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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All



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Yearbook Staff Moves Its Cameras to State Capitol

Historically, Pantherland Yearbook editors have combed the nearby City of Houston for ideal scenes and backgrounds to add variety to the book. The new and different scenes accent the natural beauty of the co-eds, so they have always looked for the top settings.

This year the group decided on the State Capitol and the new majestic state buildings surrounding the historical capitol. The day (December 11) was perfect and the subjects were at their best.

Students making the trip included Polly El-

more, Helen Adams, Mildred Atkinson, Adrian Cooper, Edwina Johnson, Wanda Williams, Carol Ellis, Molly Reece, Tonya Hendricks, Sandra Carter, Mary Munoz, Regina Arceneaux, Barbara Johnson, Sondra Nicholas, Shirley Pratt, J. D. Anderson, Alton Edwards, Tom Godwin, Alfred Johnson, Bobbie Lee, Beatrice Houston, William Anderson,

Bruce Williams, Ira Murchison, Byron Fuller, Emiel Flowers, Darryl George, Reba Wells, Glenda Jackson, Beverly Scott, Brenda Darby, Vada Chatman, Anna Doucett, Jewel



GIRL WATCHERS FIELD DAY — Just a sample of the busload of beauties, queens and mod setters who invaded the State Capitol in Austin for feature photos to be seen in PANTHERLAND — 1970. More pictures on inside page.

PV Is Accredited By Southern Assoc.

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reported recently that Prairie View A&M and two other area colleges have satisfactorily completed the institutional self-study program.

The Southern Association, covering 11 states, is one of six regional accrediting groups in the United States approving colleges, high schools and elementary schools.

A few months earlier, Prairie View's teacher education program received the approval of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. The college was also visited by a committee representing the Texas Education Agency for purpose of evaluating the

teacher education program.

Approval by NCATE means that education courses taken by Prairie View students and graduates are accepted at full value by major colleges and universities in the nation. Prairie View gives similar approval to students entering and transferring to the college.

Other colleges completing self-studies in the Houston area include Dominican College and Sam Houston State University. Accreditation was awarded to College of the Mainland in Texas City, Galveston Community College and Brazoswood High School in Freeport.

The Association held its regional meeting in Dallas earlier this month.

FINAL MEETING—

Centennial Council To Meet On Campus Jan. 15

The final meeting of the Prairie View A&M College Centennial Council is scheduled to be held on campus on January 15, 1970.

The occasion will bring to the college several outstanding national and state officials, including members of the Board of Directors and Texas A&M University System officials.

A final report of the Council, now being printed, will be officially presented to the Board with specific recommendations for their approval and im-

plementation. The occasion is expected to be a major highlight in the history of the college.

News Briefs

The Music Department presented its annual Christmas Concert — "The Messiah" by Handel on December 15 in the Auditorium - Gymnasium.

Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity held its Founders Day observance on Sunday, December 7. See NEWS BRIEFS, Page 5

Holidays Are Finally Here

Prairie View students will take leave of the campus Saturday afternoon for a two-week Christmas and New Year's holiday.

The time will climax a week of on-campus holiday parties, including club activities, office workers

and all types. Students and staff members have all been involved in Christmas decorations and helping get prepared for the holiday season.

Classes will resume at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, January 5.

Tutorial Program Gains Administrative Emphasis

The Office of the Dean of the College has taken over major supervision of the Tutorial Program introduced on campus a short time ago by the Senior and Junior Fellows, with Student Personnel staff assistance.

Dean C. L. Wilson has been asked by President Thomas to monitor the program, which is now be-

ing guided administratively by Assistant Dean, Dr. Ivory Nelson.

Immediate plans include publicizing all sources of tutorial help and encourage students needing help to take advantage of the service. The Committee in charge will contact departments throughout the college to seek majors to serve as tutors, to identify office space, hours of service, and other details.

Armstrong, Barbara Howard, Myrtle Comeaux, Marion Smith, Dempsene Lester, Barbara Tatman, Janet Gardner, Linda Bryant, Debbie Osborne, Naomi Mosby.

Also Yearbook Editors, Adrian Cooper, Reba Wells, Alfred Johnson, and Dr. C. A. Wood, Sponsor.

A committee was appointed to establish a Learning Center which will be equipped with abundant audio-visual materials. The committee is composed of Mrs. Vera Askew, Chairman; Frank Francis, co-chairman; Jewel Tatum, Karen Lee, Carl Moore and J. E. Johnson.



ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION — Representatives of the Commission visited with President A. I. Thomas during the past week.



ALCOA GRANT — George W. Hutton, Alcoa's Rockdale Works manager presents \$5000 check to Dr. Thomas.

