association, The Football Writers Association of America, United States Basketball Writers Association, National Association of Athletic Sports Information Directors, College Sports Information Directors of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, High School All-American Selection Committee for Texas and High School All-Southern Team Committee for Texas.

HISTORY OF THE SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

The Southwestern Athletic Conference had its beginning as an alliance of small Texas schools in the early twenties. By mutual agreement, representatives from Jarvis, Texas College, Bishop, Prairie View and Paul Quinn met for preliminary consideration of series of recommendations in 1921. They later acted upon the recommendations, resulting in the formal organization of the SWAC.

The function of the conference, as stated at the time, was to legislate the management and control of all intercollegiate athletics of the schools represented. With the exception of Prairie View, charter membership was composed exclusively of church affiliated schools.

Later, Langston (Okla.), Arkansas AM&N and Southern University were added by election. They were followed by Grambling, Alcorn A&M and Jackson State in the late fifties.

Today, the SWAC ranks as one of the nation's strongest small-college leagues. Conference teams have won national championships in basketball, baseball and track. The SWAC also ranks as one of the most prolific producers of professional football players, with Grambling placing next to Notre Dame in the number of active players.

Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, is the only church affiliated school presently holding membership in the SWAC.

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEMBERS

| <i>School</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Coach</i> | <i>Top Players</i> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Texas Southern..... | Houston..... | Clifford Paul..... | David Mays |
| Alcorn A&M..... | Lorman, Miss..... | Marino Casem..... | Raford Jenkins |
| Jackson State..... | Jackson, Miss..... | U. S. McPherson..... | Richard Lampkin |
| Arkansas AM&N..... | Pine Bluff, Ark..... | Vanett Johnson..... | Anthony Lowery |
| Mississippi Valley.. | Itta Bena, Miss..... | William Glosson.. | Winfred Hawkins |
| Grambling..... | Grambling, La..... | Eddie Robinson..... | Frank Lewis |
| Southern..... | Baton Rouge, La.. | Al Tabor..... | Louis Porter |
| Prairie View..... | Prairie View..... | Alexander Durley.. | Charles Williams |

NEWS MEDIA

HOUSTON POST
2410 Polk
Houston, Texas

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
912 Travis
Chronicle Bldg.
Houston, Texas

FORWARD TIMES
4411 Alameda
Houston, Texas

HOUSTON DEFENDER
2416 Charter
Houston, Texas

INFORMER
2418 Leeland
Houston, Texas

HOPE DEVELOPMENT
P. O. Box
Houston, Texas

U P I
1606 Patterson
Dallas, Texas

A P
Times Herald Bldg.
Dallas, Texas

KHOU-TV
P. O. Box 11
Houston, Texas

KTRK-TV
P. O. Box 13
Houston, Texas

KILT-Radio
500 Lovett
Houston, Texas

KYOK-Radio
313 Preston
Houston, Texas

KPRC-TV
P. O. Box 2222
Houston, Texas

KHTV-TV
7700 Westbrook
Houston, Texas

KNUZ-Radio
P. O. Box 188
Houston, Texas

FOOTBALL TEAM PROFILE



CHARLES D. WILLIAMS — Sr., 6' 4", 215, Split End, Dallas No. 88

One of the most talented wide-receivers in Prairie View history. Has 4.7 speed in the 40 and glue-fingered hands. Has deceptive moves and is a dangerous open field runner once he has the ball. Was named to two All-American teams last season. Is a 6' 10" high jumper in track and two-year letterman in basketball.



JAMES BAGBY — Sr., 6' 4", 235, D. E. L. B., Wichita Falls..... No. 54

Co.Capt. — Has to be the best defensive football player in the South-western Athletic Conference. Loves to hit and moves with the feline of a cat. Recovered six fumbles last season. Made the coaches All-Conference team last season. He is also the N. A. I. A. Shot Put Champion. Made 33 tackles against Wiley last year.



BIVIAN LEE — Jr., 6' 3", 200, D. B., Austin No. 11, Capt.

Is a former Panther quarterback. A great leader and stingy defender. Led the SWAC in interceptions last year. Played his best games against — Grambling, Alcorn and Texas Southern, all of whom were conference champs. Ran on the famed Panther mile relay team as a freshman. An All-SWAC from last year.



JOHNNY JERNIGAN — Sr., 6' 3", 250, O. G., Odessa No. 66

One of the top blocking guards in the conference. Has good speed and loves to trap. Could be better than what he is performing at.



TED MERCER — Soph., 6' 2", 205, L. B., Texarkana No. 85

One of the finest linebackers in the conference. Is on every play and cannot be fooled. Has great speed and can play cornerback. Has three seasons to become a super star.



EDWARD FISHER — Jr., 6' 4", 240, O. T., Galveston No. 76

A versatile and quick fire-out type tackle. Loves to pull. Could be the best in the conference. Has good speed.



JOHN BENTON — Sr., 6' 2", 220, R. B., Nacogdoches No. 30

A good football player. Was sought by over 50 colleges as an All-Stater at E. J. Campbell at Nacogdoches. Can play linebacker as well as running back. Should have his best year as a college football player.



ALLEN MERCHANT — Soph., 6' 2", 200, Q. B., Houston No. 10

Was a high school All-American quarterback for powerful Kashmere Gardens in Houston. Threw 21 touchdown passes for 1200 yards. Has the potentials to become an outstanding football player.



LUTHER GENTRY — Soph., 6' 7", 270, M. G., Dallas No. 78

Started as a freshman last year and was terrific. Can be great as a sophomore. Has good speed for his size. If made angry, he just might hurt some people.

FOOTBALL TEAM PROFILES



SAMMY LEE — Soph., 6' 3", 230, T. E., Bay City No. 86

One of the finest tight ends in the conference. Can catch, block and move with authority. May see action at defensive end this season.



JERRY "The Jet" JEFFERSON — Soph., 5' 10", 185, R. B., Houston, No. 17

One of the finest runners the Panthers have had since fleet Willie Dearion. Does not have the speed of most running backs, but makes up for it with quickness and desire.



LUTHER HUDSON — Soph., 6' 0", 180, Q. B., D. B., Dallas, No. 15

Was a starter at quarterback last season. Has the great football sense and is a true leader. May see action at defensive back. One of the finest competitors on the team.



MAURICE MCGOWAN — Soph., 5' 11", 185, Q. B., Houston No. 12

Was a great all-around athlete at McWilliams in Houston. A fine competitor and leader. Does not have the height of the other Panther quarterbacks, but makes up for it in drive and desire.



HUZELL, ALLEN — Soph., 6' 3", 185, Q. B., Houston No. 14....

He handles the ball well, is very quick and has good speed. Throws the sprint-out pass with the best. He is hard to trap with the ball.



WILLIE HOLLOWAY — Soph., 5' 10", 195, R. B., Cameron No. 33

Had a good spring game. Could be the Panthers' starting fullback this year. Is quick and strong. His best asset may be as a blocker.



