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News-In-Brief

MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE UNDERWAY

Students in a Community Health Class are conducting a belated March of Dimes Campaign which is scheduled to close on March 31.

CHOIR GIVES SPRING CONCERT

The A Cappella Concert Choir presented a Spring Concert Sunday night in The Women's Gymnasium. Dr. H. Edison Anderson directed the group.

EPSILON PI TAU BANQUET HELD

Beta Iota Chapter of The National Industrial Education Fraternity held its annual Initiation and Founder's Day Banquet Saturday night. The speaker for the occasion was George O. Hudspeth, a PV grad now serving as member of the Beaumont School Board.

ALPHA TAU ALPHA DINNER

The First Annual Spring Banquet was sponsored by Alpha Tau Alpha and Future Farmers of America at Newman Hall Saturday, March 21.

CREDIT UNION MEETS

The Annual Meeting of The Prairie View State College Employees Federal Credit Union was held Monday night in Hilliard Hall. Dr. Kenneth Briggs, head of the Business Department was the principal speaker.

Division of College Relations Established, Directors Named

President A. I. Thomas has announced an expansion of the College Development Program by the establishment of a Division of College Relations.

Effective last February 15, Walter M. Stafford was appointed as Director of College Relations. His office is Room 122-B, telephone UL 7-3311, ext. 318, Home Economics Building. He comes to the College from the Personnel Division, Dow Chemical Company, Freeport, Texas.

As Director of College Relations, Mr. Stafford is responsible for developing an increasingly affirmative relationship between the

College, business, industry and government groups, Dr. Thomas stated. His immediate responsibilities will be as follows:

(1) Development of the Prairie View Cluster Program

(2) Development of a full time industry supported cooperative education program

(3) Development of a public relations program with businesses, industries and government in Texas

(4) Assisting in high school recruiting

(5) Development of the corporate - alumni giving program.



Miss Polly Elmore, Senior from Houston was officially crowned campus queen by president A. I. Thomas.



Student government officials Joseph Hathaway (left) 2nd Marvin Bell are pictured with Miss P. V.

Coronation of Miss PV Held on March 4

Delayed since last November, the annual Coronation of Miss Prairie View took place on campus on the evening of March 14.

Despite the small attend-

ance of students and staff, the event carried all the usual beauty and color of these historical affairs. It was sponsored by the Student Government Association with Reverend W. Van

Johnson serving as faculty advisor.

Miss Prairie View, who was officially crowned by President A. I. Thomas, (see photo above), is Miss Polly Elmore, a senior

whose home is in Houston, Texas. She was attended by Miss Lynn Atkinson, a senior from Houston. Miss PV's first attendant, Miss Helen Adams of Jasper, Texas, completed her residence requirements for the bachelors degree in January and has been doing student teaching off campus.

The queens of many of the major campus organizations participated in The Court along with officers as escorts representing the various groups.

Faculty Development Center Established

The College's Administrative Cabinet voted last week to establish a Center for Faculty Development.

The Center will provide an opportunity for counsel with faculty members on professional growth. It is

also expected to serve as a clearing house for information on financial assistance and to establish and maintain a library of materials pertaining to faculty development and a advanced study.

A concerted effort will be made now and in the future to up grade the instructional staff in line with professional requirements established by the accrediting agencies.

Election on April 4

City of Prairie View in the News

Prairie View voters will decide on a new Mayor and who will occupy two city council positions for the next two years when they vote in the city elections on

Saturday, April 4.

Candidates for Mayor are Thomas W. Mosley, a retired educator and E. Sams, a present Council member and local farmer-rancher, Mr. Sams is running as an independent, while Mr. Mosley represents the citizens for Good Government group who are currently in majority in the city government.

Dr. C. A. Wood, an independent, is seeking position number 4 on the council. He is running in competition with incumbent Emmitt Mathis, a Citizens for Good Government endorsed candidate. Both are college employees.

For Alderman position 5, three candidates are competing, including George Higgs, a "Good Government" endorsee, Claude Mathis and Ollie Williams, both indepen-

dents. Mr. Higgs is a Waller High School teacher; Mr. Claude Mathis is a college employee and Mr. Ollie Williams, a teacher and businessman.

Candidates labeled "independents" do not represent an organized party or political group but are considered "a team" in an effort to establish an opposing voice in city governmental affairs.

The city of Prairie View's first Chamber of Commerce has been established which consists of a Board of Directors of fifteen persons.

Members of the Board include J. R. Battle, L. R. Boyden, J. L. Boyer, Hulen Davis, D. Fontenot, F. G. Fry, Mrs. V. P. Fry, Mrs. E. Fuller, F. G. Hawkins, J. E. Jackson, T. R. Lawson, Mrs. Ann Sams, James Tisdell, and J. C. Williams.



CONSTANT WINNERS — The Prairie View A & M track team has won it's third consecutive meet as they move toward another conference and another national championship.



CALENDAR GIRL — Senior co-ed Fayette Brown is from Houston and is majoring in Elementary Education, Speech and Drama.



QUEEN OF THE DANCE — Pictured above is Miss Evelyn Connely, who gave a top quality performance at Miss Prairie View's Coronation. She is formerly First Runner-Up of the Miss Texas Teen Pageant 1969.

PV Students Will Participate In Leadership Institute

Prairie View A&M has been selected by Southwestern Life Insurance Company as one of the colleges from the Southwest to share in a unique leadership institute May 1-3.

Two Prairie View A&M students will be invited to the company's Dallas home office for an unusual "learning experience" in leadership techniques.