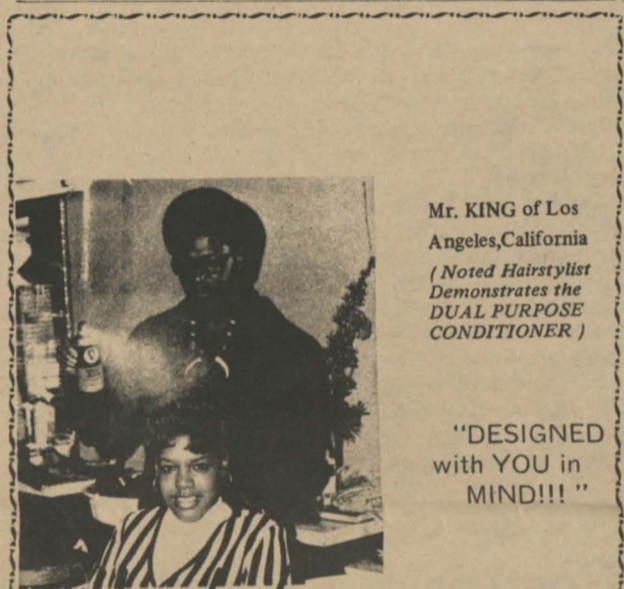


STUDENT LEADERS PRESENT TUTORIAL PLAN — Student Life personnel outlined plan of action and called on cooperation of executive cabinet in helping raise academic level of general student body.



YOUTH CONFERENCE — Visiting speaker, an alumnae from Houston, is shown addressing the annual conference last Saturday.

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Spanish Students Hold Christmas Celebration

All students enrolled in Spanish classes were invited to a Christmas fiesta, on Monday, December 8, from six to seven p.m. in the Education building.

The Celebration was in Spanish and it began with the Lord's prayer and Christmas Carols, led by Linda Morrisette. A reading was given by Lorenzo Sanchez talking about Christmas Celebrations in Mexico and Spain. This was interpreted in English by Gwendolyn Lockett. A game was played by all the students and prizes were presented to the winners.

The program ended with additional carols and the breaking of the pinata by Herman Williams. The pinata was a very large bag gaily decorated and filled with candies, nuts, and fruit.

The entire program was enjoyed by all. The program sponsors were John



Engineering Lecture Series Continues

Dr. James T. P. Yao, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, presented a lecture - demonstration on "Probabalistic Structural Mechanics", on Friday, December 5, 1969 at 3:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Union.

Dr. Yao is an authority in structural mechanics and has published several technical papers on metals

W. Hollomon and Willa Hood.

fatigue, metals fracture, structural dynamics and structural reliability. He has co-authored a technical report on "Fatigue Damage in Seismic Structures", with Dr. I. Kasiraj and Dr. H. Y. Yeh who are members of the faculty of the School of Engineering, Prairie View A&M College. This report was recently published in the "Journal of the American Society of Civil Engineers."

This is the third lecture-demonstration, in the 1969-70 Engineering Lecture - Series, which is conducted by the School of Engineering. The Engineering Lecture Series, is designed to augment, sup-

plement and enhance the Engineering studies at the College as well as to expose the engineering and College community to new developments and the rapid changes which are taking place in technology and in society; thus, creating and presenting new challenges to the engineering profession. The Engineering Lecture Series is also designed to create an awareness of the high-level competence and deeper understanding of the engineer's relation to the world which is fashioned and molded to a great degree by his work and the resulting responsibilities which must be borne by him as a leader of society.

Biology Students Inducted Into The Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society



L to R: Chester Burks, Ira Murchison, Yvonne Harrison, James Bryant, Jr., Clara Byrd-Taylor, Ira Bell, III, Joyce Hoyt, and Theodore Brown.



Robert Mosley, student president of Tri-Beta, presented Dr. A. I. Thomas, President of Prairie View A&M College, with his certificate.

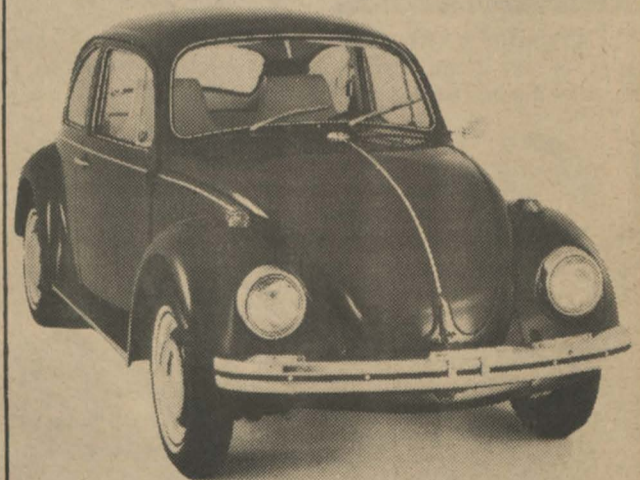
Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society at its annual initiation ceremonies on Nov. 21, 1969, inducted President Thomas as an Honorary member. President Thomas was praised for his interest in and support of the sciences.

Prairie View's Chapter of Beta Beta is one of the few which is located on a predominantly Negro College Campus. Its members have been very active in creating an interest in science on the campus.



Engineering Luncheon

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Minority Students Get Professional School Aid

An increase in minority group enrollment in graduate professional schools is the aim of two grants, totaling \$408,000, announced recently by Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The New York University School of Law received one grant of \$150,000 payable over a three-year period; the other grant, amounting to \$258,000 for a four-year program, went to the University of California School of Social Welfare at Berkeley.

"At present, less than 1 percent of American law school students are Negro, while only 10 percent of the current enrollment in social work schools come from minority groups," pointed out Alan Pifer, president of the education foundation.

"The grants will add to the total number of Negro, Puerto Rican, Mexican-American, and American Indian young men and women who become qualified professional lawyers or social workers.