SAM MITCHELL — Soph., 6' 2", 240, O. G., Marlin No. 68

Loves to mix it up. Has average speed, but gets the job done in grand style.



LARRY DEMERSON — Soph., 6' 3", 240, O. G., Marlin No. 61

A smart football player. Has good speed and blocks with authority. Is expected to play a big role in the Panthers' drive as a contender.



CLAUDE HARVEY — Sr., 6' 4", 225, D. E. T. E., Willis No. 87

A fine all-around football player. Can play either offensive or defensive end. Pro scouts have looked at him as a possible linebacker. Real tough and hardnose.

FOOTBALL TEAM PROFILES



JESSIE WEBB — Fr., 6' 1", 200, R. B., DeQuincy No. 32

Looked impressive in the spring game... Will be battling with the rest of the hungry Panther backs for a share of the backfield. Has good speed for his size.



DEWEY RODGES — Soph., 6' 3", 240, O. G., Nacogdoches No. 74

Was a starter some games at defensive end last season. Was moved to offensive guard during the spring and did a good job.



JAMES BODLEY — Jr., 5' 11", 185, Fl. D. B., Milton, Fla. No. 42

A good all-around football player. Did a good job at wide receiver last season. Was moved to defensive back during the spring and showed a lot of promise. Is an officer in the ROTC.



JERRY WALLACE — Soph., 6' 2", 220, Center, Dallas No. 52

Started all ten Panther games last season. Does not have the size of a college center, but can do the job. Has great potentials.

PAUL KEARNEY — Freshman, 6' 1", 190 pounds, Fl., Wharton No. 82

Is the brother of former All-American quarterback Jimmy Kearney. Is an exceptional football player with lots of God-given talent. Ran for 35 touchdowns as a high school senior. Was an outstanding quarterback his first three years in high school. Was used at flanker in spring training where he created a lot of excitement with spectacular catches.



JAMES WHITE — Senior, 6' 0", 205 pounds, R. B., Milton, Fla.No. 44

Was the Panthers' leading punter last year. He will see action as a running back.



LESLIE HUDSON — Soph., 6' 5", 275 pounds, D. T., Houston,No. 77

If can be made mean, he will destroy the enemy, piece by piece.

ROBERT HARDEN — Soph., 6' 5", 265 pounds, O. T., TexarkanaNo. 79

Is a comer. Has the talent and physical features to be a great player. Has good speed for his size.

LOUIS NEAL — Frshman, 6' 6", 220 pounds, T. E., San Francisco ..No. 80

Was an outstanding wide receiver in high school in San Francisco. Came to Prairie View on his own in January. Looked impressive in spring training and was placed on a scholarship.

FOOTBALL TEAM PROFILES



JAMES WILSON — Sophomore, 6' 0", 180 pounds, S. E., Beaumont ..No. 81

Was a fine receiver at Charlton Pollard in Beaumont. He was ineligible last year, and was the band drum major. He has good moves, speed and hands. Had a good spring.

ALFRED JOHNSON — Freshman, 6' 5", 265 pounds, C., DetroitNo. 71

Has good potentials. He was a tackle in high school. Will be moved to Center.

GENTRY POWELL, JR. — Freshman, 6' 2", 218 pounds, Full Back, Bartlett No. 31

One of the most sought after athletes in high school. Was named to the All-City, All-District, All-Central Texas and High School All-American Team. His father, Gentry Powell, Sr., was an All-American fullback at Prairie View during the early thirty's. In four years, three on offense, he carried the ball 496 times for 3,229 yards, caught 46 passes for 782 yards and scored 206 points on 29 touchdowns and 16 two-point conversions. He played 42 games on defense, he was in on 573 tackles, the first man to make contact 222 times and nailing the quarterback behind the line of scrimmage 40 times. He deflected 51 passes, intercepted 10 and recovered 25 fumbles.

TALMADGE SHARPE — Freshman, 6' 2", 220 pounds, Houston No. 34

One of the best linebackers in the state. He was All-City, All-District and All-State at Furr High. Loves to hit people. Will be a great one.

HENRY DOACKES — Freshman, 5' 10", 180 pounds, H. B., TomballNo. 21

One of the most prolific runners in high school since Warren McVea was at Breckenridge. Has speed and deceiving moves, was named as the Houston Chronicle "Back of The Week" three weeks in a row.

GEORGE BONNER — Freshman, 6' 2", 215 pounds, Jasper No. 64

He was a standout tackle and sensational punter in high school. Has punts of 50, 65, and 70 yards. Led his team to two state play-off games.

NATHAN OWENS — Freshman, 6' 5", 230 pounds, T. E., Dallas..... No. 82

One of the best football players in Dallas last season. Can play linebacker. Maybe a starter his first year. Played under former Panther All-American Calvin Scott at Pinkston.

TRAVIS HILL — Jr., 6' 2", 190, D. B., Lufkin, Texas No. 20

Hill, a member of the Panthers' Track Team, will be one of the Panthers starting defensive backs. He is a former split end and defensive back at Dunbar High in Lufkin, Texas. Can do the 100 in 9.5.

ALFRED HALL — So., 6' 4", 200, Q. B., Marshall, Texas No. 18

Hall, a rifle arm signal caller, played for Wiley last season. Has uncanny ability to fake the ball. Can throw the ball 100 yards on the run. Should have no trouble fitting into the Panthers' offense. He is also an All-Conference pitcher.



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M COLLEGE

ATHLETIC AND COLLEGE INFORMATION

COLLEGE INFORMATION

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| PRESIDENT | Dr. A. I. Thomas |
| ADDRESS | Prairie View, Texas |
| ENROLLMENT | 4,200 |
| STADIUM | Blackshear |
| SEATING | 6,000 |
| COLORS | Purple and Gold |
| CONFERENCE | Southwestern Athletic |
| BAND DIRECTOR | Joseph Daniels |
| NICKNAME | Panthers |

ATHLETIC STAFF

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| W. J. NICKS | Administration Assistant on Staff |
| C. L. WILSON | Chairman, Dean of Instruction |
| LUTHER V. FRANCIS | Athletic Business Manager |
| C. A. WOOD | Director of Information and Publications |
| J. L. BOYER | Dining Hall Manager |
| T. R. SOLOMON | Director of Student Life |
| G. L. SMITH | Dean of Agriculture |
| MARION HENRY | Head of Audio-Visual Ed. |
| LINDSEY WEATHERSPOON | Horticulture Dept. |
| JOE BOOKER | Sports Information Director |
| DR. E. R. OWENS | Athletic Physician |
| MARILYN HEBERT | Sports Information Typist |

COACHING STAFF

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| ALEXANDER DURLEY | Head Football Coach |
| JOE HENRY | Assistant Football Coach |
| JOHN TANKERSLEY | Assistant Football Coach |
| WINDELL DAVIS | Assistant Football Coach |
| E. V. RETTIG | Assistant Football Coach |
| HOOVER WRIGHT | Head Track Coach |
| MARTIN EPPS | Assistant Football Coach |
| SAMUEL LINDSEY | Assistant Football Coach |
| HOOVER WRIGHT | Track Coach |
| MARTIN EPPS | Golf Coach |
| SAMUEL LINDSEY | Tennis Coach |