They will join 98 other college leaders from a five-state area on scholarships from the company to inaugurate what may become an annual Southwestern Life Leadership Institute. Its purpose is to help project promising young campus leaders into responsible career leadership roles. Participants returning to their schools for further study will have opportunity to apply the techniques on campus.

Assembling at the home office rather than on campus is intended to focus emphasis on the important need of both business and



BEAUMONT MAYOR WELCOMES P. V. PREXY: GREETES ALUMNI GROUP — The mayor of Beaumont is shown presenting the key to the city to Dr. A. I. Thomas during a recent alumni

dinner meeting in that city. Two outstanding alumni leaders are also pictured. Dr. Thomas was the principal speaker at the meeting held at the Royal Coach Inn and the theme was "United for Progress."

society as a whole for future leaders, Southwestern Life President William H. Seay said. The college leadership seminar is believed to be the first of its kind ever to be held in a business setting.

"Our college people need to see that the business community cares and is realistically interested enough to encourage youthful leadership devel-

opment," Seay said.

Students, faculty and school administrators will attend from selected colleges and universities in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Student selections will be made through campus contacts and will comprise about 80 percent of the total. To qualify for selection a student must have dem-

onstrated leadership qualities and rank scholastically in the top half of his or her class.

Faculty and administrators will be chosen for their opportunities for working with students in the techniques gained from the institute at their respective colleges. They will participate equally with the students in the seminar activities.

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The Spatial and the Spiritual

By Rev. Wilson Duke Richardson
Baptist Student Union Chaplain
"And he went A Little Farther..."
-Matthew 26:39



Rev. W. D. Richardson

We live in a space age. Even before man ventured into space, he had conquered distance. Journeys that took our forefathers months or days are now accomplished in hours or minutes. There remains, however, a distance modern Science cannot bridge. "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray...And (he went) a little farther." "A little farther" — that marks the distance our space age cannot bridge.

To begin with, let us ask, how far was it? Space-wise it was not too far. Luke tells us it was "about a stone's throw". But spiritually it was a great distance.

Space-wise it was not too far from the summit of Mount Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

Space-wise it was not too far from the upper room in Jerusalem where the apostles were experiencing the coming of the Holy Spirit. But spiritually what a distance!

We are now living in a world whose infinite space frightens us. Yet it is so abiding to know that the real distances of life are not spatial, but spiritual; that the Measuring rod is not quantitative, but qualitative. The writer offers some lessons that he believes are vital and sustaining for our own day and time, for they reveal

these three truths, as he sees them.

I. The decisive distant man must travel is not spatial, but spiritual. That is the distance our Lord traveled when "he went a little farther". There are critical moments in our lives; when we must be alone. There are boundary lines in our lives where our closest companions cannot cross over into. There are limits, boundaries, that even our nearest and dearest cannot pass. There are times when we must say to our dearest friends "sit here while I go there".

II. The greatest distance we have to cover lies within us. How true. It is a great distance from Texas to Chile, yet there may be a great spiritual distance between you and your dearest friend, although you are roommates, and no technical skill, no mechanical device, no space ship to the moon or Mars can bridge that distance, because it is within you.

It is the distance from selfishness to self-sacrifice; from self-affirmation

to self-dedication; from stubborn self-will to the Master's "Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt". The great distance man must travel is not space-wise but spiritual. That is the distance our Lord traveled when "he went a little farther".

III. You too can go a little farther. For these words "a little farther", discloses an ethical principle. Jesus was always going a little farther in the field of our ethical relationships. Our Lord was born in an unethical world. It was a world of an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. It was a world of exact Justice, largely devoid of Mercy.

But Jesus went a little farther: "You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy", but I say unto you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." And if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Hard?? Yes, but Jesus's spirit points beyond all boundaries. He is not afraid to let the cup run over. "He has broken down the dividing wall of hostility."

The message of the gospel, the good news, is that the distance which man cannot bridge has been bridged by Jesus Christ. In the profound words of the apostle, "God was in Christ reconciling the word to himself.

Too many of us are not really trying to reach God, but we're trying to be God. The end result is Confusion. There is a long way from Calvary to Canaveral. May we find our Calvary and our Resurrection at this Easter Time.



We Eat As We Meet

by Lafayette Collins
Probably the most im-

portant and versatile facility of our Memorial Student is "Food Service". To most, food service is the lunch and dining facilities in the coffee shop of the MSC, but it covers an area much broader than this.

The cargo will be lost in transit. Many of plain talk. And almost invariably, our egos are the cause of the problem.

Writing in *The Quill*, the magazine of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic society, Kenneth L. Calkins of the publication *See A PLEA*, Page 10

Food Service is supervised by Mr. Curtis Hall. Along with coffee shop accommodations, food service also serves various luncheons which are held

in the MSC Ballroom and other parts of the campus. Another service rendered by the MSC Food Service Department is dormitory service. Food and drinks are available in individual dormitories from 10:30 to 12:00.

Whenever you are in need of a bite; or in the middle of a hunger strike; in the dorm or where ever it be; Remember the service of the MSC.

A Plea For Plain Talk

By Kenneth H. Briggs
"Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."

"Don't shoot till you see the white of their eyes."

"Give me liberty or give me death."

"I have nothing to give but blood, tears and sweat."

"Nuts!"

"Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country."

These are six quotations that will live as long as men read history. Each was spoken by a brave man, inspiring courage in others.