"But equally important is the personal contribution students from a variety of social and ethnic backgrounds can make to their schools and their fellow students, and the impact they can have on the development of new and

more appropriate curricula. This is particularly true in the field of social work.

"These grants," Mr. Pifer continued, "are going to two universities which already have made a def-

inite effort to increase minority representation in their graduate student population. Each, thus, is in a position to build upon its own past experiences. This is an important factor because new tech-

niques have to be worked out to attract and keep these students in schools which previously have been difficult for them to attend. Often the right procedures of recruitment, selection, counselling, and

tutoring are found only after a period of experimentation.

"We feel that the comprehension gained and the methods worked out by the School of Social Welfare and the School of

Law will serve as models for other graduate schools interested in similar programs."

The New York University School of Law, under Dean Robert B. McKay, See MINORITY, Page 6

Graduate News

The Graduate Students are urged to meet with their fellow colleagues for discussion of structuring an organization to function on campus.

The organization is needed to comply to any business at hand.

The members meet first Tuesday of each month, but due to the holidays we will meet January 13, 1970.

We would like for all graduate students to meet with us at 5:30 in the Harrington Science Building on January 13, and each first Tuesday of the following months.

If there is need to contact persons for information check with the sponsor Dr. J. W. Echols.

President,
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NEWMAN NEWS—

A Dedication Is Made

You know sometimes we often forget or fail to show appreciation for a person that continuously strives and sacrifices to make conditions better for us. On this campus there is such a person who is very concerned about the welfare of all the students and who strives harder day and night trying to better the conditions. I'm sure there is no doubt in your mind as to who this person is. Yes he is Father Robert Bowen, and we the members of the Newman Association haven't forgotten and are appreciative of his services.

He doesn't get a salary as many of our parents do. He only operates on \$300.00 a year, which is used for lighting, food, and house care. So actually he doesn't get anything for his services here at Prairie View. So you can see now what a wonderful Father he is. This article is just one way to show that we are appreciative of his fine devotion.

A fellow Newman member was inspired to write this poem in dedication to the virtue of Father Bowen. The poem reads:

To A Good "Father"

—Leo Smith

I know your title is "Father", being a priest and Catholic man.

But I feel you're entitled to more, because like a real father your understand.

Each student ambitions and dreams, in a world so cold and untrue.

But "Father" you kept the faith, by doing for us the best you could do.

After coming to our school in August, and analyzing the situation.

In such a short time, you have developed a long and everlasting relation.

"Father" I could go on forever, describing your good aims and high virtue.

But most of all I want you to know, that we appreciate all that you do.

If I may speak for all Newman members, for I'm sure they wouldn't mind my saying.

"Father" for you in our hearts forever, sweet notes will always be playing.

—by Gerald Lemond,
Newman Association
President

To Be Enjoyed Throughout The Year



Smith Comments

by Leo Smith

Dear Readers,

Time plus pleasure gives me no greater opportunity than to take this time out to thank you for reading my column. I would also like to apologize for the two times that my column didn't appear in the paper this semester, due to some reasons beyond my control. Again thank you and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,
Leo Smith,
Feature - Editor

P. S. — Don't forget to be extra careful in all your endeavors and remember the less fortunate people. Try to do something to make their Christmas merry too. May God bless you all.

Don't be like young William in the poem below.

* * *

Gambler's Christmas

—Leo Smith

It was the night before Christmas and he continuing to roll dice.

Although warning him of losing, he wouldn't take my advice.

Down in the dirt in pants made of silk and satin.

The dice rolled seven, and then he was made glad-den.

The players were all cunning and the stakes had gotten high.

But no man would back out, it was either do or die.

Thinking of five crumb crushers and an expecting wife.

"Roll on baby, roll, you just gotta save my life."

But the dice, like a confused fool, saying, "Man you're mistaken."

Trick you, bad as I feel, tonight I'll carry home no bacon.

You silly fool on Christmas Eve out here a gambling and joking.

Now I just bet you feel like your behind is a smoking.

It was midnight as he walked sadly home and empty handed.

He thought to himself, Santa should have already landed.

But for his home Christmas is past and no gifts they will be getting.

Because on Christmas Eve daddy Santa has been out a betting.

Gee, five children and a wife with child on the way.

Being born into the home of a silent payday.

And all I can say to my family on this night.

Is, "to all seven of you a good Christmas, and to all seven a good night."

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Christmas 1969

The celebration of Christmas takes on added meaning each year. It reminds us that material success holds little value if we neglect the spiritual. The strongest tie in human endeavor is that of the family, and through this tie we project our good wishes and feelings to those around us.

Some of us express the holiday in material ways through an exchange of gifts, others through an exchange of cards, personal visits or telephone calls. But they all focus on the main theme of brotherly love.

It is the time of the year when good-fellowship, in spite of some commercial overtones, becomes contagious — when friendly, kind thoughts and actions are directed toward our fellow-man. It is a time when voices are heard in song and prayer — and the cares of the world melt away.

Let us try to extend the quality of the Merry Christmas of Christmas Day to the other 364 days in the year — by looking for positive ways to further the well-being of all mankind.

An Open Letter

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Dear Mr. Block,

Your office has been recommended to me for assistance in this time of need. I have received an audit letter for Internal Revenue Service and since this is my busy season, I thought you could handle the matter for me.