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

COLLEGE NUMBER UL 7-3311

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| ALEXANDER DURLEY, Director of Athletics | 338 |
| WILLIAM COFIELD, Head Baseball | 274 |
| JOHN TANKERSLEY, Head Baseball | 274 |
| W. J. NICKS, Adm. Assistant of Athletics | 275 |
| HOOVER WRIGHT, Head Track Coach | 386 |
| MARTIN EPPS, Head Golf Coach | 387 |
| SAMUEL LINDSEY, Head Tennis Coach | 387 |
| JOE BOOKER, Sports Information Director | 276 |

P. V. OPPONENTS

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| SCHOOL | Jackson State College |
| LOCATION | Jackson, Mississippi |
| PRESIDENT | Dr. John A. Peoples, Jr. |
| ENROLLMENT | 3,668 |
| HOME FIELD | Alumni Field |
| SEATING CAPACITY | 5,000 |
| CONFERENCE | Southwestern Athletic |
| NICKNAME | Tigers |
| COLORS | Blue and White |
| ATHLETIC DIRECTOR | T. B. Ellis |
| HEAD COACH | Ulysses S. McPherson |
| SID | Alvin L. Benson |
| PHONE | 948-8533 Ext. 332 Area Code 601 |
| OFFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING | Joe Stephen, Robert Gorden, Charles Williams, Robert Kelley, Richard Caster, Richard Lampkin, Alford Clanton and Jerome Barkum |
| DEFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING | Walter Ramsey, Willie Krisk, George Gibson, and Anthony Gibbs |
| SEASONAL RECORD 1968..... | 3 — 6 |
| CONFERENCE RECORD IN 1968 | 1 — 6 |
| RATING | 6th |
| TOP BACKS | Robert Kelley |
| TOP LINEMAN | Joe Stephen |
| TOP NEWCOMERS | Earnest Richardson (brother of Willie Richardson), Joe Cooper |
| 1969 CAPTAINS | Not known yet |

P. V. OPPONENTS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| SCHOOL | Grambling College |
| LOCATION | Grambling, La. 71245 |
| PRESIDENT | Dr. R. W. E. Jones |
| ENROLLMENT | 4,000 |
| HOME FIELD | Tiger Memorial Stadium |
| SEATING CAPACITY | 18,000 |
| CONFERENCE | SWAC |
| NICKNAME | Tigers |
| COLORS | Black and Gold |
| OFFENSE | Winged-T |
| ATHLETIC DIRECTOR | Eddie G. Robinson |
| HEAD COACH | Eddie G. Robinson |
| ASSISTANTS | Doug Porter, Julian Spence, Fred Hobdy, Melvin Lee and George Glenn |
| SID | Collie J. Nicholson |
| PHONE | (318) 247-3761 Ext. 266 |
| OFFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING | 13 |
| DEFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING | 13 |
| LETTERMEN LOST | 9 |
| SEASONAL RECORD IN 1968 | 9 — 2 |
| CONFERENCE RECORD IN 1968 | 6 — 1 |
| RATING | 1 |
| TOP BACKS | Frank Lewis, William O'Neal, Willie Armstrong, Frank Holmes, Calvin Lewis and Coleman Zeno |
| TOP LINEMEN | Terry Williams, Billy Newsome, Samuel Wallace, Robert Jones, Clifford Gasper, Allen Montgomery, Solomon Free- lon and Walter Breaux |
| 1969 CAPTAINS | Traditionally, captains are named at All-Sports banquet in early May. |

P. V. OPPONENTS

| | |
|--|--|
| SCHOOL | Bishop College |
| LOCATION | Dallas, Texas |
| PRESIDENT | Dr. M. K. Curry, Jr. |
| ENROLLMENT | 1,800 |
| HOME FIELD | Tiger Stadium |
| SEATING CAPACITY | 5,000 |
| CONFERENCE | Independent |
| NICKNAME | Tigers |
| COLORS | Blue and White |
| OFFENSE | Pro |
| DEFENSE | 4 — 3 — 4 |
| ATHLETIC DIRECTOR | Dwight Fisher |
| HEAD COACH | Dwight Fisher |
| ASSISTANTS | John H. Clark, Charles L. Garcia, C. C. Alexander Robert Hall |
| SID | Joe Ellison |
| PHONE | FR 6-4311 Ext. 46 Area Code 214 |
| OFFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING | Five |
| DEFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING | Five |
| LETTERMEN LOST | Three |
| SEASONAL RECORD IN 1968 | 8 — 2 |
| CONFERENCE RECORD IN 1968 | 8 — 2 |
| TOP BACKS | Herbert O'Neil, Jimmy Haywood, Alvin Barnes |
| TOP LINEMEN: James Jones, Granville Farley, — Def. George Dixon, Johnny Reed — William Sibley | |
| 1969 CAPTAINS | Arthur McCoy, James Jones and George Dixon |

PANTHERS HOME ON THE ROAD

The Panthers will be housed on the College campus at Grambling, Arkansas, Mississippi Valley and Alcorn. They will live in the Holiday Inn in Dallas.

PANTHER UNIFORMS

The Panthers wear white uniforms at home and dark uniforms on the road.

MASCOT

The Panthers' mascot is Panthers.

FIRST P. V. HOME WIN

The Panthers played their first football game in 1907 in a 7-0 win over Wiley College. The first coach was Mr. W. P. Terrell.

WHO NAMED PANTHERS

J. W. Sanford, former president of Langston University was Prairie View's first quarterback.

Prairie View got its name "Panther" from former Prairie View Coach Henry B. Hucles in 1923. He is a retired Athletic Director at Virginia Union in Richmond, Virginia.

1969 OUTSTANDING PLAYERS



CHARLES WILLIAMS — No. 88

Charles Williams, one of the most exciting wide receivers to hit Pantherland since the heydays of All-American Otis Taylor. Williams, like Taylor, is a gifted athlete in every respect. He is blessed with God-given talent that has pro scouts talking about him from the N. F. L. to Canada.

He has lettered in basketball, football and track, since doing wonders for the Panthers. He is endowed with blazing speed, glue-fingered hands and uncanny moves, that will make him a choice of every pro team in the circuit when the draft rolls around.



BIVIAN LEE — No. 11

Bivian Lee, a smooth and slick ballhawking defensive back, is one of the best in years and years to play the secondary for the Panthers. He had 6 interceptions last season to lead the Panthers in that department. He ran on the Panthers mile relay team as a freshman.



JOHNNY JERNIGAN — No. 66

Johnny is one of the finest offensive linemen in the Southwest — very quick and has exceptional speed — his 6' 3", 257, frame enables him to hope almost invincible paths for the Panther backs.