But the six quotations have something else in common. Look closely. You will note that they are basically composed of simple sentences. The sentences are short. The longest being 17 words. And the words, too, are short and simple. In all of the quotations, there is a combined total of 51 words. Of these, 45 are one syllable words. There are only two, liberty and torpedoes, which have

as many as two syllables. Finally, even the two syllable words — ahead, nothing, country — are words which are so simple and so frequently used that any schoolboy would understand their meaning.

Why is it that these various quotations have earned a lasting place in history?

It is because of the lofty ideals which they express. But men express lofty ideals every day. The thing which sets these quotations apart is the simple language, and plain talk, in which they are phrased.

But simple as the language may be, it is none the less eloquent. Can anyone imagine a more colorful, emphatic expression than the "Nuts!" which General McAuliffe used to reject the Germans' invitation to surrender at Bastogne? Who could resist a call to arms from a commander who orders, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead?"

Each of the six quotations has the same elo-

quence. Graphic artist - painters, designers, architects - call it the beauty of simplicity. Simplicity in language has a beauty equal to simplicity in art. It flows rather than stumbles over the hurdles of incomprehensible terminology.

And this, after all, is the function of language. Language is a vehicle, a means of transportation, a delivery mechanism. Any communication - speaking, writing, drawing, or what have you - is a means of transferring an idea from one mind, the communicator's, to the mind of another, the listener, reader, or viewer. This transfer of thought is the important thing; language is merely the medium for effecting this transfer.

Nevertheless, the language is important in the sense that if it is not understood it fails as a delivery mechanism. If the language is too stilted or complex it will offend the listener. He will subconsciously close his mind.

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Editorial Comment

Minority Participation on State Board is Pitifully Small

(The following news feature by Ernest Stromberger, Austin correspondent for the Amarillo Globe-Times, should be of interest to Panther readers.)

AUSTIN — Gov. Preston Smith probably fully realized for the first time when he began getting feedback from actions by his Human Relations Committee, why John Connally was never too excited about creating such a committee.

Among the recommendations by the group's subcommittees during meetings Feb. 12-13 was one calling for appointment of more minority group members to state agency boards. Another called for him to hire a Mexican-American coordinator for his own staff.

WHAT MADE these proposals doubly embarrassing to Smith is the fact that the minority groups' spokesmen, including those in the legislature, apparently are satisfied with his performance because they have exerted no overt pressure on him to give them more representation in state government.

A survey of key state agencies and college governing boards shows minority groups are losing some of the small gains they made under Connally while gaining on several lesser boards, such as the advisory council for technical-vocational education.

Connally must be particularly puzzled by Smith's ability to escape criticism on this issue, since Connally went out of his way to court the blacks and had a Mexican-American staff member, yet suffered hostility from both groups.

Smith's good fortune on this score can be traced to the no-policy policy he follows in this and many other controversial issues. He plays the situation by ear and generally follows a path of least resistance, stirring up little antagonism.

In attempting to bring minority group leaders into his political and governmental circles — partly to try to woo them away from his rivals in the liberal wing of the Democratic party, Connally found he made new enemies with each appointment.

By choosing a minority group leader for a key spot, Connally angered the other factions within the minority group. Any contact with the minority group polarized it quickly into the triumphant "haves" and the envious "have-nots". That may be one reason Connally's trailblazing on minority appointments came mostly in the early years of his tenure.

CONNALLY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT and controversial push in minority appointments was his 1963 appointment of a Negro, the Rev. C. A. Holliday of Fort Worth, to the Department of Corrections. The prison's population is 40 per cent black and 18 per cent Mexican-American, and its nine-member board has never had a Mexican-American member.

Smith, however, failed to follow Connally's precedent and the Corrections Board is now all-white. He also did not follow three of Connally's precedents — which probably resulted from his South Texas origins — in appointing Mexican-Americans: as one of the 18 College Coordinating Board members, as one of the nine members of the State Board of Regents for senior



DRIVE FRIENDLY—Governor Preston Smith and A. Ross Rommel, Traffic Safety Administrator, have issued an appeal to Texas motorists to "Drive Friendly". Dashboard, window and bumper stickers bearing "Drive Friendly" are being used on most state vehicles, driver education cars and school buses. Business and civic groups were urged to participate. Stickers can be obtained at nominal cost by writing Drive Friendly, Governor's Office, Austin, Texas 78711.

Oh Say Can You Z?

By Dick Gregory

Every listing of the year's best films places the movie "Z" very high on the list. Rightfully so. It is educational cinema and should be viewed after a careful reading of a synopsis of the Conspiracy 8/7 Trial in Chicago. Though filmed in France and referring to the political situation in Greece. "Z" deals with topics increasingly familiar in America — government control, the attempt of concerned citizens to articulate a higher morality, and the resort to assassination as a sure way to silence both dissent and morality.

In the movie, the peace faction is the "enemy" of established government. Rallies and mass meetings are discouraged and frustrated by subtle little officiaties like denials of meeting permits and pressuring proprietors of meeting places to refuse rental privileges to the peace faction. After a mass meeting, the peace leader is run down by a truck. An investigation is launched and the unmistakable evidence points in the direction of assassination by government goons. Result: vindication of accused government officials, jailing or killing of all those wise to the governmental conspiracy (all under the umbrella of accidental death and due legal process) and, in the end, government by dictatorship.

But what has this to do with America, the silent majority will say? For one thing, it deals with a very real situation in Greece. And America, whose governmental gut characteristic has never been an aversion to interfering in the affairs of other nations, stood silently by and watched democracy fall. Then America's silence was broken when she officially recognized the newly established military dictatorship in Greece. That's the same America which goes all over the world trying to force democracy on other nations at gunpoint.