First of all they have questioned my deduction for uniforms. It seems that my uniform could be considered "ordinary street wear", because so many of them are seen on street corners at this time of the year. In addition, the Revenue Service is quick to point out, if the uniforms are not deductible, neither is the cost of cleaning. And you know how inconsiderate people are about their chimneys these days.

The second item questioned is meals. Since I am "not away from home overnight" (only 9:30 p.m. til 5:20 a.m.) they tell me my meals are not deductible. Apparently there is no question about the 4 bales of hay used on last year's trip as this is "allowable travel expense", although I understand I could have claimed 10c a mile for the first 15,000 miles and 7c thereafter.

Also, certain business expenses have been questioned as whether they are "reasonable and necessary". The first item is salary expense for 285 elves. Believe me, Mr. Block, with the population explosion and all, I don't see how I could get along with any less. The other item questioned is "entertainment expenses". It seems that I must show a "business" purpose for each gift and I am limited to \$25.00 per person. The business purpose for each gift may be a little difficult to prove, considering it more or less a birthday celebration. However, I will be more than happy to limit the gifts to \$25.00 per person.

There seems to be a questionable item on my depreciation schedule. They say in their letter that "live-stock" may only be depreciated if they are for "draft, breeding or dairy" purposes and that gender of the reindeer is not indicated on the return, thus the exact use of the animals is not known.

The auditor included a note that it would seem that (a) the animals should have been fully depreciated by now because it seemed that they had been around quite some time and, (b) that "Rudolph" should be charged to advertising since he was not part of the original herd.

I am enclosing my prior year's returns and the books, records and cancelled checks on this year. I hope that your office will be able to handle this matter for me. If not, see if you can delay or postpone the matter until after January 1 for I would be unable to pay any deficiency until that time, as my Christmas Club check was missent because of the wrong Zip Code.

Yours for a very Merry Christmas,
(s) Santa Claus

A Christmas Day Once Again

With the sounds of Christmas so near.
And the voices of children with cheer.
All gathered around and singing.
Tunes of bells will be ringing.
There will be beautiful sounds,
Heard everywhere around.
No one should be sad on this day.
Because everyone should be happy in some way.
By: Emmitt Noel

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Baptist Student Movement



The Baptist Student Movement is an organization of young people of all religious faith, who join voluntarily. Every month we have several things scheduled. They are as follows. First Tuesday night in every month we present a musical with guest choirs from some of the surrounding cities. Second Tuesday we have

Holy Communion. And on each third Sunday in the month the Prayer Meeting Choir sings in Chapel. Each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., in the old gym Prayer Meeting is held. On every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. the BSM has rehearsal in the Administration Auditorium.

On December 8, 1969 the Prayer Meeting Choir journeyed to Houston to Blue Ridge Baptist Church, Rev. Richardson for a program. While we were there the Twenty-Royal Ladies presented the choir with a Communion set as is indicated by the picture, our President Loverious Whittaker accepted the gift. On December 14, 1969 the choir will make another journey, this will be to the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Dayton.

Our project for this year is to purchase robes for the group. Another project that the group is planning on is to be the host for the Baptist Spring Retreat which will be held the last week in April. But this matter is

still being discussed.
Glenda Henderson
Reporter

News Briefs

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Dr. G. R. Woolfolk delivered the Founder's Day address.

The PV Quarterback Club presented a Steak Dinner for the Football team prior to the final game in Houston. The group is now turning its attention and support of the basketball team.

Dr. Flossie Byrd appeared on national (educational) TV on December 2 in a "Town Meeting" program aired from Washington, D. C.

PV city residents heard Paul Keller, a representative of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce speak on the subject of how to organize a chamber in the new city of Prairie View. Mr. Keller spoke Thursday night.

MSM Holds Communion And Scholarship Drawing

The Methodist Student Movement under the leadership of its Director, Rev. Richard H. Robinson, Houston, Texas and faculty advisors, Mr. Samuel Montgomery, Mrs. Irma Kendrick and Dr. S. R. Collins are off to a good start with a series of interesting activities for interested Methodist students and others who care to participate.

Communion Service was held on Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the Hotel Conference Room above the College Exchange.

An inspiring message which provided proper thought for the meaning

of the Christmas season was delivered by Rev. Robinson.