ALLEN MERCHANT — No. 10

One of the most sought after quarterbacks in Texas two years ago. His team lost only two games in his last two years in high school at Kashmere (Houston). He broke the high school city of Houston passing record in 1967 and was named to the — All-City, All-District, All-Zone and All-American team. Football observers who have seen him perform, are betting their green that 1969 is his year.



JAMES BAGBY — No. 54

James Bagby, a 6' 4", 235 pound hardnose roaming linebacker, is the best the Southwestern Athletic Conference will see in "69". He loves to hit people and is always where the action is. Coaches have lauded him in the class with Ken Houston (former Panther great). He led the team in recovered fumbles last season with 6. Has great lateral movements.

1968 STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| TOTAL PLAYS | 599 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 217 |

RUSHING

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| YARDS GAINED | 1601 |
| NET YARDS | 1242 |
| YARDS LOST | 0359 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 122.2 |
| TOUCHDOWNS | 15 |
| PASSES INTERCEPTED | 13 |
| PUNT RETURNS | 25 |
| YARDS RETURNED | 658 |
| KICK-OFF RETURNED | 33 |
| YARDS RETURNED | 840 |
| NO PUNTS | 62 |
| YARDS | 2005 |
| AVERAGE | 32.2 |
| HAD BLOCKED | 0 |

PASSING

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| ATT. | 120 |
| COMP. | 51 |
| INTERCEPTED | 12 |
| YARDS | 780 |
| TOUCHDOWNS | 10 |

INDIVIDUAL PASSING LEADERS

| | Att. | Comp. | Inter. | Yards | T. D. |
|-----------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Robert Hamilton | 52 | 16 | 7 | 329 | 2 |
| Luther Hudson | 56 | 20 | 4 | 229 | 3 |
| Allen Merchant | 11 | 6 | 2 | 110 | 0 |

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING LEADERS

| | Caught | Yards | T. D. |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| James Mitchell | 25 | 370 | 3 |
| Charles Williams | 20 | 285 | 2 |

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING LEADERS

| | Carries | Yards | Lost | Net | Avg. | T.D. |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|------|-----|------|------|
| Wesley Davidson | 132 | 506 | 27 | 489 | 49.0 | 5 |
| Jerry Jefferson | 65 | 320 | 30 | 290 | | 3 |

PUNTING LEADERS

| | No. | Yards | Av. |
|--------------------|-----|-------|------|
| Leon White | 34 | 1194 | 31.6 |
| Robert Jones | 24 | 732 | 30.5 |

PANTHER ALL AMERICANS SINCE 1949

| | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Ray Don Dillon..... | Fullback..... | 1949-50 | Galveston |
| Charles Wright..... | End..... | 1951-52-53-54 .. | Port Arthur |
| Charles Brackin..... | Quarterback..... | 1951-52-53-54 | Dallas |
| Elijah Childress..... | Tackle..... | 1953-54 | Abilene |
| John Payton..... | Halfback..... | 1955 | Livingston |
| Heron Tibbs..... | End..... | 1955-56 | Baytown |
| Gentris Hornsby..... | Guard..... | 1957-58-59 | San Antonio |
| Rufus Granderson..... | Tackle..... | 1958-59 | Temple |
| Calvin Scott..... | Fullback..... | 1958 | Houston |
| Jimmy Hunt..... | Tackle..... | 1959 | Atlanta |
| Charles Malone..... | Center..... | 1960 | Terrell |
| Archie Seals..... | Halfback..... | 1961 | Bellville |
| Carl Robinson..... | Tackle..... | 1961 | Houston |
| Otis Taylor..... | End..... | 1963-64 | Houston |
| Seth Cartwright..... | Tackle..... | 1964 | Indiana |
| Jimmy Kearney..... | Quarterback..... | 1963 | Wharton |
| George Dearborne..... | Guard..... | 1964 | Houston |
| Kenneth Houston..... | Linebacker..... | 1964 | Lufkin |
| Ezell Seals..... | Fullback..... | 1964 | Bellville |
| Alonzo Wallace..... | Center..... | 1967 | Houston |
| Clarence Williams..... | Tackle..... | 1968 | Brazoria |
| Finnis Taylor..... | Defensive Back..... | 1968 | Lufkin |

FORMER PANTHERS IN PRO FOOTBALL

| Year | Name | Team |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1959 | Clemon Daniels | San Francisco 49ers |
| 1960 | Jimmy Hunt | Boston Patriots |
| 1965 | Otis Taylor | Kansas City Chiefs |
| 1965 | Jimmy Kearney | Kansas City Chiefs |
| 1966 | Kenneth Houston | Houston Oilers |
| 1966 | Alvin Reed | Houston Oilers |

DRAFTED IN 1969

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| James Mitchell | Atlanta Falcons |
| Uriel Johnson | Kansas City Chief |
| Finnis Taylor | Oakland Raiders |
| Clarence Williams | Cowboys |
| Glen Wood | Houston Oilers |

SIGNED AS FREE AGENTS

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Lee Von Spencer | Kansas City Chiefs |
| Nolan Bailey | Dallas Cowboys |
| Frank Perry | Cincinnati |

PRAIRIE VIEW ALL-AMERICAN CANDIDATE

CHARLES WILLIAMS — Sr., 6' 4", 215, Split End

Charles is called one of the best ends and most gifted wide receivers that the Southwestern Athletic Conference has ever produced. SWAC coaches have rated him over Otis Taylor (Chiefs), and Clifton McNeil (49ers), when they were playing in the SWAC.

He has a 9.7 speed and as a sophomore at Prairie View he high jumped 6' 10" at the Grambling Relays while participating on the track team. He has deceptive moves which reminds coaches of Bobby Mitchell (Redskins).

"He has the best pair of hands of any receiver I have had a chance to see in my four years coaching in the SWAC," stated Texas Southern's Clifford Paul "We put two and three men on him and he still manages to get free and catch the ball," stated Alcorn's defensive coach Theopus Danzy. "He still has not developed to his full potentials and when he does no one in football will be able to stop him," stated Prairie View's coach, Hoover Wright. "I don't worry about trying to pinpoint Charles on my passes because he's going to catch the ball anywhere its thrown," stated quarterback Allen Merchant.

He was mentioned on several (3) All-American teams last season and is a three-time All-SWAC selection.