The "Z" syndrome runs deeper in America, and the Greece scenario could well be a glimpse at America's not-too-distant future. Americans were horrified and

colleges, and as a staff assistant in the governor's office.

There is no Negro on any of the 14 individual college governing boards — including the Texas A&M board which operates the predominantly Negro Prairie View A&M — except the Texas Southern Board which by law must include Negro members.

The three-member Welfare Board, whose agency's recipients are about 20 per cent black and 20 per cent Mexican-American, has never had a member of either group on its board. It now has one Negro employee on a \$11,000 job and two Mexican-Americans in \$12,000 jobs.

The three-member Texas Employment Commission whose agency's placements are 39 per cent black persons, has never had a minority group member.

OF THE SEVERAL HUNDRED appointments made since he became governor, Smith has appointed about 20 Negroes and Mexican-Americans — not including strong minority representation on his 50-member Human Relations Committee. His appointments aides say he treats all appointments alike and attempts to appoint the most qualified person he can find.

If these statistics have not aroused protests from minority groups thus far, it is not unreasonable to assume their silence will continue. With no liberal opponent to exploit the issue, Smith will be under no effective political pressure to bring more minority group members into state government. The embarrassment caused him by his Human Relations Committee thus appears to be only a minor irritant.

Black People Urged to Unite Through Soul and Unity

BOSTON, MASS. — Dr. C. Eric Lincoln urged Black Americans last week to use the pride we have preserved and the humanism we call "soul" to build the unity and power we must have if we are to survive.

Appealing for Black community through a speech to the Black Unitarian Universalist Cucus (BUUC) during its historic national meeting in Washington, D. C., the Black scholar said that "so long as color is a constant factor" in the forces shaping Black people's lives, and so long as the power in ghetto is not ghetto power but white power, Black Americans must pool their resources and move together to get what they want.

What we have to do it with, he said, is the ego we have managed to keep through all oppression, and "the consensus of feeling" that The New Black calls "soul."

Soul, he said, is a good principle of survival; and the expressions "soul brother" and "soul sister" recognize a common, unified experience "which moves from thralldom to freedom, from freedom to power, from power to responsibility and from responsibility to creativity.

"To have soul is to be capable of making a certain emotional response to an historical experience and expressing that response in a way that evokes a similar response in someone else.

"Soul is the reaffirmation of the Black man's estimate of himself. It is the connective skein that runs through the totality of the Black experience, weaving it together and infusing it with meaning. It is the sustaining force which makes endurance possible far beyond the limits of physical capacity, and it retrieves kinship and empathy and understanding from the brutalizing atomization of oppression and alienation.

"Soul is the resuscitated Black ego wresting victory from defeat and investing a tragic historical experience with courage and dignity, creativity and determination.

"So when the Black man speaks of soul, he is articulating an essentially ineffable experience through which he senses his own worth and dignity as an inseparable part of the enduring ego of the race."

Uniting in soul and pride, the Black author said, will give Black Americans the power we need to make, control and carry out the decisions crucial to our survival. The way things stand, he said, we have "all the responsibilities of citizens but "none of the power needed to fulfill those responsibilities" and "responsibility without power is slavery."

Dr. Lincoln said the critical question for the Black American today is this:

"How can he, a Black man, survive the concentrations of power which, if he does not resist them, will rob him of his humanity and reduce him to a thing? How can he survive as a person — a person who, out of the learnings of his personal travail, has something valid to say about the limitations of brotherhood and the failings of human justice? A person who, out of the subterranean river of the great Black Experience which spat him up and commanded him to prophesy, has well-ed up within him a message yet unspoken about what is good and what is true and what is beautiful; and what is none of these? When will the people give him a forum? When will the powerful un-stop their ears?"

Black people are tired, Dr. Lincoln noted, of being consigned to "the maintenance crew" of a society that is stubbornly deaf to the sounds of Black construction, hearing only the sounds of the de-construction and demolition. **In such areas as education, politics and religion, he said, they are very tired of having to make something work that was faulty in the beginning.**

outraged when the late Malcolm X referred to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy as an example of "Chickens coming home to roost." What passed as a flippancy and callous disregard for the memory of the dead President was really a perceptive political comment. Malcolm X realized the role of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in the overthrow of foreign governments and the killing off of political leaders. He was merely pointing out that an Agency well-schooled in the art of overthrowing governments is likely to apply that art one day on our own government.

There is no doubt in my mind that the CIA shot JFK and had a hand in the subsequent killings of Robert Kennedy, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. The list of mysterious and convenient deaths following the assassination of JFK bears a strong resemblance to the movie "Z". That the CIA is actively capable of close and illegal surveillance is proved in my personal experience almost every day.

As I travel in this country and abroad, I am constantly followed and watched. I know that hotel rooms are bugged and wired, that two-way mirrors are installed, right in the nation's capitol as pointed out in Justice William O. Douglas' new book **Points of Rebellion**. And I also know my deep and abiding faith in the Constitution of the United States and my commitment to humanity in general. If a man of my ethical persuasion, moral standards, and honest orientation can be consid-

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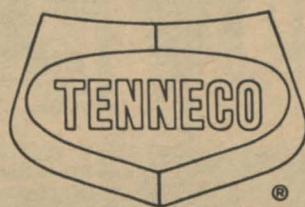
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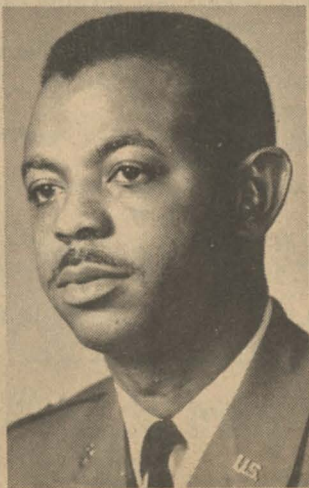




PLANNING ALL-FAITHS CHAPEL — President A. I. Thomas and Reverend W. Van Johnson are pictured with planning leaders during a meeting concerned with financing and constructing an All-Faiths Chapel on the P. V. campus. The meeting, held in a Houston motel, was a following up of plans made during the annual minister's conference held here.