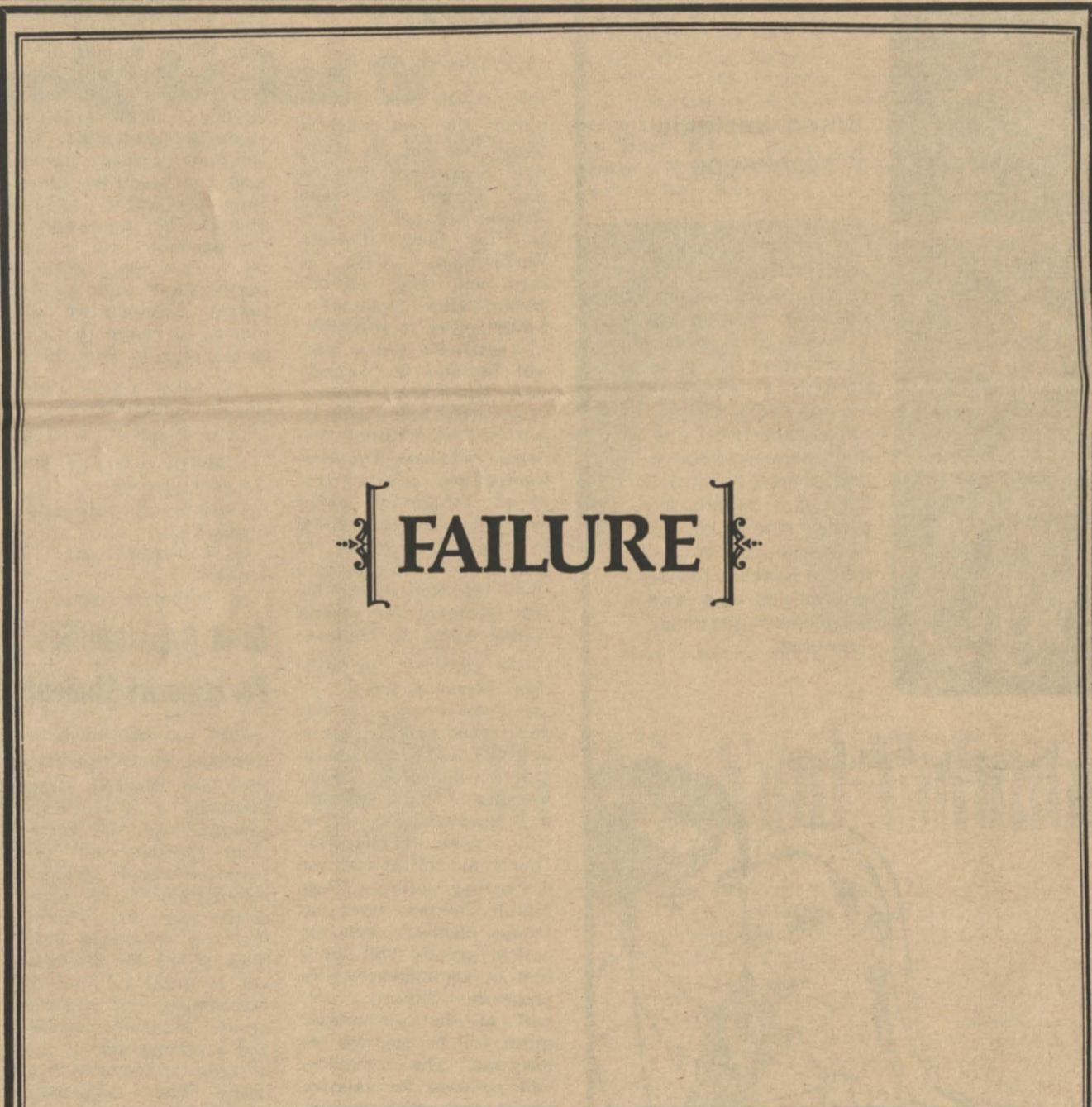
Following the Communion Service a drawing was held in which all persons present had registered for a \$50.00 Scholarship to be given for the Second Semester of the school year.

The lucky winner is Anita June Rossum of 101 Collins Hall. Miss Rossum is a native of Kilgore, Texas.

The MSM's Regular Meetings are held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Memorial Center. For an hour of interesting program activities you should meet with this group.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Gives Tops for Tots Dance

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity which is now 45 undergraduate brothers strong, recently gave a dance in the old gym. The purpose of this dance was to raise money which would be used to give toys to needy young children in the Prairie View area for Christmas. Everyone gave a fine turn out for the dance which will make some happy youngsters on Christmas morning. Thanks to the Prairie View student body for being so considerate of others.



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Cynthia Engram, representing the graduate nurse (RN); Mrs. Ernestine Brown, sponsor and class advisor; Cecil Brewer, sophomore president; Otis Taylor; Kay Francis Harman, and Loretta Wilks.

Special Fellowship Program for Black Graduate Students Seeking The Ph.D.

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Washington, University has announced the designation of ten University Fellowships for black students seeking to begin or continue graduate study leading to the Ph. D. degree at Washington University. The fellowships are available for students seeking to study in the thirty-five departments of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, including those in the Sciences, the Social Sciences, the Humanities and the Life Sciences. Fellowships under this program will provide stipends ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for the nine-month academic year plus tuition support up to \$2,100. While preference will be given to candidates eligible to begin graduate study in September, the Graduate School encourages prospective candidates who might be available at other times during the academic year to apply. Suitable arrangements can be made for fellowship recipients who are unable to begin the academic year in September.

Interested applicants should contact:
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Community youngsters at Christmas Party.

Pre-Med Student Attends Conference

Ira Bell III, a senior premedical student was invited to attend a conference of the Ivy League Schools which met in Boston, December 11, and 12. While at the conference he will have interviews with the admissions officers of several schools.

You can measure the size of a man by his reaction to flattery.

Minority-

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will actively seek out and recruit the best potential Negro law students it can find. Experience indicates that normal admissions criteria are not appropriate for these students. Furthermore, some of them will need remedial work after admission. Nevertheless, it is expected that, as a group, they will be able to compete with other law students. Corporation funds will be used to cover tuition and living expenses. The University will pay for the testing, evaluation, special tutoring, and counselling services. The School of Law intends to designate those students selected for this program as Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellows.