CHARLES WILLIAMS AND COACH WRIGHT

PAST PRAIRIE FOOTBALL COACHES

| Name | Year |
|------------------------|-----------|
| W. P. TERRELL | 1904-1912 |
| C. H. WALLER | 1912-1916 |
| ELMER CARTER | 1916-1918 |
| AARON DAY | 1918-1919 |
| H. B. HUCLES | 1919-1926 |
| HARRY LONG | 1926-1927 |
| ARTHUR WILLIS | 1927-1928 |
| JAMES LOW | 1928-1928 |
| SAM TAYLOR | 1930-1942 |
| LEROY WALKER | 1942-1945 |
| W. J. NICKS | 1945-1946 |
| FRED T. LONG | 1946-1947 |
| JIMMY STEVENS | 1947-1951 |
| W. J. NICKS | 1951-1966 |
| HOOVER J. WRIGHT | 1966-1969 |
| ALEXANDER DURLEY | 1969- |

PRAIRIE VIEW COLLEGE

Prairie View is an institution — a public institution. But an institution is an empty thing without the beating hearts and yearning souls of mortal men. And down the seventy-five years of Prairie View's existence, men have lived and dreamed here until every blade of grass and every rock, in the wise primordial way in which the primitive earth knows and cares, has joined the choir invisible to bless their memory. For every man whose foot has touched this hallowed soil has found a spirit, and has broadened and deepened it until what started out as an ambitionless meandering stream has become a purposeful river upon whose tide, now turbulent, now tranquil, floats the destiny of countless human hopes and dreams.

Prairie View A. & M. College is a part of the Texas A. & M. University System. It is a four-year co-educational institution established in 1876 by the Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Texas.

The college is located at Prairie View, Texas, a small community located 45 miles northwest of Houston, Texas, just off U. S. Highway 290. It is only five miles east of Hempstead, Texas, the county seat of Waller County.

Prairie View offers training leading to a bachelor's degree in the fields of Agriculture, Engineering Arts and Sciences, Home Economics, Industrial Education and Nursing Education. A master's degree may be earned in the fields of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Industrial Education and Home Economics.

From an original \$20,000 investment, one building and six students Prairie View A. & M. College has developed continually into a physical plant valued at \$16,000,000, 141 buildings, 194 faculty members and an enrollment approximating 3500 students.

PAST RECORDS

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE TEAMS

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| WILEY COLLEGE | | 1959—Prairie View | 21-12 |
| 1952—Prairie View | 52-0 | 1960—Prairie View | 36-15 |
| 1953—Prairie View | 32-0 | 1961—Prairie View | 42-13 |
| 1954—Prairie View | 19-0 | 1962—Prairie View | 26-17 |
| 1955—Prairie View | 34-7 | 1963—Prairie View | 27-10 |
| 1956—Wiley College | 27-0 | 1964—Prairie View | 39-13 |
| 1957—Wiley College | 14-6 | 1965—Prairie View | 16-7 |
| 1958—Prairie View | 13-0 | Won 12 | Tied 0 Lost 2 |
| ARKANSAS STATE COLLEGE | | 1959—Prairie View | 29-0 |
| 1952—Prairie View | 39-13 | 1960—Prairie View | 17-8 |
| 1953—Prairie View | 34-6 | 1961—Prairie View | 25-16 |
| 1954—Prairie View | 26-0 | 1962—Prairie View | 25-0 |
| 1955—Prairie View | 34-13 | 1963—Prairie View | 36-21 |
| 1956—Prairie View | 36-12 | 1964—Prairie View | 31-13 |
| 1957—Prairie View | 20-13 | 1965—Prairie View | 24-14 |
| 1958—Prairie View | 37-13 | Won 14 | Tied 0 Lost 0 |
| SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY | | 1959—Southern U. | 20-7 |
| 1952—Prairie View | 31-6 | 1960—Prairie View | 23-15 |
| 1953—Prairie View | 20-0 | 1961—Southern U. | 24-7 |
| 1954—Prairie View | 20-13 | 1962—Prairie View | 34-14 |
| 1955—Prairie View | 21-19 | 1963—Prairie View | 36-0 |
| 1956—Prairie View | 24-6 | 1964—Prairie View | 60-14 |
| 1957—Southern U. | 18-13 | 1965—Southern U. | 28-13 |
| 1958—Prairie View | 10-14 | Won 10 | Tied 0 Lost 4 |
| JACKSON COLLEGE | | 1959—Prairie View | 23-11 |
| 1953—Prairie View | 61-0 | 1960—Prairie View | 24-12 |
| 1954—Prairie View | 26-6 | 1961—Jackson College | 20-13 |
| 1955—Prairie View | 33-21 | 1962—Jackson College | 41-7 |
| 1956—Jackson College | 20-12 | 1963—Prairie View | 28-12 |
| 1957—Prairie View | 22-7 | 1964—Prairie View | 36-13 |
| 1958—Tied | 14-14 | 1965—Tied | 7-7 |
| GRAMBLING COLLEGE | | Won 8 | Tied 2 Lost 3 |
| 1952—Prairie View | 25-31 | 1959—Prairie View | 35-6 |
| 1953—Prairie View | 32-0 | 1960—Grambling C. | 26-0 |
| 1954—Prairie View | 26-19 | 1961—Grambling C. | 34-14 |
| 1955—Grambling C. | 27-7 | 1962—Grambling C. | 23-15 |
| 1956—Grambling C. | 45-0 | 1963—Prairie View | 28-7 |
| 1957—Prairie View | 25-12 | 1964—Prairie View | 22-14 |
| 1958—Prairie View | 44-6 | 1965 Grambling C. | 44-7 |
| TEXAS SOUTHERN | | Won 8 | Tied 0 Lost 6 |
| 1952—Texas Southern | 13-12 | 1959—Prairie View | 34-15 |
| 1953—Prairie View | 33-8 | 1960—Prairie View | 35-28 |
| 1954—Prairie View | 13-12 | 1961—Texas Southern | 29-14 |
| 1955—Texas Southern | 27-18 | 1962—Texas Southern | 23-14 |
| 1956—Prairie View | 27-6 | 1963—Prairie View | 44-0 |
| 1957—Prairie View | 7-6 | 1964—Prairie View | 16-13 |
| 1958—Prairie View | 26-19 | 1965—Texas Southern | 16-0 |
| ALCORN A&M | | Won 9 | Tied 0 Lost 5 |
| 1961—Prairie View | 37-7 | 1963—Prairie View | 44-20 |
| 1962—Prairie View | 59-7 | 1964—Prairie View | 44-0 |
| | | 1965—Prairie View | 17-14 |
| | | Won 5 | Tied 0 Lost 0 |

