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FOOTBALL CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATES — Members of the Panther football squad received NCAA certificates indicating their participation during the game of football's 100th Year. College football had its beginning in 1869.



VOLUME XLIV, No. 6

Prairie View, Texas

December 9, 1969

Alcoa Presents \$5000 PV-Texas Cage **Grant To Prairie View**

George W. Hutton, Administrative Manager at Alcoa's Rockdale Works, this week presented a check for \$5,000 from The Alcoa Foundation to Alvin I. Thomas, Dr. President, Prairie View A&M College.

The grant was presented to the college for the enrichment of their teaching program and as a part of the Foundation's efforts to aid in the upgrading of the teaching profession of certain colleges and universities in the U.S.

This grant makes a total of almost \$75,000 distributed by The Alcoa Foundation this year in the State of Texas for scholarships, fellowships, professorships, and unrestricted grants.

In making the presentation Mr. Hutton said: "The Foundation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa. and directed by Arthur M. Doty, was founded for the purpose of using its net income exclusively for religious, charitscientific, literary able, and educational purposes." According to the trustees of the Foundation, gifts are divided approximately evenly between educational and non-educational grants.

The focus of the Con-

Mr. Johnny Clark, Su-

Reverend William Lawson

Without

ference is "Leadership ----

Challenge

Game to Be A **Reunion Affair**

The Prairie View - Tex-Southern basketball game at Prairie View January 17, will be a re-union game for the old grads. Several activities are planned for this event.

Several outstanding professional athletes will be guests of Prairie View. Jim Wynn, Houston Astros; Don Wilson, Houston Astros; Ken Houston, Oilers; Alvin Houston Reed, Houston Oilers and many others.

The game starts at 7:30 p.m. and is a Saturday night affair. All former Prairie View-ites are asked to come out and meet old friends.

perintendent, Goose

Creek Consolidated

School District, Baytown,

Texas will speak at the

Lawson, Minister, Wheel-

er Avenue Baptist

Church, Houston, Texas

The areas of study of

1. Potential Leaders: A

2. Undecided Youth -

3. Youth Leadership

All high school leaders

of Texas are invited to

participate in the Confer-

Which Way to Go?

4. Swap Shop

and Its After - Effects

Step Forward But

the Conference are as fol-

speak at the Ban-

The Reverend William

opening session.

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Where?

Thomas Bradley, City **Council Representative of** the Tenth District of Los Angeles, California, will speak at the President's Convocation Friday, January 9, 1970 at 9:30 a.m. in the Field House.

Councilman Bradley was first black man to run for the office of Mayor in Los Angeles, California. but he was defeated. However, he has stated again that he will run again for mayor..

Faculty-Staff Plans Christmas Bazaar

The Annual Faculty-Staff Christmas Ball is scheduled for Saturday. December 13, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. in the Ball-Memorial Student room Center.

All faculty and staff members should give ample notice to wives, sweethearts, friends and guests to prepare to enjoy and evening of merriment and fun.

The Faculty-Staff Entertainment Committee has special word from Santa Claus that all the joys of the Christmas Season will be yours at the Annual Christmas Ball.

Board Meetings A&M System Approves Approve Funds, Gifts

Appropriations totaling \$53,105 were authorized Wednesday by the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors for purchase of language laboratory equipment and other improvements at Prairie View A&M College.

The board approved a \$44,605 appropriation to match a similar federal grant for equipment for Prairie View's language lab. The federal funds were provided by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare under the Instructional Equipment Grants Program of Higher Education the Act of 1965.

An \$8,500 appropriation was awarded by the board for installation of fence and lighting around the Fuller Hall parking lot. The board also formally accepted gifts totaling \$41,706 for Prairie View. Houston Endowment Inc. provided scholarships totaling \$14,000 and Power Electronics Co. donated industrial education equipment valued at \$8,396.

Other donations included \$5,000 from Dudley C. Sharp; \$4,000 C. J. Davidson; \$2,500 each from General Dynamics and General Electric the Foundation; \$2,300 from the Sears - Roebuck Foundation and \$750 from Corning Glass Works.

Also \$500 each from Zenith Radio Corporation, James Brown, the Detroit Prairie View Alumni Association and the America Foundrymen's Society; \$200, the Texas Club of New York City Inc.; \$50, R. L. Hansen and \$10 from David F. Webb.

School of Home Economics Sponsors Christmas Bazaar

On December 10, 1969, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00

Faculty Meeting Set for Tuesday, **December 9th**

The Faculty Meeting regularly scheduled for the first Tuesday in each month will not be held on Tuesday, December 2, 1969.

The December Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, December 9. 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

p.m. the School of Home Economics of Prairie View A. and M. College will sponsor a Christmas Bazaar.

All items for sale will be made and hand-crafted by the students.

Terrific buys available will consist of items to eat, lovely hand - crafted gift ideals, apparels and accessories.