The University of California School of Social Welfare, which currently has 45 enrolled minority group students and some graduates who are already working in Watts and other disadvantaged areas, will expand its recruiting efforts and its tutorial and counselling services. Dean Milton Chernin says that faculty members from minority groups will assist him in administering this program. Slightly over half of the Corporation grant will be used for fellowships. The remainder will be used for salaries, travel and other recruitment expenses, tutorial assistance, and research to evaluate the program.

Carnegie Corporation of New York was founded by Andrew Carnegie for the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding among the peoples of the United States and certain Commonwealth countries. Its assets now total approximately \$336 million at market value. Grants are made from income only.

Students interested in applying to New York University School of Law should contact Mr. Hulen Davis, Acting Head of the

Grad Opportunities For Minority Students

ISSP has just published **Graduate Study Opportunities for Minority Group Students**, a book which contains over 300 entries from graduate and professional schools including information about application fees and whether they can be waived, deadlines (if any for admission and financial aid, and the percentages of minority group students enrolled and receiving aid. It also includes statements from deans and department chairmen concerning special opportunities and programs for minority group students.

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LRL Biology And Medicine Institute

Dr. L. C. Collins, Head of the Biology Department, has been invited to apply for active participation in the Biology and Medicine Institute to be held at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, California, from June 22 through August 14, 1970. The Institute is sponsored by the LRL Biology and Medicine Division. The program will include lectures and seminars by members of the Division Scientific Staff and research projects conducted by the participants with the assistance of the Division staff:

The Institute will seek to meet three goals:

1. Provide an opportunity for 10 to 15 faculty members to improve their knowledge of current areas of biology and medicine for their own benefit and for the benefit of their students and home institution.
2. Provide a summer research experience for these faculty members who are now conducting on-campus research, or for those who would like to pursue such research.
3. Provide suggestions for faculty members who would like to apply for future research grants.

From The Center

The Memorial Student Center has taken on a new philosophy as it strives to be the personification of individual ideas. "From the Center" will be a column for the purpose of relating new ideas and future innovations within the Memorial Center.

A research effort is now being conducted to determine how the Memorial Center can be used to accommodate a diversified student body. This research is being conducted with the participation of 200 students. These students range from honor roll students to students on academic and disciplinary probation; from members of clubs and fraternities to students who do not be-



EVERYBODY'S GOING MOD — A new campus club emphasizing the MOD-MOD set is in the making. A few of the members fashioned for the "Hold that pose" shot above.

If You Are Flunking Out, Read On

You may be one of the 400,000 students who will flunk out of college this year. These students have many diverse problems. Some have had bad early school experiences. Some got through high school never having learned how to study.

In college they are swamped by increased work loads and heightened competition. Does this all sound familiar? Read on!

The Educational Development Center in Claremont, California, has a program that has been proved to enable 80 percent of its high-potential failouts to reenter college and compete successfully.

During the strenuous ten-week College Achievement Program, partici-

pants have opportunities to receive personal counseling on past failures, present difficulties, and future plans for college and career. In addition, students benefit from individualized work in reading and study skills whereby they acquire the personal discipline vital to learning no matter what the subject.

The first step in gaining admission to Educational Development Center is to take a three-day "diagnostic session" which provides tests designed to evaluate reading ability, vocabulary, personality, listening, personal discipline and other important factors. Approximately 40 percent of the applicants are not admitted to the College Achievement Program because of psychological problems or because they decide, with counseling guidance, that they are better suited for vocations which do not require a college education.

The remaining 60 percent are eligible to enter the ten-week College Achievement Program which involves up to eight hours of work a day, five days a week, for a total of 400 supervised hours. Courses use the latest innovations in educational materials and equipment. In addition, students must meet numerous extra assignments during their "non-class" hours.

The student's ability to meet these rigorous demands helps him to gain the self-confidence he will need for success in college. His self-confidence also is aided by discovering that many of the problems he has had in college can be corrected by learning proper reading methods and study skills.

EDC students find that they become enthusiastic about learning. Group discussions and tape recordings of their own opinions

enable the participants to "hear themselves think." The chance to form friendships with others who share the same problems and will to succeed is equally important.

If you are encountering difficulties, you might think about the EDC program. If you would like more information, contact Educational Development Center, 165 East Tenth Street, Claremont, California 91711. Telephone: (714) 624-3595. Educational Diagnostic Sessions are being held December 15-17, 1969; January 5-7, 1970; and January 12-14, 1970, in preparation for the Winter CAP Session (January 20-March 20, 1970).

long to anything. Some results should be ready and made known in the next issue of the "Panther".

Any comments or observations concerning needed improvements should be given to La Fayette Collins or left at the desk of the Memorial Center. Any positive comment will be appreciated. Remember: If ideas are to be made reality, reality must be sought, and ideas must be thought.

My dear friends of Prairie View, I've reserved my column this time to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your very strong support during this half of the school year. I knew when I began, that my column was completely dependant upon the type of response I received from the student body. I can



Mi Mi's Soul Column

truthfully say that you responded with perfect enthusiasm, thus making me and my column a big success.

Quarterback Club Hosts Dinner

Recently, the Prairie View Quarterback club got together and gave the 1969 Panther football team a steak dinner.

The gala affair was held in Prairie View's luxury Memorial Center Ballroom. Lt. Colonel Vernon Black, a Prairie View graduate, is president of the newly organized organization.