NON-CONFERENCE TEAMS

| PRAIRIE VIEW | | OPPONENT | PRAIRIE VIEW | OPPONENT | |
|--------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------|----|
| 1952—7 | Fla. A&M College | 10 | 1957—7 | Florida A&M College | 26 |
| 1952—25 | Grambling College | 13 | 1958—53 | Camp Hood | 0 |
| 1952—12 | Texas Southern | 15 | 1958—14 | Jackson College | 14 |
| 1953—21 | Camp Hood | 6 | 1958—39 | Mississippi Vocational | 19 |
| 1953—61 | Jackson College | 0 | 1958—28 | Florida A&M College | 8 |
| 1953—27 | Morris Brown College | 15 | 1958—34 | Langston University | 8 |
| 1953—32 | Grambling College | 0 | 1958—44 | Grambling College | 6 |
| 1953—35 | Florida A&M College | 27 | 1959—67 | Allen University | 12 |
| 1953—33 | Texas Southern | 8 | 1959—36 | Mississippi Vocational | 0 |
| 1954—26 | Camp Hood | 20 | 1960—21 | Tennessee State | 0 |
| 1954—26 | Grambling College | 19 | 1960—9 | Allen University | 6 |
| 1954—26 | Jackson College | 6 | 1960—45 | Bishop College | 14 |
| 1954—13 | Texas Southern | 12 | 1961—21 | Tennessee State | 21 |
| 1954—7 | Florida A&M College | 19 | 1961—20 | Bishop College | 2 |
| 1955—26 | Morris Brown College | 0 | 1961—37 | Alcorn A&M | 7 |
| 1955—33 | Jackson College | 21 | 1962—23 | Bishop | 0 |
| 1955—7 | Grambling College | 27 | 1962—37 | Central State | 16 |
| 1955—59 | Fisk University | 0 | 1963—22 | Lackland A. F. B. | 14 |
| 1956—12 | Jackson College | 20 | 1963—20 | Kearney State, Neb. | 7 |
| 1956—0 | Tennessee State | 45 | 1963—27 | St. John (Minn.) | 33 |
| 1956—0 | Grambling College | 45 | 1964—16 | Lackland A. F. B. | 27 |
| 1957—22 | Jackson College | 7 | 1964—28 | Bishop | 14 |
| 1957—25 | Grambling College | 14 | 1965—19 | Bishop | 0 |
| 1967—7 | Tennessee State | 32 | 1965—18 | Edward Waters | 10 |

PRAIRIE VIEW-TEXAS SOUTHERN SERIES SINCE 1952

| PRAIRIE VIEW | TEXAS SOUTHERN | YEAR | PRAIRIE VIEW | TEXAS SOUTHERN | YEAR |
|-----------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|-------------------|------|
| 12 | 13 | 1952 | 14 | 29 | 1961 |
| 33 | 8 | 1953 | 14 | 23 | 1932 |
| 13 | 12 | 1954 | 44 | 0 | 1963 |
| 18 | 27 | 1955 | 16 | 13 | 1964 |
| 27 | 6 | 1956 | 0 | 16 | 1965 |
| 7 | 6 | 1957 | 32 | 18 | 1966 |
| 26 | 19 | 1958 | 3 | 13 | 1967 |
| 34 | 15 | 1959 | 14 | 22 | 1968 |
| 35 | 28 | 1960 | Won 10 — Lost 7 | | |

THE PRAIRIE VIEW BOWL

The Prairie View Bowl is the second oldest New Years Day Classic in the U. S. A. The game had its inception way back in 1929 when Jimmie Law, the old Lincoln (Pa.) star, was the coach at the Hempstead School. In those days the Panther lineup read something like this: Staton and Ellison, ends; A. J. Banks and John Singleton, tackles; Marion (Bull) Bates and L. C. Mosley, guards; Sam Prince, center; "Doll" Lewis, quarterback; Otis Mason and Otis White, half-backs, and Jeru Marks, fullback. In the first encounter the strong Atlanta University eleven nipped the Panthers 6-0 in the closing moment of play when "Red" Jones intercepted a PV forward and galloped 65 yards for the game's only touchdown.

The game has been played annually ever since, and during the twenty year period some of the nation's leading elevens have appeared here. Probably the Bowl's most thrilling encounter was the 1930 battle that featured Alabama State, the champions that year of the SIAC, and the 1931 champion Panthers of the Southwest Conference. Another great game was the 1934 melee that saw the Panthers throw the Southwest Conference into a three-way tie by walloping Langston 21-0 when Wilbert Mason, Sheldon's younger brother, scored three touchdowns against the Lions led by the All-American Winesberry.

ALL TIME RECORD OF PRAIRIE VIEW BOWL GAMES

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|----------------|----|
| 1929—Prairie View | 0 | Atlanta U. | 6 |
| 1930—Prairie View | 0 | Fisk | 6 |
| 1931—Prairie View | 7 | Tuskegee | 13 |
| 1932—Prairie View | 20 | Alabama State | 2 |
| 1933—Prairie View | 13 | Tuskegee | 6 |
| 1934—Prairie View | 21 | Langston | 0 |
| 1935—Prairie View | 7 | Tuskegee | 12 |
| 1936—Prairie View | 0 | Wiley | 0 |
| 1937—Prairie View | 19 | Tuskegee | 6 |
| 1938—Prairie View | 27 | Florida | 13 |
| 1939—Prairie View | 34 | Tuskegee | 0 |
| 1940—Prairie View | 7 | Xavier | 6 |
| 1941—Prairie View | 7 | Alabama State | 6 |
| 1942—Prairie View | 20 | Langston | 19 |
| 1943—Prairie View | 13 | Kentucky State | 19 |
| 1944—Prairie View | 7 | Wiley | 6 |
| 1945—Prairie View | 0 | Wiley | 26 |
| 1946—Prairie View | 12 | Tuskegee | 0 |
| 1947—Prairie View | 14 | Lincoln | 0 |
| 1948—Prairie View | 0 | Texas State | 12 |
| 1949—Prairie View | 0 | Wilberforce | 6 |
| 1950—Prairie View | 27 | Fisk | 6 |

PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

OFFENSE

| No. | Pos. | Name | Class | Ht. | Wt. |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| 88 | Split End..... | Charles Williams | Sr. | 6'4" | 215 |
| 76 | Left Tackle..... | Edward Fisher | Jr. | 6'4" | 240 |
| 66 | Left Guard..... | Johnny Jernigan | Sr. | 6'3" | 240 |
| 52 | Center..... | Jerry Wallace | So. | 6'2" | 220 |
| 61 | Right Guard..... | Larry Demerson | So. | 6'3" | 240 |
| 79 | Right Tackle..... | Richard Horden | So. | 6'5" | 270 |
| 86 | Tight End..... | Sammy Lee | So. | 6'4" | 240 |
| 10 | Quarterback..... | Allen Merchant | So. | 6'3" | 215 |
| 25 | Running Back..... | Jerry Jefferson | So. | 5'10" | 190 |
| 33 | Full Back..... | Willie Holoway | So. | 6'0" | 219 |
| 24 | Flanker Back..... | Willie Limbrick | Jr. | 5'10" | 180 |

DEFENSE

| | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----|-------|-----|
| 74 | Left End..... | Dewey Rogers | So. | 6'3" | 240 |
| 78 | Left Tackle..... | Luther Gentry | So. | 6'6" | 275 |
| 77 | Right Tackle..... | Leslie Hudson | So. | 6'5" | 270 |
| 68 | Left End..... | Charles Lyday | Sr. | 6'2" | 235 |
| 54 | Left LB..... | James Bagby | Sr. | 6'4" | 240 |
| 85 | MLB..... | Ted Mercer | So. | 6'3" | 215 |
| 87 | Right LB..... | Claude Harvey | Sr. | 6'3" | 225 |
| 11 | LCB..... | Bivian Lee | Sr. | 6'3" | 200 |
| 15 | Right Safety..... | Luther Hudson | So. | 6'2" | 195 |
| 42 | Free Safety..... | James Bodley | Sr. | 5'11" | 185 |
| 44 | RCB..... | James White | Sr. | 6'0" | 200 |
| Lettermen Lost (Through Graduation) | | | | | 12 |
| Lettermen Returning | | | | | 24 |

THE IDEA BEHIND THE P. V. VARSITY SPORTS PROGRAM

A team can perform miserably and win, and a team can look magnificent in defeat. The won and lost record is no ultimate criterion for a reasonable and thinking man. Excellence of performance, spirit, and the will to win are really central to the Prairie View Sports program. We feel that to lose these values or depreciate them, no game will be worth playing.

