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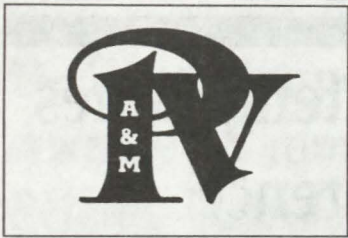
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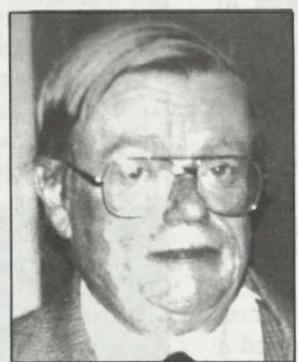
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1997 Prairie View AMU Faculty Promotions

Ten Prairie View A&M University faculty members have received promotions as a result of their commitment to excellence. These ten faculty members were awarded promotions for the 1997-1998 academic year.

Honored faculty were given a reception at the home of President Charles A. Hines in celebration of their outstanding achievement.



Dr. Paul Femea
Associate Professor
Nursing



Dr. Annie Wilson
Associate Professor
Nursing



Dr. Mary W. Edwards
Assistant Professor
Curriculum & Instruction



Dr. Jianren Zhou
Assistant Professor
Mechanical Engineering



Dr. George Erwin Brown
Associate Professor
Biology



Dr. Dollie J. Brathwaite
Associate Professor
Nursing



Dr. John A. Attia
Associate Professor
Electrical Engineering



Dr. Ikhlas Sabouni
Associate Professor
Architecture



Dr. Thembavani Gopalakrishnan
Assistant Professor
Computer Science



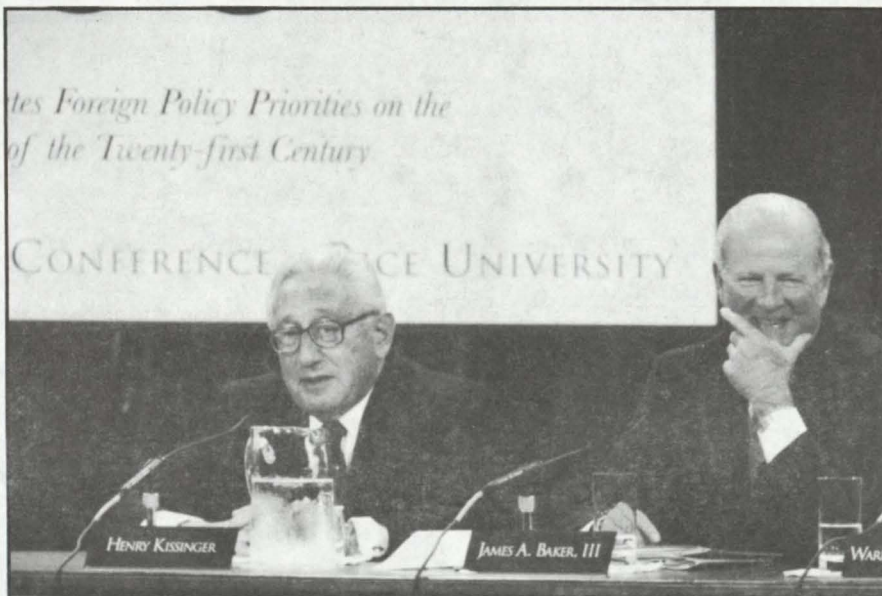
Dr. Veronica Abdur-Rahman
Assistant Professor
Nursing

PVAMU Employees and Students Attend James Baker Institute Foreign Policy Conference

Faculty, staff and students at PVAMU had a rare opportunity October 16, as they attended the 2nd Annual James A. Baker III Institute For Public Policy Conference at Rice University. The PVAMU group heard former secretaries of state, Dr. Henry Kissinger, Warren Christopher, James A. Baker III and current Secretary of State Madeline Albright (by videotape).

Dr. Jewel Prestage, dean of the Benjamin Bannerker Honors College and professor of political science, said, "This conference provided a candid view of American foreign policy over the past three decades."

Frank Jackson, assistant to the president for governmental affairs, also attended the conference and stated, "The conference was very informative and it was a great opp-



Former secretaries of state, Dr. Henry Kissinger and James Baker III at Baker Institute Conference on Foreign Policy. Also in attendance was former secretary, Warren Christopher and former president of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, not seen in this photograph.

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portunity to help us shape our perspectives in thinking globally."

Senior communications major, Antrina Cooper, was thrilled with the opportunity to attend the conference saying, "I thought it was very interesting to actually see people that we read and hear about in the news. It was a very educational experience and I highly recommend it to others."

Baker Institute director, Edward P. Djerejian, graciously acknowledged the presence of PVAMU students/personnel as he also recognized others from area universities in the estimated crowd of four thousand attendees.