Centennial Awards were presented to each member of the football team at the affair.

Bishop Tops Prairie View in Dallas

Bishop subdued Prairie View, 102-84, Wednesday night to hand the Panthers their first basketball loss in two games.

Willis McGowan's 21 points were high for PV, followed by Henry Gwin (16) and Thomas Rick

(15). Earl Baughman scored 25 for Bishop and Willie Collins had 24.

PRAIRIE VIEW				BISHOP			
Fg	Ft	Tp	Pts	Fg	Ft	Tp	Pts
Guin	7	7	16	Harris	6	0-0	12
Dyer	2	1	5	Bonner	4	1-2	9
Millege	4	1-4	9	Collins	11	2-2	24
McGowan	8	5-5	21	Burke	2	1-1	5
Rick	6	3-3	15	Carter	5	4-6	14
Settle	2	1-1	5	Baughman	11	3-4	25
Bradshaw	1	0-0	2	Knox	2	0-0	4
Gamble	4	1-2	9	Lewis	2	0-1	4
Parker	1	0-1	2	Prestwood	1	0-0	2
				Speefe	1	1-2	3
Totals	35	14-24	84	Totals	45	12-20	102
Score by Half:				Bishop	52	PV	46

PV-TSU Game To Present Pros

On January 17, the Prairie View Panthers will host number one rivalry, the Texas Southern Tigers Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Twice a year the two cage teams meet in games that normally present unusual excitement. To add to the excitement, Prairie View has invited several professional athletes to the bitter affair.

Some of the top professional athletes that will be present are Joe Namath, New York Jets quarterback; Carl Garrett, Boston Patriots running back; Jim Hunt, Boston tackle; Charlie Frazier, Boston flanker; Otto Brown, Cal-

vin Hill, Bob Hayes and Clarence Williams, Dallas Cowboys.

Other names to be present are Jim Wynn, Joe Morgan and Don Wilson, of the Houston Astros. Ken Houston, Alvin Reed, and Glen Wood, of the Houston Oilers are others.

Last season, the two teams split—each winning on its home court. The game wasn't decided until the final moment and the January 17 spectacular, is groomed to create just as much excitement.

A jam-packed crowd is anticipated at the big affair. An exciting half-time show is also planned.



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In only hope that I too have been helpful to you and that we can keep our good channel of communication through the coming year. I have certainly enjoyed working with you thus far. My only regret is that I could not publish every article that was sent in. They were all very good. Again, I'd like to say thank you and to wish all of you out there in Pantherland a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Your columnist,
Mary 'MiMi' Green



PV Prexy Is Sports Fan

BY JOE BOOKER

Dr. A. I. Thomas, president of Prairie View A&M College, is the school's most enthusiastic sport's fan.

Dr. Thomas, a one-time All-Conference linebacker and offensive center at Xavier University in New Orleans, has been eminently successful as an executive at Prairie View A&M, College with his bright innovations that have made Prairie View grow as an institution.

He played football during the times when the sport was really a dog-eat-dog affair. The game then was played as if your life depended on it. But Dr. Thomas, a 185 pound hardnose two-time All-Conference head-knocker, played the game as if it was his life that was at stake. He played under

coach Giles Wright, who is presently Director of Athletics at Texas College. Even though Xavier was a private college, they played a demanding schedule that took them to such unfriendly sites as Morris Brown, where coach W. J. Nicks was coaching, Grambling, Tennessee State, and many others.

His interest for love of Prairie View is never more evident than at a Prairie View athletic event and the extent of that love is always seen through his impartial support for all athletics.

Some may call this "Athletics minded," but this could be a grand mistake. From the time Dr. Thomas was named president of Prairie View (1966), he has exemplified gifted understanding, endless efforts to make

Cofield Makes Mark As PV Coach

When William Cofield took the position as head basketball coach at Prairie View, replacing Dr. Leroy Moore who went to Arkansas AM&N as Dean of Students, the skeptics began to assimilate in small mobs in suspense of what would happen in Prairie View's basketball future.

The first law of the land - as far as impressions are concerned - is that first impression. In the Panthers first game, Cofield put something on the skeptics mind with a 89-83 win over Bishop College.

The old grads haven't seen a championship basketball team at Prairie View in seven-years and anything that looks like a winner in the future is a revelation.

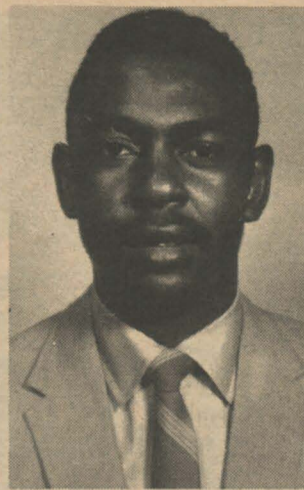
Cofield, a native of Carrier Mills, Illinois, was an All-Conference forward at McKendree College in

Prairie View tops in all aspects.

The sheer versatility that made Dr. Thomas an outstanding linebacker at Xavier, has made him hard to beat as a president at Prairie View A&M College.

The personality of Dr. Thomas is the part that makes him stand out. He exerts his personality not so much to control things as to keep himself taut, conditioned, perfectly disciplined.

Yet, Dr. Thomas is a man for his time — and certainly, a man for his place.



Joe Booker

Booker Named To All-Tourney Comm.