It's the Christmas Season! So shop early, beat the crowd to the Christmas Bazaar and have first choice from the terrific array of items available.

Biology Professor to Join TSN

Drs. L. C. Collins and J. E. Berry were invited to join the Texas System of Natural Laboratories, Incorporated. The TSNL is a private, non-profit Texas Corporation which was chartered by Texas Scien-

tist in July 1967. Fourteen laboratories totaling some 250,000 acres, are now available to TSNL member institutions.

TSNL is not dedicated just to land acquisition for See BIOLOGY, Page 2



PANTHERS IN ASTRODOME - Ready for the kick-off, PV stalwarts are photographed against the background of the Astrodome crowd.

Youth Leadership Conference Saturday

Boundaries'

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M COLLEGE will sponsor a Youth Leadership Conference on Saturday, December 13.

Supt. Johnny Clark

Harlem Basketball Stars To Appear Here January 9th

Stars are coming to town. Advertised as the greatest and funniest basketball team in the country today, the Stars are a combination of Negro Stars who tour the World making fans laugh.

When the name Harlem Stars is mentioned, hoop fans get ready for an evening of entertainment. Fans will see a fancy exhibition - Razzle Dazzle ball handling, intricate routines, both planned and impromptu comedy and all sorts of 'shenanigans'. The Harlem Stars are

unique in the fact that they never try to run up a

A weekly public service feature from-

huge score against opponents. It is their policy to keep the game close devoting much time to comedy stuff.

The Harlem Stars enjoy playing basketball every day even if they have travel hundreds of to miles to do so. The Stars began their season in Alaska the last week in September and will hit between thirty-six or forty states and the following other countries: Mexico, Canada, Australia, Japan and some parts of Europe. The round horsehide is the magic carpet that has taken these basketball jesters to all parts of the world.

Left to Right: Mr. R. Mugge, Demonstration Assistant - Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Mr. U. S. Wallace, Biological Technician - U. S. Department of Interior. Dr. Phillip Hamman, Entomologist - Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Oliver E. Smith, Associate Professor - Texas A&M University, Prairie View Exp. Station. Observing peanut damage by the lasser cornstalk borer in a cooperative insecticide use study between the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas A&M University - Prairie View Experiment Station.

Good control of the lesser cornstalk borer may net peanut growers as much as \$15.00 more per acre, according to result demonstrations conducted in the county in 1968 by County Agricultural Agents, C. H. Pool and Burl B. Richardson.

Association of Junior Fellows

In the next edition of the Panther, the column, "Know Your Junior Fellow", will again be started. The column will feature information about

the branches do not conduct electricity before you make the purchase. Again, select only those that have the UL label. Trees are the focal

point for holiday decorating, but safety should come before — or go along with - beauty.

two Junior Fellows each edition. So look forward to this feature and "Know Your Junior Fellow".

The officers for the Association of Junior Fellows are: President, Johnny Johnson; Vice-President, Cecil Poole; Secre-Beverly Flowers; tary, Asst. Secretary, Verdie Malone; Teasurer, Shirley R e e d; Parliamentarian, Lawrence Johnson; Re-porter, Gwendolyn F. Adams; Sergeant - at - Arms, Herman Rodgers.

in order to reduce the fire hazard. Sprayed-on, flameretardant treatments by homeowners generally are not practical since effective application is difficult.

If you buy a plastic or metallized trees, make certain that the materials burn slowly. If decorated with lights, determine that

tree spot or flood lighting.

Keep trains, road racing

sets and other electrical

toys away from the tree.

Sparks or short circuits

Use flame resistant flock

could start a fire.

The Hilarious Harlem

the Texas State Department of Health



NROTC COLOR GUARD — Midshipmen pictured above led halftime activities on Thanksgiving day.

Biology Prof.

CONTINUED from Page 1 natural laboratories, but it is also interested in undertaking research. This is the first time in the history of this state that

A statewide Scientists' Conference to discuss plans and start setting up research projects and teams is scheduled for ear-

scientists have a vehicle

for working together.



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PERSHING RIFLETTES - The girls marching group was impressive in halftime activities of PV-TSU game.

> Stories from the cities and villages of Africa, the Mississippi delta, and the streets, porches, and stoops of black America. "Mr. Lester is a story-teller ... these stories are told, you can almost hear his voice. And, the illustrations are as vibrant and as immediate as the words."-Publishers' Weekly

BLACK FOLKTALES

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Accent on t J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Commissioner of Health Martin Luther generally Metallic trees should not is credited with using be decorated with electric lights. Instead, use off-the-

candles to decorate Christmas trees, and since his time people have been burning down their houses with unsafe Christmas tree practices.

There are right and wrong ways to go about decorating a tree, warns the Texas Department of Health. The right way is the safe way

Only freshly cut trees should be used. Saw off the trunk at an angle about an inch or more above the original cut and erect the tree so that it stands in water.