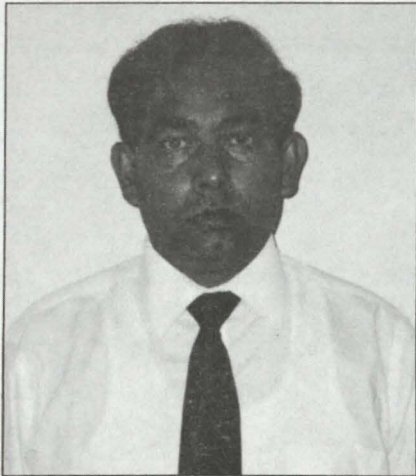
A high point in the repartee between secretaries of state was the discourse of Dr. Henry Kissinger. Nobel Peace prize winner and former Secretary of State Dr. Henry

Kissinger stated, "If China becomes aggressive...containment may be necessary, but it is essential to see whether we can establish a cooperative relationship with China." He also said, "To declare somebody an enemy who does not want to be an enemy and thereby make him an enemy, that is stupid!" In addition to an appearance by the three former secretaries of state, former president of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, was presented the Enron Prize for Distinguished Public Service. Last year's winner of the Enron Prize was former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell.

This is the first year that Prairie View A&M University has been invited to attend the foreign policy conference held by the Baker Institute at Rice University.

Dr. Ziaul Huque Awarded National Science Foundation Fellowship

Prairie View A&M University assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Ziaul Huque, has been awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship. The fellowship is entitled, "Pollution Control in Fuel Cell Applications Using Ceramic Candle Filter for Cleaner Power Generation". Dr. Huque is seeking to develop a method of removing particulates



Dr. Ziaul Huque

and toxic pollutants from coal gas; for use in fuel cells. The task will include developing and testing a working prototype of a ceramic filter. In all, 18 grants to fellows at institutions across the nation have been awarded to advance the emerging field of industrial ecology and to encourage businesses to integrate pollution prevention practices into their day-to-day operation. The NSF/Lucent Technologies Industrial Ecology Research Fellowships are worth up to \$50,000 per year for two years. The fellowships support individuals and groups of researchers who focus on teaching and research to design industrial processes that prevent

pollution and thereby create environmentally friendly products. The industrial ecology fellowships this year total \$1.2 million for 13 new awards and 5 renewals.

PV Professors Study Nutrition Attitudes of the Elderly

Dr. Sharon McWhinney and Dr. Hylton McWhinney recently presented the results of research on nutrition to the International Congress of Nutrition in Montreal, Canada. Dr. Sharon McWhinney presented a paper on, "The Effects of Nutrition Intervention on the Nutrition Attitudes of the Elderly". The results were from a USDA sponsored Regional Research Project undertaken at southern 1890 institutions. The study targeted the elderly sixty years and older residing in the rural U.S.

A collaborative effort between the Drs. McWhinney introduced a nutrition oriented paper entitled, "The Depletion of Essential Minerals from Vegetables by cooking Substrates: A Surface Science Approach". The study responds to the problem of the reduction of essential minerals in the diet as a result of cooking substrate/food interactions by applying cutting-edge surface and interfacial characterization techniques. Funding was provided by the PVAMU Mini-grant Program, of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. The faculty members plan to seek external funds to expand the research studies due to increased public interest.

PVAMU Sergeant First Class Named Top Noncom

Fort Monroe -- Sergeant First Class James C. Courtney has been named the top noncommissioned officer for the 4th ROTC Region,



SFC James C. Courtney

U.S. Army Cadet Command. He represented this region in country wide competition at the Cadet Command Commander's Conference held at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

SFC Courtney is assigned to the U.S. Army ROTC Battalion at Prairie View A&M University. He serves PVAMU as battalion training noncommissioned officer and is the primary instructor of MS1/freshman cadets. Courtney is an infantry soldier who wears the Expert Infantry Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

KPVU Radio-thon set

The flagship radio station of the Waller County area, KPVU FM 91.3, will begin its fall fund-raiser (Radio-thon) November 9-15. A number of exciting surprises are in store for listeners as KPVU promises that this year's theme, "Radio-thon is Going to be the Bomb!", will captivate participants. An open Radio-thon event with food, gifts and fun will be held November 13th in the PVAMU Memorial Center Ballroom (admission is \$1.00).

KPVU Radio-thon is also looking for a few good volunteers, according to Ms. Olivia Siner, development director. "For more information on how you can volunteer, don't hesitate to call KPVU at 409-857-4511," states Ms. Siner.

Mail gifts to: KPVU FM 91.3, Prairie View A&M University, P.O. Box 156, Prairie View, Texas 77446

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November '97

November 9-15

(6 days of programming)
KPVU FM 91.3, Radio-thon, Memorial Student Center Live Event Scheduled November 13

November 17

Music Department Flute Ensemble "A Noon Concert", directed by Dr. Wendy I. Bergin, adjunct instructor, in Hobart Taylor South Foyer.

November 18-21

8:00 p.m., Drama programs "Herbert III" and "Shoes", directed by Dr. Theodis Shine, Ann Campbell Theatre of Hobart Taylor Building.

November 21

U.S. Army ROTC Dining In, West Wing Alumni Hall

November 27 and 28

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