PV Grad Heads Industrial Training Program in Penn.

CARLISLE BARRACKS, PA. — One of the busiest men in Carlisle is former paratrooper and Vietnam veteran Major Clemon H. Wesley, the Commanding Officer of the U. S. Army STRATCOM Telecommunications Center at Carlisle Barracks.



Major Wesley

Serving as an administrative consultant and curriculum advisor without pay at the Carlisle Branch of the Tri-County Opportunities Industrialization Center, Major Wesley, who is a 1957 graduate of Prairie View A&M., divides his off-duty time between this activity and his graduate studies at Shippensburg State College.

Utilizing training techniques learned in the Army Signal School at Fort Monmouth, N. J., Major Wesley helped to set up the initial feeder course which is four weeks in length and designed to motivate the trainee and prepare him for a vocational course at the OIC.

The Opportunities Industrialization Training Program was initially started in Philadelphia in 1963. Now OIC's are located in 80 cities throughout

the United States. They provide industrial training for unskilled and semi-skilled workers. The centers are developed and operated by committees representing local industries and community organizations.

The Carlisle OIC Branch is directed by Mrs. Emelia B. Lane and has graduated over 400 students during the past three years. The courses are primarily designed to provide practical, useful, remedial training to the unemployed. The program includes sev-

Governor Smith Acts to Open State Job Opportunities

Positive action by Governor Preston Smith to encourage the full utilization of the skills of state employees and to open employment opportunities to disadvantaged Texas regardless of racial background or sex was described Thursday by B. G. Allen to the Sub-Committee on State Employment of the Governor's Committee on Human Relations.

Allen is director of the Texas Office of Economic Opportunity, an agency within the State-Local Relations Division of the Governor's Office.

Allen, who has been designated by Governor Smith to lead the planning for the Public Service Careers project, explained that on February 10, Governor Smith directed a letter to 12 of the major state agencies in which he outlined three aspects of the problem of better utilizing our manpower resources and to increase our effectiveness in serving the public. These problems are:

1. How we can maximize the use of opportunities to upgrade the skills of state employees for the full development of their individual capabilities and to advance them in career pathways?
2. What additional steps do we need to take to open employment opportunities in our State government to Texans who are educationally or economically disadvantaged?
3. How do we make real

eral prevocational and vocational training courses.

The prevocational courses are designed to compensate for general educational deficiencies in adults and to provide employment motivation, preparation and training. The vocational training courses provide training in the specific skills required for available industrial jobs. The services being provided are vital to the welfare of the local community.



AREA AGRICULTURAL LEADERS MEET ON P. V. CAMPUS — A group of agricultural leaders in the wildlife service are pictured above with P. V. Agri-

cultural professors who presented current problems in research and teaching. Mr. U. S. Wallace was in charge of the program.

PV Represented on Historical Committee

The fourth meeting of the Waller County Historical Survey Committee was held in The Courthouse in Hempstead on March 19, with Miss Jimmie Rene Ogg, County School Superintendent serving as chairman.

Prairie View A&M College was represented at the meeting by Doctors G. R. Woolfolk and C. A. Wood. The role of the committee is to actively work in gathering and recording events of historic interest in the county. County Judge Jack Taylor established the Committee in October, 1969.

Planning by the group includes a writing of a complete history of Waller County, locating and recording all historical sites in the county, and sponsoring events of historical significance.

Plans were made by the Committee for a Waller County History Appreciation Week to be celebrated on April 24 to May 1, 1970.

The Waller County Committee serves as a part of The Texas State Historical Committee. The state committee is serviced by the Texas Historical Foundation, an organization established by The State Legislature and deemed

necessary by interested the financial agent for the Texans. The Foundation is State Committee.

The Pride of My Kinks

by Calvin Washington

Hey there, short and straight haired friends
 Give me a moment and your ears to lend
 The problem with you is you have no pride
 It's blacks like you who commit self genocide
 Short and straight hair implies lack of pride
 You can run from your true identity, but cannot hide
 Our old forefathers had more pride than we
 For history shows; they wore their hair naturally
 Do you think Frederick Douglass, head was bare?
 Look at his picture his kinks are there
 Did Harriet Tubman press her hair?
 And did she with envy, upon white's hair stare?
 No, it's only the short and straight haired kings
 and queens
 Who constantly cry, I'm doing my own thing
 Remember the story of "Black Like Me."
 The white man cut his hair to destroy his identity
 Oh, hair you say is not that much,
 But why every day, with the straightening comb touch
 Home I know I cannot reach
 But lessons to the brainwashed are hard to teach
 Let us awaken and open our eyes
 The thing today is to be blackenized
 If Jesus returned to the earth today
 I wonder if he would like your hair that way.

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and universal our mutual policy - non-discrimination in the State's employment practices, regardless of racial backgrounds or sex?

The Governor's concern about the fact that over one fourth of the State's total employees are separated from their jobs each year, while at the same time authorized positions remain vacant sometimes for months and nearly half a million disadvantaged Texans seek work opportunities also prompted him to decisive action.