Locate the tree away from sources of heat to prevent more rapid drying. Keep it away from exits and remove it as soon as possible after the holiday. Wax candles should never be used on or near the tree. Use only lighting sets that bear the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label — not just the cords - and use them only for their intended purpose. Discard any lamp wiring

Unplug the lights when not in the house or when going to bed.

Avoid overloading circuits. A 15 amp fuse should be the maximum

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December 9, 1969



Biology Seminar Features Howard Univ. Professor With an atempt to

stimulate an interdisciplinary scholarly interest among the various schools and departments on our campus, the Biology Department, presented its second speaker to Biology, Nursing, Physical Education Majors, a host of friends and other col-leagues at Prairie View A & M College.

Our speaker on this occasion was Dr. Walter M. Booker, Head of the Department of Pharmacolo-Howard University, Washington, D. C. The title of the information presented was "Synthesis, Storage and Release of True and False Sympathetic Neural Transmitters". The questions and other responses were indicative of the interest in Dr. Booker's presentation.

Dr. Booker chatted informally with our paramedical students in the Harrington Science Libra-He informed these ry. students of the availability of assistantships, etc. in pharmacology, medicine and dentistry, and of the progress several of the Biology Majors are making at Howard University. Miss Marjay Anderson is currently working toward

That Time of Year

The season shall rumble about

To live, to breathe, to tout And up! the stellars will

awake To light, to dance, to

star wait; Ole St. Nick's spirited Yule --- Now all around

Snow is dwarf deep to the ground

The gay witches of winter abounds With icy fingers upon

spelled mounds. Where once mottle birds,

sang mottle sounds Perched to the tango, of green boughs crowns

4/4 swayed by musical bands of windy rounds In those times past, now -not found.

And dree'd to capture the season's roam

The droll birds gather to southly home Bequeathing to mottle

skiers, as once Rome The topple of their king-

dom come. And merry ole St. Nick can be heard

Singing in the nite singing in the nite Merry Christmas to one and all."

John LaSand

Dr. Campbell Named to Board Of National English Group

by Essie Wayne Taylor Dr. Campbell, head of the Department of English was elected to the board of directors of the Conference of College Composition and Communication last week in Washington, D. C.

The C. C. C. C. is one of the auxiliaries of the National Conference of teachers of English, having a membership of over 10,000 members. Dr. Campbell was elected as a result of ballots circulated the members among throughout the country. The persons selected to appear on the ballot were chosen by the board of directors of the National Council of English and are elected to serve a three year term.

Dr. Campbell also holds membership in other various organizations. Among them are: National Council of College English Education, The Texas Council of College teachers in English, Texas Joint English Committee in Secondary Schools and Colleges, the American Association of University Women, and American Association of



The first meeting of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority interest group was in November. Apheld proximately 60 young ladies were present to elect present officers: their president, Cecelia Gibson; vice-president, Jewel Armstrong; secretary, Edith Thomas; treasurer, Wilma Burren; reporters, Naomi Cooper, Adrian Mosby, Lynda Garrett. The interest group decided on the name of

"TIAKA" (Till I'm AKA), along with pink and white as their colors.

a doctorate degree in botany; Mr. Paul Bailey is pursuing a master degree pharmacology; Miss Gwendolyn Timberlake has completed her masters in zoology; Mr. Jake Davis is working toward an M. S. and M. D. degree, simultaneously; Mr. P. V. McCann and Mr. Robert Calhoun are completing work for the Ph. D. in zoology; Mr. Charles C. Owens is completing his Mr. I. I. Osborne is beginning his second year in dentistry and Mr. Oliver See SEMINAR, Page 6



Dr. Anne L. Campbell University Professors. Dr. Campbell is a mem-

Nursing Staffers Awarded Traineeships

Ruth Schnitzen. Mrs. Associate Professor, and Meredith Miss Parker. Chairman of Mental Health Nursing, Prairie View A. and M. College School of Nursing have been awarded a Traineeship by the Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, Georgia, through the United States Public Health Service. They will attend a workshop focused on Teaching with Television at the University of

ber of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and has served as National Secretary and Southwest regional directors of this organization. She is also an active member of the St. Francis Episcopal Church of Prairie View.



Mrs. Ruth Schnitzen

Georgia, Athens, Georgia, December 8-12, 1969 and July 13-15, 1970. These traineeships will cover the cost of tuition

and a per diem stipend

Miss Meredith Parker

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only to faculty members baccalaureate in degree nursing programs.





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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Pride or Hypocracy

Real pride, so it seems is manifested in substance, not symbols, so stated an article in a recent issue of Ebony magazine. What does this mean? What is the idea behind this statement.

What the author of that statement appears to be saying is that if a person has pride, one will be able to tell it in the way he carries himself. It will be reflected in his mannerisms.