1969 PRAIRIE VIEW FOOTBALL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Hometown |
|-----|-------------------|-----------|-------|-----|-------|---------------|
| 10 | Allen Merchant | Q.B. | 6'3" | 200 | Soph. | Houston |
| 11 | Bivian Lee | D.B. | 6'3" | 200 | Jr. | Austin |
| 12 | Charles Womack | Q.B. | 6'0" | 185 | Fr. | Houston |
| 13 | Paul Kearney | Q.B. | 6'1" | 190 | Fr. | Wharton |
| 14 | Alfred Hall | Q.B. | 6'4" | 200 | Soph. | Marshall |
| 15 | Luther Hudson | Q.B. | 6'2" | 195 | Soph. | Dallas |
| 16 | Curtis Dockery | Q.B. | 6'0" | 190 | Fr. | Houston |
| 17 | Maurice McGowan | Q.B. | 5'11" | 185 | Soph. | Houston |
| 20 | Travis Hill | D.B. | 6'2" | 190 | Jr. | Lufkin |
| 21 | Henry Doackes | R.B. | 5'10" | 180 | Fr. | Tomball |
| 23 | Kenneth Johnson | R.B. | 5'10" | 170 | Fr. | Houston |
| 24 | Willie Limbrick | R.B. | 5'10" | 180 | Jr. | Houston |
| 25 | Jerry Jefferson | R.B. | 5'10" | 190 | Soph. | Houston |
| 30 | John Benton | R.B. | 6'2" | 220 | Sr. | Nacogdoches |
| 31 | Gentry Powell | R.B. | 6'1" | 218 | Fr. | Bartlett |
| 32 | Jessie Webb | R.B. | 6'1" | 215 | Fr. | Mauriceville |
| 33 | Willie Holloway | R.B. | 6'0" | 219 | Soph. | Marlin |
| 34 | Talmadge Sharp | L.B. | 6'2" | 215 | Fr. | Houston |
| 40 | Sylvester Cyrus | F1-WB | 5'9" | 170 | Fr. | Houston |
| 41 | Norman Williams | RB-LB | 6'2" | 215 | Fr. | Montgomery |
| 42 | James Bodley | DB | 5'11" | 185 | Sr. | Houston |
| 43 | Charles Edwards | RB-LB | 5'10" | 200 | Fr. | Tomball |
| 44 | James White | D.B. | 6'0" | 200 | Sr. | Houston |
| 50 | Joe Floyd Adams | C | 6'1" | 200 | Fr. | Galena Park |
| 52 | Jerry Wallace | C | 6'2" | 200 | Soph. | Dallas |
| 53 | Isiah Dillingsham | C | 6'5" | 270 | Fr. | Houston |
| 54 | James Bagby | D.E.-L.B. | 6'4" | 240 | Sr. | Wichita Falls |
| 55 | Clarence Johnson | C | 6'3" | 228 | Soph. | Mauriceville |
| 60 | Freddie Bennett | L.B. | 6'1" | 200 | Fr. | Houston |
| 61 | Larry Demerson | O.G. | 6'3" | 240 | Soph. | Marlin |
| 62 | Norman Beard | OG-LB | 6'3" | 215 | Fr. | Galveston |
| 63 | Ronald Savannah | O.G. | 6'3" | 235 | Fr. | Marshall |
| 64 | George Bonner | L.B. | 6'2" | 215 | Fr. | Jasper |
| 65 | Sam Mitchell | O.G. | 6'1" | 230 | Soph. | Marlin |
| 66 | Johnny Jernigan | O.G. | 6'3" | 240 | Sr. | Odesa |
| 67 | Lewis Allen | O.G. | 6'0" | 230 | Fr. | Waco |
| 68 | Charles Lyday | O.G. | 6'2" | 235 | Jr. | Wichita Falls |
| 69 | Edgar Phillips | O.G. | 6'0" | 220 | Soph. | Galveston |
| 71 | Alfred Johnson | D.T. | 6'1" | 285 | Soph. | Detroit |
| 72 | Edgar Pinkney | O.T. | 6'2" | 232 | Fr. | Galena Park |
| 73 | Ollie Robinson | O.T. | 6'3" | 250 | Fr. | Houston |
| 74 | Dewey Rodgers | O.T. | 6'3" | 240 | Soph. | Nacogdoches |
| 76 | Edward Fisher | O.T. | 6'4" | 240 | Jr. | Galveston |
| 77 | Leslie Hudson | D.T. | 6'5" | 270 | Soph. | Houston |
| 78 | Luther Gentry | D.T. | 6'6" | 275 | Soph. | Dallas |
| 79 | Robert Harden | D.T. | 6'5" | 280 | Soph. | Texarkana |
| 80 | Louis Neal | T.E. | 6'6" | 220 | Fr. | California |
| 81 | James Wilson | S.E. | 6'1" | 180 | Fr. | Beaumont |
| 82 | Nathan Owens | T.E. | 6'4" | 230 | Fr. | Dallas |
| 83 | Lewis Henderson | S.E. | 6'1" | 185 | Fr. | Houston |
| 85 | Ted Mercer | CB-LB | 6'3" | 215 | Soph. | Texarkana |
| 86 | Samuel Lee | D.E. | 6'3" | 230 | Soph. | Bay City |
| 87 | Claude Harvey | TE-DE | 6'3" | 225 | Sr. | Willis |
| 88 | Charles Williams | S.E. | 6'4" | 215 | Sr. | Dallas |

COACHES

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| Alexander Durley | Head Offense |
| Joe Henry | Assistant, Backfield |
| E. V. Rettig | Assistant, Defense |
| John Tankersley | Assistant, Line |
| Sam Lindsey | Assistant, Defensive Backs |
| Windell Davis | Assistant, Defensive Backs |
| Joe Davis | Equipment Manager |
| Joe Booker | Sports Publicity Director |