By combining the latitude allowed under the State Employees Training Act with funds from the Public Service Careers program, additional entry jobs See SMITH, Page 8

Department News

School of Nursing



Miss Zeller Maxwell, (center) Executive Director-Texas Nurses Association, District Nurses, discusses professional nursing activity in the State of Texas with Mrs. Ruth Schnitzen (left), and Mrs. Jean Jackson (right), professors in the School of Nursing. Miss Maxwell participated in a faculty workshop, March 6, 1970, sponsored by the School of Nursing.

ASCE Paper Contest

The ASCE Student Chapter every year organizes a paper contest on the campus. This year's contest was held on March 10, 1970. Mr. James Marshall, a Junior in Civil Engineering won the First Prize. He presented a paper on, the "Study of Inelastic Behavior of Steel". The Second Prize was received by David C. Mosby, a senior in Civil Engineering, who presented a paper on "Matrix Methods of Structural Analysis". The third prize went to Robert L. Crawford, a senior Architectural Engineering major. His technical paper was on "Sonic Testing of Concrete". The papers were very interesting and the judges had a difficult time evaluating and determining the winner. Mr. William Chapman of the department of English, Mr. David Allor of the depart-

ment of Architectural Engineering, Dr. Phillip Schmidt of the department of Mechanical Engineering and Dr. H. Y. Yeh of the department of Civil Engineering were the respective judges for the contest.

Mr. Marshall will represent Prairie View A & M College at the Paper Contest of several ASCE student chapters of the Houston area at Houston on March 17 and also at the Texas Area Conference which will convene at Galveston, Texas. The conference is a part of the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers! The meeting is scheduled for May 2, 1970.

Mr. C. T. Luke of the department of Civil Engineering is the faculty advisor for the Chapter.

James Cheatham,
Reporter

Collins & Dooley Attend Planning Conference On Undergraduate Biological Education

Dr. Dooley, Chairman of Region Six on Undergraduate Biological Education, called a Planning Committee Meeting, at South Texas Junior College, March 13, in Houston to arrange for a Regional Meeting to be held at Lamar State College.

The chief concern of the State wide project is to coordinate Biological offerings in the Junior and Senior Colleges of the State of Texas and in this region.

Representatives were there from the University of Houston, Lamar State College, Sam Houston State, South Texas Junior College, San Jacinto Junior College and Prairie View. It was decided that a Spring Conference shall be held in April at Lamar State College. The theme of the Conference shall be built around Environmental problems and Innovations in Freshman Biology Laboratory experiments.

Biology Papers Presented

The Biology Department was well represented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Texas Academy of Science which convened at Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.

Dr. J. E. Berry presided over Division A of the Biological Science Section in which the following papers were presented:

1. Influence of LAS on the Germination of Seeds by T. P. Dooley.

2. Separation of Bases, Nucleosides and Nucleotides of DNA by Cation Ex-

change by Shirley Bryant, Paul Bailey, Al Burrs and V. M. Doctor.

In Division B of the Biological Science Section the following paper was presented:

1. The Influence of Thermovariations on Cardiac Contractility of *Chrysemys Picta* by Sue E. Alexander and L. C. Collins.

Other Biology Majors in attendance were Messrs. Bishop Williams and Evies Crawford who are teaching in High Schools in Marlin and Edna, Texas respectively.

Biology Seminar

The Biology Seminar for the month of March presented Dr. John D. Randall, Director of the Nuclear Science Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Dr. Randall spoke on the "Application of Radioactivity in Solving Scientific Problems." He also spoke to students and staff members who might be interested in using radioactivity

or reactors for research or training. Through a recent AEC program, it is possible for Prairie View students and staff members to use the services of the Texas A&M University Nuclear Science Center Reactor facilities without charge.

Staff members and students who attended the seminar were favorably impressed with the radioactivity research projects.

PV Grad Accepts Position With Dental Institute

Mr. Al T. Burrs who has completed all work for the M. S. degree in Biology

Smith

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could be opened up by upgrading the abilities of current state employees. The public Service Careers program is a new federal program for which Governor Smith applied for Texas and the U. S. Department of Labor is considering funding for this state.

Mary Ann Harvey, career development consultant for TCFC, then explained the Public Service Careers program is a program designed to assist states and local governments in developing job entry and advancement opportunities in public employment for the disadvantaged.

The agencies Governor Smith contacted Tuesday

with a minor in Chemistry accepted a position as a Dental Research Assistant with the Dental Science Institute, University of Texas, Houston.

He is presently engaged in dental research with the Marmoset Colony in Houston.

included the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety; Parks and Wildlife Department; State Department of Public Welfare; Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; Texas Education Agency, Texas Employment Commission, Texas State Department of Health; Texas State Highway Department; Rehabilitation Commission and the Youth Council. The Governor personally requested these agencies to help determine job entry requirements for that ag-

An Alpha, A Koppa, A Sigma, And A Que

By a Que

I know you'll probably doubt it, for this story seems odd but it's true; Of an Alpha, a Kappa, a Sigma, and a Que. From north, south, east and west they came; each from a separate place; Men who were men in every respect. In ideas, philosophy and taste. These four men stood stout and strong and were friends of the highest degree; But separate ways their fate led them to find their destiny. In action they were manly; in no way were they meek; And it took no time to realize that they were destined to be greeks. Would they choose the black and gold, the colors of A Phi A? Or, would they choose the blue and white and go the Sigma way? Would the Kappa cane be their inspiration, their loyalty till they die? Or, would their voices ring out loud and clear with the men of Omega Psi Phi? No one knew which path they'd take and no one questioned their choice; But everyone knew without a doubt that they'd go with the men and not the boys. Then many years passed so the story goes before they met again; Through many trials each had come across the burning sands. They smiled and greeted each other with a friendship warm and true; And no one ever said, "Man what's wrong with you?" Neither said to the other, "You shouldn't have joined that frat." They were glad to be together again and they let it go at that. And so my friends take their advice. Do whatever you want to do; Be an Alpha, or a Kappa, be a Sigma or a Que. But don't let petty differences destroy true greekdom's plans; And forever you can say with pride that I my friend as a man.