Too many people, nowadays, seem to look for pride in symbols. For instance, if a man is seen wearing an "afro" hair cut, African attire, and listening to a song on his radio called "Black and Proud", he is assumed to have pride. Before one makes this assumption, he should examine the man behind these symbols. He may be using them as a place to hide. He may be wearing these symbols because (and only because) it's a passing fad. What if this "thing", were not popular? Would he still wear it? What if this same fellow, while wearing these symbols, made fun of his brother for having really kinky hair, or big lips, or black skin - the Negro characteristics in which he is supposed to be proud? Would he really be proud, or would he be a hypocrite? If he is a hypocrite, those symbols are meaningless, and what really is under examination is an "Uncle Tom" in disguise.

By the same token, a symbol watcher might consider a percon, not wearing these symbols an "Uncle Tom" or ashamed of his race. Once again he may be jumping to conclusions. May be this particular person doesn't want to be just a part of the crowd. May be he wants to do his own thing rather than have society dictate to him what he should wear or the way he should act. Could be that this person shows his pride in actions rather than in symbols. Possibly this person is a really independent man and no one has to manipulate him like a puppet.

To get the gist of what is being said, it can be explained in this manner. Symbols are not necessarily an indication of pride and are by no means the only indication. The same symbols can be used by both the Uncle Tom and the most ardent militant. So, they can't even be counted on as reflections of the wearer's philosophy. Therefore, the only real media through which pride can be measured are, as previously stated, through the actions and mannerisms of the person being neasured

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Freedom is our most cherished possession in America. This includes, we believe, the right to dress and groom oneelf as he or she pleases — so long as these actions do not nfringe upon the rights of others.

Rumbling in the City

Not the city of Houston, but Prairie View.

A large number of Prairie View citizens, particularly axpayers, have shown considerable concern about some of the actions of the first group of elected officials, the Mayor and Councilmen.

The list of grievences is long, but all the issues come back to the fact that the people, as in so many similar

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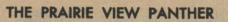
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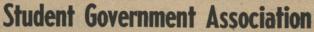
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Student Government Association

Marvin L. Bell, President On December 3, 1969, very serious and disheartening incident occured on campus. An auto accident took place in front of the Industrial Education Building. The accident resulted from the actions of a Prairie View student's reckless and irresponsible driving while intoxicated. He damaged three parked cars, and injured Mr. H. A. Perkins who was at the time sitting in his truck. The cars damaged were a 1970 Chevrolet, 1970 Oldsmobile, and a 1969 GTO in addition to the Driver's car. The estimated cost of damages is \$2500.

I have taken time to call this to your attention for several reasons. First, there is a great need for irresponsible actions such as this to be made known, and the possible consequences or implications of such actions to be made known, and more fully understood. You know how our Administrators think almost as well as I. The first thing that comes to their mind will be a "see, didn't I tell you so." Action such as this gives them strong arguments in defense of the harsh policies they activate. We have fought long and hard to reach our present point,

and there is still a lot of fighting left to be done. Don't make our fight harder or cause us to take backward steps. Along with every privilege goes a responsibility. The acquisition of victory and success also produces great responsibilities. Every student has a responsibility to each other, to our mutual welfare, and the unity of action that creates the strength to conquer the unconquerable foe.

I urge all Prairie View students to look at what has happened and search themselves. Is this the type of thing that we want, or is this the type of thing to look down upon? Is this providing for our general welfare as a whole or is it selfishly exhibiting number one as the main concern? I ask that we take advantage of our privilege to operate cars on campus, let us have the responsibility, maturity, and unity of action to drive cautiously, and help insure that our friends and fellow students will do the same. It is only in this way that we can solidify this gain, and continue to move a little higher. "Together in unity we stand and conquer, divided we are weak and impotent." We have a choice. Which one will you choose?

How to Economize at Christmas

Have you been perplexed about what to give your favorite guy or girl, mother or dad, or friends for Christmas?

The best way to go about the task of gift giving is first of all to organize. First, make a list of gift recipients and then decide how much money you can afford to spend so that you will not exceed your finances.

One of the main thoughts to bear in mind is that no one should expect too much from you because after all, you are a student. Think of useful items such as sweaters, scarves to accent her

favorite outfit, a cookbook if you're planning marriage soon, or if she's the sentimental type a stuffed animal. So now the girls are taken care of, what about the guys. You can always give him a knit, a gift pack of his or your favorite cologne, a wallet or a cuff link set. These gifts added with your love can be very effective and besides these items are both useful and economical. And remember it's not the gift but the thought behind the gift.

One thing important to remember is to try not to go into a lot of debt so buy as much as you can See ECONOMIZING, Page 5



Education Department

Bell the students but he concerns himself with the stu-

dents well-being also. He

feels that looking into the

past will not help the S. G.