Joe Booker, Sports Publicity Director at Prairie View A&M College, has been named to the Houston Chamber of Commerce Annual Jaycee Basketball Tournament for the third year in a row.

Booker is the first and only Negro to serve on the Jaycee All-Tournament Committee. He was named by Joe Tusa, Director of Athletics for the Houston Independent School District and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Annual tournament starts Saturday, December 20 with the remaining days on Monday and Tuesday, December 22-23.

PV Mendoza Challenges SWAC Records

Robert C. Mendoza, the first Latin American to participate in Athletics at Prairie View, has his mind on challenging the South-

Lebanon, Illinois.

While the old grads sit idle waiting to be pacified, Cofield has almost conceded that it will take a few years to get the Panther basketball program back on the winning track.

Even though Cofield has hinted that he may have to delay a possible championship this year, he will bank on some talented freshmen and a handful of upperclassmen to stand clear of the conference cellar. In his seven-year stint as a head coach, he has never had a losing season.

Tommy Ricks, a 6-6 senior forward; Walter McGowan, a 6-4 freshman forward; Donald Dyer, a 6-2 freshman guard; Herbert Guin, a 5-11 freshman guard; James Milledge, a 6-5 freshman center; Carl Settles, a 5-11 senior guard, and Wilbert Parker, a 6-2 junior guard, are players Cofield will call on to keep the Panthers in a comfortable season standing.

The Panthers are a member of District 8 in the N. A. I. A. and a district crown may not seem as far-reaching as a SWAC crown.

Panther Spring Sports Capsule

Prairie View spring sports have prevailed with national banner in recent years. The Track, Golf, and Tennis teams were rated among the nation's top colleges last year. In track, the fleet Panthers of Hoover Wright took all the goodies - winning the National and Conference title.

Sam Lindsay heads the defending SWAC tennis champs. Gone from last year's team are All-American Ben Wright and his companion, Alvin Washington.

Lindsay has contended that returning vets Robert Mochan, Herman Williams, Walter Smith, and Joe Robertson, should keep Prairie View's tennis tradition clear of any second divisions ratings.

The golf team, like the tennis and track teams won the 1969 Southwestern Athletic Conference title. Three-time All-Conference medalist Leonard Jones has graduated, but returning are vets Robert Jackson, Paul Reed, Richard Land, and Robert Sanders — Reed is a two-time All-Conference performer and a medalist winner.

Wendell Davis, the new golf coach feels the team will be well represented around the golf circuit for the 69-70 year.

The Track team was sensational and came out winners in every meet they participated in last season.

Hoover Wright was named N. A. I. A. coach of the year and his team finished the year as Conference and National Champions. Felix Johnson, Prairie View's All-American versatile half-miler was named to the U. S. International team last summer.

Gone from last year's team are Felix Johnson, James Bagby, and Micheal Connors.

Wright returns quartermen Thurmon Bogess, Jessie Ball, Fred Newhouse, Alvin Dotson, and Henry Henderson. T. C. Minor, Marlin Wade, and Ball, return in the intermediate hurdle. Elton Conger, David Hall, J. B. Haggerty, and Clifford McBride return in the distance events. Royce Clay is the top sprinter returning, while Travis Hill and Freddie Patterson are broad jump hopefuls.

The baseball team finished fourth in the conference with a young club. New coach John Tankersley, hopes he can move the team up a few notches. The key to a winning baseball season is who Tank will have behind the plate.

Vets Douglas Andrews, Cecil Brent, Terry Hickerson, William Thornton, John Townson, John Simmons, Thomas Sandler, and Everitt Tatmon, return to make the '70 season a banner year.

James "The Hand" Wilson Prairie View's Leading Scorer

James "The Hands" Wilson, Prairie View's sensational sophomore flanker is the Panthers leading pass-catcher and scorer for the 1969 season.

Wilson, learned that after a year off the football field which he spent with the PV band last year, that there is more action catching passes and evad-

western Athletic Conference record in the cross-country.

Mendoza is a graduate of Fox Tech High School in San Antonio, Texas. He won the district mile with a 4:21 as a high school senior.

He came to Prairie View from San Antonio Junior College where he set the record in the mile, 2-mile and 3-mile run. His best times are: 4:21 mile, 9:30 2-mile, and 14:50 in the 3-mile run.

"He's a dedicated runner. He likes to train on long distances," stated coach Hoover Wright. Wright also mentioned that Mendoza has won two first place cross-country meets and has never finished second in any meet they have run in this year.

ing opponents defenders. He caught 31 passes for 500 yards and 5 touchdowns. He set a one game record for a PV player when he caught 10 passes for 163 yards against Maryland State on homecoming.

Luther Hudson, the Panthers' sophomore quarterback was the team's leading passer with 84 completions out of 114 attempts and 5 touchdowns.

Jerry "The Jet" Jefferson is the team's leading rusher with 305 yards in 101 attempts. Bivian Lee, the Panthers' defensive back is the interception leader with 6 for 265 yards.

Freshman sensation Leroy Clark is the leading punter — third in the conference — with a 37.9 average. Raymond Burgess leads the team in punt and kick off return with 208 and 429 yards, respectively.

The team finished 5th in the conference.

Janie told the teacher that she had never seen the Catskill mountains but that she had seen them kill mice.



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