A Word About "The Birds"

by Geneva Chapman

Definitely the most delightful play of the season! Never has Marian Smith produced a finer drama! And Director Jack Carroll shows great promise. As for the cast - splendid! Of course we weren't surprised at the performance of such veterans as Robette Brockington, Calvin Washington, and Eddy Duckens; it was the talent of the rookies that was such a surprise. Sherman Williams is sure to win a nomination for the academy awards if not the Oscar itself. But of course Brenda Addison has Best Actress of the Year in the bag. We were more than charmed by the performances of Faye Brown, and more than flabbergasted by the performance of Portia Ward (I've never seen such remarkable talent or distinct diction in so young an actress). And then there was Cinda Allen and Virginia Castleberry - although their parts were small, they played them to the hilt. The only problem is, which

agency; the career pathways, recruiting and training procedures and related facts.

In his presentation, Allen emphasized that the Governor's plans call for improved state capability and performance in this area, regardless of the availability of the federal funds.

one of them will be Best Supporting Actress of the Year? Well, we'll leave that to the judges. As for Best Supporting Actor of the Year, everyone knows who that'll be. That's right, you guessed it, Al Johnson! I'll never forget that vision of him in his toga (chuckle). And let's not forget the offstage talent. The costumes by Marian and Susan Smith were a pure work of art and Harold Haynes was pretty clever with publicity too, especially that on the back of the program.

Well, that's about it for the talent. The plot needs no mention. Everyone knows that it's the most unique of the Greek dramas.

NOTE: I really hadn't intended to make the reviews this good, but you see, I don't wear a hat.



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GREEK NEWS

Alpha Phi Alpha

The members of ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INC., would like to congratulate the Lamps and the members of OMEGA PHI PSI FRATERNITY, for their recent victory in the Green basketball activity. We would also like to commend you for the leadership and

sportsman like conduct you showed while engaged in this activity.

We hope that this is just a beginning in the area of Fraternal activity and we hope that the following events will be as successful and serve as an example for the rest of the campus to follow.

We also hope that you continue on the road which you are now on so that you may reach your ultimate goal; and when you do, the ALPHA'S will be there to congratulate you again.



LAMPS WORKING HARD FOR OMEGA

TIAKA

The members of TIAKA after their prize winning performance in the Jabberneck received letters of congratulations from Delta Sigma Theta, the MIK's (Men Interested In Kappa Alpha Psi). The TIAKA's wish to thank you for your kind consideration.

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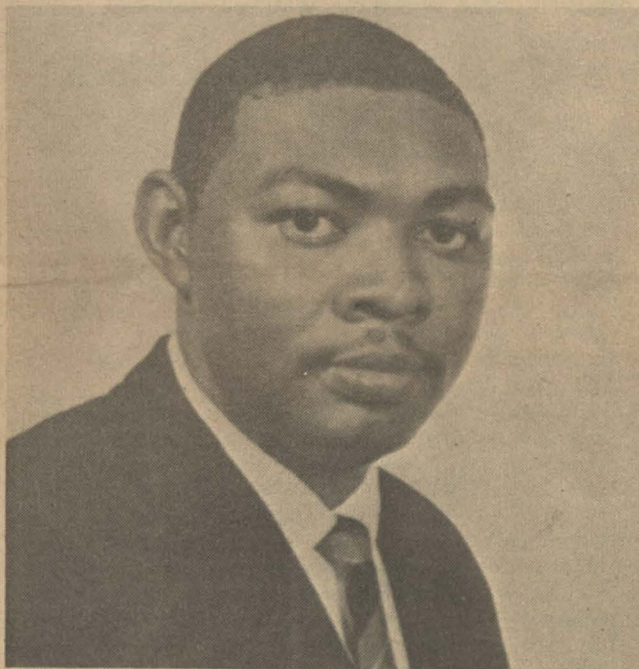
Delta Sigma Theta

The Prairie View Alumnae and Eta Beta Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., presented its second JABBERWOCK with the theme, "The Sunday Funnies", March 12, 1970 at 7:30 p.m.

First prize of \$15 was awarded to the TIAKA's of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their interpretation of the comic strip, "Tumbleweed". Second prize went to the men of Alpha Phi Alpha for their presentation of "Lil Abner".

The members of Delta Sigma Theta wish to thank all participants for making their show a great success and are looking forward to next year bringing greater participation.

Greeks entered in the show were Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Other participants included the TIAKA's of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Lamps of Omega Psi Fraternity.



SIGMA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — It was recently announced by Dr. Alvin J. McNeil, International President and Mr. Austin E. Greauc, National Director of Undergraduate Affairs that John Wesley Henderson, Senior Engineering major at PVAMC was the winner of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity National Scholarship Leadership Award in the amount of \$500.00.

Omega Psi Phi

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are presently operating under the Theta Chi Graduate Chapter of Prairie View A&M College.

are running a pledge line consisting of twenty-two young men striving to make Omega. Eddie Shula is the Dean of Pledges, and Rickie Sadberry is the Basileus. Sponsor is Dr. Kenneth H. Briggs.