A. to progress, only hinder

it. "Many of the students",

says Marvin, "consider the

S. G. A. as a social organ-

ization rather than a gov-

ernment. This is an organ-

his job as S. G. A. presi-

dent, but he feels that he

could use more student

support. At times he says

his job is pretty hectic es-

pecially when bridled with

unnecessary requests and

when confronted with un-

See BELL, Page 5

Marvin says he enjoys

izational gap."

As the Christmas Season approaches the Prai-

rie View Garden Club wishes to remind each famito put up some kind of Christmas display before leaving for the holidays. Diplays may be very simple and inexpensive in the form of a window, a door entrance, or a lawn display. For example, one may place the lighted Christmas tree before the window.

Alco, we are asking that each School, Department, Dormitory and Public Building put up a display. Once we have the displays up kindly have someone turn on the lights each night during the Christmas Season so that everyone may enjoy them.

One may contact any Garden Club official of member for suggestions on displays.

The Prairie View Garden Club

There Will Be A "CHRISTMAS BAZAAR" When: December 10, 1969 What time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS Items to eat, handcrafted items,

ideal for gifts, wearing apparels, and accessories to dress up your room or home.

IT'S THE CHRISTMAS SEASON! Shop early, beat the crowd to the Christmas Bazaar and have first choice from the terrific array of choices.

by Shirley Ruth Cook

entire campus and community get into holiday spirit. Meet Marvin Bell, SGA President

staffers and students complete holiday decorations as

by Marilyn Ray

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT -

"We can, we will these words were spoken by Marvin Bell, our S. G. A. president. We who are the components of the S. G. A. are led by this young man, a senior Political Science major from Houston, Texas. Marvin was elected as S. G. A. president in May of this year in a run-off election against an opposing candidate.

Many of our students, especially our freshmen, know very little about Marvin and his duties as president. Besides having classes just as we other students do, Marvin must face the vast problem of keeping the student body of Prairie View A&M happy. This undoubtedly in itself requires a great deal of his time and energy.

Many constructive things have been done on our campus since his becoming president. For example, the S. G. A. Constitution has been rewritten and sent to the press and a communications systems has been set up in the dining hal to provide music for the students and a means of making important daily announcements.

Not only does Marvin provide social functions for

instances, have not been properly informed. Now that the issues are coming to light and are being debated vigorously almost daily, it is certainly hoped that the best interest of the people will eventually be served.

It should not be forgotten that the real purpose of any government organization is to provide the opportunity for people to work together, rather than individually, in meeting their immediate and specific needs.

Christmas Brighten-Up

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, this year the nation celebrates the 150th Anniversary of military training on the college campus, and
- WHEREAS, The reserve officers training corps, today continues the tradition started in 1819, and
- WHEREAS, Army ROTC has been offered to the students at Prairie View A&M College since 1942, and
- WHEREAS, tens of thousands of young men who have taken ROTC have gone on to serve in the army in peacetime, in wartime and in times of National Emergency, with many giving their lives to preserve our democratic way of life;
- NOW, therefore, I, Alvin I. Thomas, president of Prairie View A&M College do hereby declare the months of October, November and December to be "Army ROTC Months" and I call on the faculty, staff and student body to join me in honoring those men commissioned through Army ROTC who have gone on to protect our freedoms at home and abroad in both the active Army and the Army Reserve.

Alvin. I. Thomas/s Alvin I. Thomas President



Larry A. Partee **AROTC Editor & PIV**



Sgt. Smith Gets **Bronze Star**

The Department of Mili-Science presented tary First Sergeant James E. Smith with a Citation that was awarded to him by the President of the United States of America. The presentation of the Bronze Star Medal with the Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster was presented to 1SG Smith by Dean Leroy Marion, Dean of Men at Prairie View A&M College.

The President awarded 1SG Smith with the award because of meritorious service in the Republic of Vietnam during the period from September 1968 to September 1969. It states theat "his rapid assessment and solution of numerous problems inherent in a combat environment greatly enhanced the allied effectiveness against a determined and aggressive enemy.

After the presentation, Lt. Col. Major Sturm, Professor of Military Science stated how hard it was to be awarded one Bronze Star, but it is indeed an honor to have a person on our staff in the Department of Military Science who has received five Bronze Star awards. 1SG Smith is presently serving acting Sergeant Major in the Prairie View Department of Military Science.

journalist and naval engineer all in one is our S. G. A. president. Now that you know a little more about him aren't you glad that he belongs to us? by Marilyn G. Ray



Pershing Rifles Company Q-17 opened its new season under the command of P/R LT Elmer Polk. His staff includes Harry Dabney, S-1; Andre Morrison, S-2; Oscar Rosignon, S-3; and Randy Phoenix,

S-4. The Company Executive Officer will be C/LT Ted Brown. The Q-17 Company is the defending champion of the Winter Assembly. CPT Osborne is the advisor and SGT Barge is the drill instructor.