BAND AND CHEERLEADERS



JOSEPH DANIELS, *PV Band Director*

THE PV MARCHING BAND



MAJORETTES



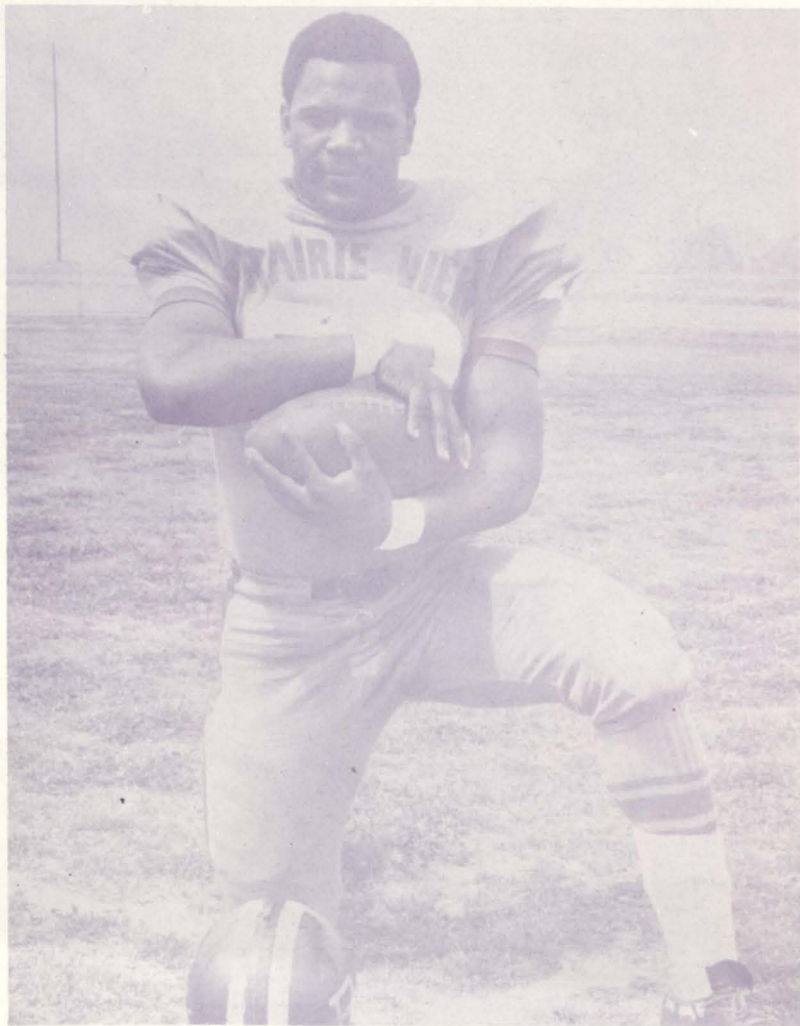
CHEERLEADERS



IN MEMORY OF WESTLEY DAVIDSON

1968 LEADING PANTHER RUSHER

Westley was considered as one of the finest running backs since former Prairie View greats: Calvin Scott, Clemon Daniels and Archie Seals. His dedication, competitive spirit and unselfish attitude, characterized the tools that all great athletes are made of.



1969 FOOTBALL CAPTAINS

BIVIAN LEE, *Captain*



JAMES BAGBY, *Co-Captain*

BLACKSHEAR STADIUM



ATHLETIC REMINISCENSES . . .

For those sport-minded former students who remember Prairie View's seventy-five years by names of athletic heroes we recall here some of the 'greats' of Prairie View's history in football, track, tennis, baseball, and basketball . . .

You don't talk football about the Panthers without eventually getting around to the names of S. Ewell, Dillon, Thompson, Pollard, Martin and Green, or earlier still, little Minor (HB), Allen and Woods (E's) and Barnes (T), in the early 20's when the school colors were yellow and gold . . . or "Snug" Pollard (QB), Capt. Pierson (HB), Bradley (FB), J. "Hog" Davis (G), A. Davis (E), "Ted" Hunter (T), Sells (T), Barrens (E), All-American "Bull" Bates (G), O'Neil (E), "Country" Burton (HB), Ewell (G), "Jap" Turner (HB), Saunders (QB), Frands (T), All-American "Brru" Marks (FB), "Stone" Mason (C), and Thompson (HB) of the middle 20's . . . Late 20's and early 30's include M. Saunders, S. Mason, L. Givens, Gentry Powell, the immortal ABNER DAVIS, All-American S. Millard, and "Bull" Nellum.

The middle and late 30's list of greats would include "Hap" Porter, M. Haws, "Blue" Stanley, All-American "Tig" Flowers, "Bill" Pollard, E. Harvey, W. Lee's (Wilmer and Wister), Cannon Brown, "Hogman" Lewis, "Hippo" All-American Hopkins, I. T. Nelson, All-American ends Slider and Marks and O'Neal Baldwin, and Arthur Lilly.

The 40's include All-Americans A. Young, "Gyp" Gypson, J. Burton, I. Heard, and Don "Tank" Dillon, and M. Richardson, H. Haywood, J. Bradley, Rhodes Garnett, W. Downey, S. Haynes, E. Deo . . . the Beasley brothers, M. Jackson, and M. Bell.

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TYPISTS



MYRTLE GAUTHIER
(Beaumont)

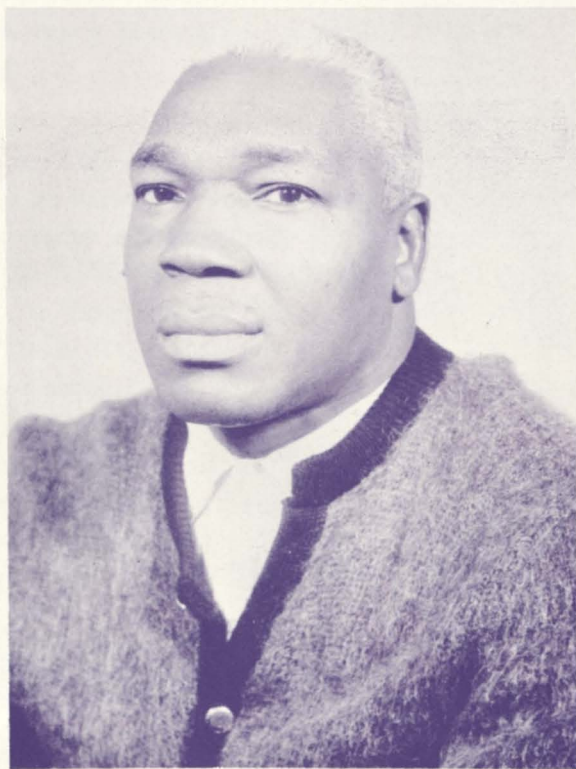


MARILYN A. HEBERT
(Houston)

REBA WELLS
(Houston)



IN MEMORY
OF
COACH HUGH McKINNIS



He was a tower of strength who carried his own burdens and sadness hidden in his own heart.

“It is not what the world gives me in honor, praise or gold;
It is what I do give the world, so others do unfold.
Then I have done what I cannot be made good by praise or gold.
One tiny thought in tiny words
May give a great one birth,
And if that thought was coured by me
I live a life worth.”