GIRLS IN ROTC - Prairie View A&M College has five young ladies who have enrolled is the Basic Military

Science Course at the school. The young ladies pictured

above are Misses Bonita White and Veronica Anderson.

The other ladies not pictured are Misses Linda White,

Patricia Haden, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Price.



THE NEW COMMAND-ER — The new PMS, LTC. Major Strum (left) as l C/LTC Luther Berry.

Economizing

CONTINUED from Page 4 with cash. Benjamin Franklin once said, "Lying rides upon debts back.' This I have found to be true especially when you don't see an immediate way

to pay back. But above all, let us all remember why we give gifts for Christmas. Our gifts represents the gifts the wise men, shepherds, and others gave Jesus at his birth. And since he is not visually here and we

cannot give him a material gift, we can give him some of our time and thoughts because after all he gave us himself. Bearing this in mind, let us all make some one happier this Christmas, let's give them something.





EVENING RETREAT - Cadets observe flag lowering during ceremonies in front of Administration Building.

Bell

CONTINUED from Page 4 founded rumors that the students have head. Other than this he really enjoys his work. Marvin's outside work

include mostly Naval R. O. T. C. Obviously his favorite class would be Naval dent, philosopher, orator,

Engineering.

He likes journalism, philosophy, psychology, international relations and law. Upon graduation he plans to enter the Navy and from there he will go on to Graduate School. This young man; stu-



FASHION SPOTLIGHT

Hi — I'm Jackie, your Panther Fashion Editor. Sometimes, I'm referred to as Prairie View's couturiere, but to many just Jackie. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratefulness to you wonderful people out there in Pantherland. You have ful one, by reading it, and made my column a successencouraging others to do SO.

certainly hope that I during this 69th year you have found my column most informative as well as educational.

The holidays are right around the corner, and you'll not read another "Fashion Spotlight" until the year 1970. So may your holidays be bright and the coming seasons a delight.

Keep in mind it's important to be well dressed for the job whether it's in an office or at home. "A wo-

by Jackie Willis

man who knows she's nicely attired does a better job - whatever kind — than one who's sloppily thrown together." Those famous words were spoken by Joan O'Sullivan for "The Amy Vanderbilt Success Program for Women."

Merry Christmas to all of you, and the happiest of all the years.

Seminar

CONTINUED from Page 3 B. Simpson is beginning his first year in the school of dentistry.

The Biology Seminar is sponsored by Dr. T. P. Dooley, Professor of Biology.

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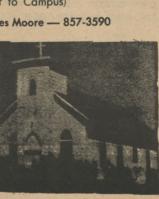
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CLUB Beta Beta Beta Biological

Honor Society by Harrianne Odom

Beta Beta Beta has regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. BBB had its first general meeting Wednesday since the infirst itiation of its 19 new members three weeks ago.

At this past meeting, which was the first for the newly inducted members, there was an air of good harmony and fellowship. Many new ideas were expressed during the meeting and pretty soon BBB will sponsor its first general public event. So be on the look out for it.

The initiation ceremony held recently was of short duration. But the entire evening was enhanced by the informal talk delivered by the special guest speaker. This remarkable indiv-

Beta Kappa Chi News Prairie View, Texas Edward W. Martin,

Sponsor

The Prairie View Chapter of Beta Kappa Chi is beginning a new year with five members of the local chapter. Four members of the Prairie View Chapter were graduated during the past school session. NOTES ON THE GRADU-ATES:

SUE EMERY

ALEXANDER

Received the M. S. degree in Biology from Prairie View A. and M. College in August, 1969, and is currently employed as Biology teacher at Reagan Senior High School, Houston, Texas.

RONALD S. BRIGGS

President of the Prairie View Chapter of Beta Kappa Chi, was graduated August, 1969, with a B. S. in Biology, MAGNA CUM LAUDE, and as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is presently stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo.

PATRICIA BURREN

Received the B. S. degree in Biology in May, MAGNA CUM 1969. LAUDE. Miss Burren was married in June to Mr. Paul Bailey, a May graduate of Prairie View A. and M. College. She is now employed at the Texas Medical Center, Houston, Texas. EDWARD E. LIVINGSTON

Completed requirements for the B. S. degree in May, 1969. He is a urrently enrolled as a freshman in Dental School, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee.

The five remaining members of the Prairie View Chapter of Beta Kappa Chi are active participants in campus activities. We are planning the initiation of other eligible candidates into the Society during the Fall or Winter.

L. C. Collins **Regional Vice-President** Southwest Region

NEWS **Economics** Club All Economics majors

and minors are cordially urged to attend the Economics Club meetings this year. By being a major or minor, you are automatically a member. Our regular meetings are held on the first Monday in each month at 6:30 p.m.

The officers for this year are as follows: President, Dorisann Tolbert; Vice-President, Woody Wallace; Secretary, Gwendolyn Fernzelle Adams; Treasur-Johnny Shepherd; er. Chaplin, Gwendolyn Lewis; Reporter, Robert Terry. The sponsor is Mr. C. M. Batie.

We'll be looking for you at our next meeting.

idual was Dr. Halcyn Watkins. Dr. Watkins had quite an interesting past, decked with vast educational experiences. First of all, Dr. Watkins gave an interesting talk which was centered primarily around her experiences as a veterinarian officer in South America. Dr. Watkins is a graduate of T. S. U., majored in Biology and minored in Chemistry. She received her doctorate in veterinary medicine from Tuskagee Institute in Alabama. For a time, she worked at Baylor University in the biology department and taught one year in a Houston high school. She is presently a member of the P. V. staff. Her work here, is primarily research work with the primates.

We are very happy to have Dr. Watkins with us, and I'm sure that all who heard her address were inspired and benefitted educationally from it.

The new undergraduate members of BBB deserve a round of applause for their many achievements. They are: Chester Burks, Clara Byrd, Ira Murchison, Ira Bell. Theodore Brown, James Bryant, Jr., Yvonne Harrison and Joyce Hoyt.

PERSONALITY **SPOTLIGHT**



This week's spotlight shines on the lovely Miss Anna Doucet and the personable Mr. Eddie Shuler. Anna a Jr. majoring in Business Administration and Minoring in Economics, she is from Baytown, Texas. She is a member of the Newman Association, and the Baytown P. V. Club. Her hobbies are centered around reading and dancing. Eddie is a senior majoring in Business Administration and minoring in Economics also. He is from Austin, Texas and is member of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Phi Beta Lambda Fraternity and The Austin P. V. Club. His hobbies are having a good time. The members of The Panther staff wish this week's personality's good luck.

Sociology Group Workers In Action

PICTORIAL SCENES OF GROUP WORK THEORY **PUT INTO PRACTICE** — The above photographic shots are some of the pictorial scenes of the Department of Sociology Group Work Class in action. The pictures from left to right are those of student group workers and their groups. The student group workers are: Melvin Arnett, Janet Gardner and Beatrice Houston, who are members of the Group Work class taught by Rufus F. Dabney, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology. The action pictures are activities of group work theory being put into practice by students in the class.

The groups shown are 'Cub Scouts' going on a hike and playing football under the leadership of student group workers. Through these practical activities the theory taught in the group work class becomes all the more meaningful as the students develop an understanding of the dynamics involved in working with groups. The 'Den-Mother' for these 'Cub Scouts' is Mrs. Berry, wife of Dr. Jewell Berry.

Beatrice Houston, Reporter





Panthers In Action:

Hoover Wright Is PV's Kingpin In Track

By Joe Booker

Hoover John Wright, Prairie View's N. A. I. A. track coach of the year, is fastly moving up as one of the inevitables in the track world.

Hoover Wright hasn't always had it so sweet. After leaving Maryland State University — where he was a three sport letterman - he began his coaching career.

At one particular school, he did everything but pop popcorn. He was head football coach, boys and girls basketball, track coach, physical education instructor and Dean of men.

When he came to Prairie View from Paul Quinn in 1961 — where he won championships in both football and basketball he was expected to coach football, but was asked to serve as track coach.

Today, his track team is one of the finest in the nation. He has produced two consecutive national championship track teams in a short span at Prairie View.

He has built a reputation in track that is normally given-in to highly successful football coaches. It has been claimed that Wright can walk on water. Of course, he disagrees that he can walk on water

even when its frozen.

At track meets fans circle around him, sometimes for a handshake or simply drifting a small distance away to gaze. Grown men who would not glance at Barbara McNair and would absolutely go in another direction to avoid Lester Maddox stand in their tracks on the street and gaze as he passes by.

Hoover Wright knows full well that, however rich the idolatry may be, he is expected to satisfy them with winning track teams. It's not that he plans it that way — it just happens when you get on the winning track.

He sat in his office in the Health and Physical Education building at Prairie View and talked about the 1969-70 Panther track team. "We lost a lot of points in Bagby and Felix last year," stated Wright. "We should put a good team on the track this year," he added.

Even in conversation, Hoover Wright is a phenomenon to behold. In leisurely conversation he seems constantly to be willfully exerting the force of his personality on himself, on anyone near him, on the movement of the students passing by his office, maybe on the track world.

Panthers Bow To TSU 10-0

It was one of those nights - excitement and - that the Prairie View Panthers couldn't get their offense going.

Evidently, the Tiger defensive plan was to — meet at the PV quarterback. If so, it worked. Luther Hudson, who coach Durley had placed hope in was injured.

The Space City Tigers didn't stop with Hudson. They weren't satisfied until they got to Maurice Mc-Gowan, who moved the team with grace until . . . you know the rest.

Without his starting quarterback, Durley felt like Wyatt Earp without his guns.

It was the third straight year that the city-slickers had defeated Prairie View.

Playing with mostly sophomores and freshmen, the Panthers gave the Tigers a scare that would make an Alfred Hitchcock thriller look like a Bugs Bunny cartoon.

One thing that was accomplished by the Panthers and that was - they shut out the Tiger "zero squad" Kenneth Burroughs, of who plays split end and Issac Jefferson, their sophomore flanker. Burroughs and Jefferson would have had a hard time catching flies with a fish net with the coverage put on them.

Seniors Sing Swan Song

Seven Prairie View griders ended their college career in the Astrodome against the Texas Southern University Tigers

Thanksgiving night. Charles Williams, the Panthers' sensation wide receiver; Charles Lyday, defensive end; James Bagby, linebacker and co-captain; Johnny Jernigan, offensive guard; James White, punter - defensive back; John Benton, linebacker and Claude Harvey, t'ght end.

the Panthers fourth ball game against Arkansas AM&N. Several of the seniors

are expected to go into professional football.



Carl Settles

Former Panthers Making Good In The Pros

The names of — Otis Taylor, Ken Houston, Alvin Reed, Jim Kearney, Jim Hunt and Otto Brown, are familiar among Prairie View-ites.

Otis Taylor, former All-American end for the Panthers in the middle 60's, is burning up the American Football League as a member of the Kansas City Chief's football club.

Ken Houston, was an All-American linebacker for the Panthers in the 60's and is now an All-Pro safety for the Houston Oilers. Alvin Reed, who played with Ken at PV, is an All-Pro tight end with the Oilers.

Jim Kearney, the Panthers second greatest passer in the school's history, ranking only behind the inevitable Charlie "Choo Choo" Brackins. Kearney was an All-American Panther; he is presently a standout defensive back with the Chiefs. Jim Hunt, was an All-American tackle on Prairie View's 1958 National Championship team. Hunt is now an All-Pro tackle with the Boston Patriots.

Otto Brown, who played for the Panthers last season is now a member of the Dallas Cowboys.

Glen Wood, a 1968 Panther, is on the Oilers taxiteam and Clarence Williams, the Panthers captain last year, is a mem-ber of the Cowboy cab team.

PV Cagers Show Potential

In this era of transplant, the first job confronting coach William Cofield is how to replace the hearts of a flickering Panther basketball team.

Old grads would like to chalk off last season's 8-11, record as a "bad dream" and hope the team can return to the level of success that was achieved during the Zelmo Beaty era.

A capsule analysis of the Panthers look like this: Carl Settles — a 5-11 senior guard with three years starting experience very quick and has lots of hustle. Tommy Ricks -6-6 senior forward with three years of SWAC experience . . . shoots excellent from around the key. Leroy Gamble, potentially Gamble is a fine ball-player . . . jumps real well and can score accurate inside the key. Wilbert Parker ----a 6-2 junior guard. Wilbert has probably the best outside shooting eye on the team . . . will have to polish up his ballhandling. Glen Parker, a junior

who has made a big improvement . . . very aggressive on the boards.

Freshmen expected to play a factor in the team's success are: Walter Mc-Gowan, Herbert Guin, Donald Dyer ,and James Miled-

McGowan, a 6-4 forward has an excellent eye and is a good rebounder. Guin, is a quick and colorful guard and is a fine all around player while Dyer and Miledge are also top performers.

No SWAC team has won the conference with a team consisting mostly of freshmen, but in due time the freshmen are expected to give the Panthers a winner.

The Arkansas Golden Lions, Jackson State, and Alcorn are the conference favorites, while Southern, could be a spoiler.

Ricks Return To Cage Squad To Take Lead In Scoring

Last year, Prairie View's 6-6 senior forward Tommy Ricks missed the entire basketball season because he had problems with the 3-R's.

1969-70 is a new season and Tommy has defeated last year's problem, but he's ready to present some problems to other people people who oppose the Panthers in basketball.

Ricks' return was a revelation for new coach William Coffeld. The shifty senior led the Panthers in scoring with 23 points and dominated the boards with 14 rebounds in Prairie View's 89-93 win over the Bishop College Tigers.

The Panthers used a fast break offense with freshmen Herbert Guin directing the attack. A pressing defense forced the Tigers into committing hopeless errors.

Walter McCowan, freshman from Houston -Lee, who many called the top graduating senior in Texas, last season, burnt the nets with 22 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Carl Settles, the former

Houston-Wheatley flash made a brief appearance, but poured in 12 points. The Panthers were de-

feated by the Bishop College Tigers in Dallas last Wednesday 102-84.

The Panthers host St. Edwards University, Tuesday night, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in a non-conference game and will travel to Austin in a return game with St. Edwards December 12.

During the Christmas break the Panthers will participate in the Dilliard Invitational tournament in New Orleans, Louisiana, December 19-20.



Ricks



Coach Wright chats with All-American Felix Johnson, his student coach.

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