This semester the Ques

Oh Say Can You Z?

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ered a "security risk" by the CIA, I must conclude that the CIA is worried about its own security and not that of the United States.

Perhaps it would take a government overthrow by unsuspected forces within the government itself to make the majority of Americans realize what a precious commodity true democracy really is: much too precious to be mocked and ridiculed by the current infatuation with pseudo-patriotism. It will be a sad day for many Americans when events force them to realize that men like Mark Lane and District Attorney Jim Garrison, though voices crying in a wilderness of rejection, were really the true patriots of our land. Democracy lost will be democracy appreciated, and perhaps the only real incentive to making it work right once and for all.

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TEACHER EDUCATION EVALUATION



NCATE TEAM is pictured discussing Graduate Program in Teacher Education with deans and directors. The session was held in the Hotel Conference Room.

PV Students Accepted at Medical Schools

While most premedical students are confronted with the problem of gaining admission to one medical school, two Biology majors, Ira Bell III and James Bryant are having a problem deciding which one to attend.

James Bryant has been accepted at University of Washington, Meharry, University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Utah.

Ira Bell III has acceptances at Rutgers, Tufts, University of Texas at Galveston and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

These students contribute their successes to:

1. Hard work at Prairie View
2. Application to several medical schools
3. Early application

The Premedical Committee stated that this year placements could have been made for at least twenty students in medical schools throughout the country. Students interested in careers in medicine should consult the Premedical Advisors about the present opportunities.

A Plea

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lic relations staff of Boeing's Aerospace Division, says:

"I've come to the conclusion that it is not so much ignorance of clear writing methods as it is stupidity."

Calkins' article, entitled "Untying the Giant's Tongue," discusses the desirability of clear, simple language in writing industrial communications. He



Eileen Peters

PV Coed Enters Miss Houston Pageant

Miss Eileen Peters, the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peters is a candidate for Miss Houston in the annual Miss Houston Pageant. Miss Peters, a sophomore at Prairie View A & M College majoring in Clothing and Textiles is one of the two Negroes entered in the Miss Houston Pageant. Eileen is an active member of Club Chic and presently holds the title of Miss Chic.

Eileen is presently a student at d'Lyn Modeling Academy in Houston and often does part-time modeling. In the pageant, Miss Peters will compete in bathing suit and formal wear competition with 25 other Houston area young ladies. Eileen is sponsored by Grices Phillip 66 Service Station in northwest Houston.

continues:
"What else but stupidity can account for a man saying that a clearly stated truth is not adequate because it doesn't sound 'professional'?"

"I spent a lot of time learning these words," one scientist will say. "Why should I write in some simple-minded fashion if I can use the technically concise terminology?"

Why? Why, Dr. Scientist? Because you want your message to be understood. That's why. While you may not be simple-minded, there is every possibility that at least some of your audience, or readership may be; hence, you must present your message in simple-minded language that will allow the message to get through. It is an accomplishment to speak in such a way that the message gets through. This "highly educated" man might well consider the speaking technique of other highly educated men who also attained important positions. For example, consider the men who spoke two of the quotations mentioned at the beginning of this article.

The man who spoke of blood, tears and sweat was educated at England's Harrow, a journalist in his youth and therefore a man

Bits of Blackness

by Geneva Chapman

Ghetto Image

In love with life,
But in hopes of dying;
Tired of strife,
But ashamed of crying.
Proud of honor,
But stealing to live;
Lacking wealth,
But willing to give.
Filled with faith,
But dreary with despair;
Without any worries,
But weary with care.
Willing to finish,
But unable to start;
White of hope,
But black of heart.

Make It Count

It's not enough to say loud
"I'm black, I'm proud!"
Or "It's my thing I do,
Can't nobody tell me how to!"

It's not enough to have soul,
To be black, bodacious, and bold.
You've got soul cause you're black;
And there's no getting around that.

But it's not enough to just me,
To only think, and feel, and speak.
Get yourself together! It's time to act!
Make it mean something that you're black!

The Art of Being Black

It takes taste and finesse to be a connoisseur of fine clothes, books, or wine. To appreciate the fine, cultured things in life, it takes a cultured mind. Being black has its price too - Many times it costs you poverty, (always racial inferiority) Sometimes its soleless shoes And ratty food; Sometimes a rundown shack In a bad neighborhood. Sometimes its half-clothed, Half-fed kids with runny noses, It's quite obvious the challenges Being black poses. But like any art, to be enjoyed It must be developed to its potential. Patience and care and these things are essential: Faith, hope, love, determination, Courage, strength, fortitude, and Gall. With these qualities Being black's not bad, No, not bad at all.

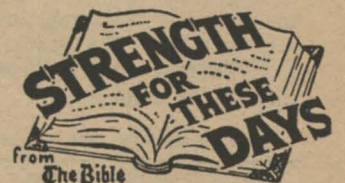
for whom words were the tools of his trade. He was the author of the definitive history of the second quarter of this century. He is already being described as the greatest man of our century.

And the man who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country," was a Harvard graduate; also a journalist and historian, as a matter of fact the only Pulitzer Prize winner who ever occupied the White House. Some people say he was the most brilliant occupant of that position since Hoover and the most intellectual since Jefferson.

This is just two examples of two great men who spoke simple-minded language, who used plain talk to express their ideas and thoughts.

It should be our motto

at Prairie View to stand up to be seen; speak up to be heard; and use plain talk to be understood.



Do not neglect the gift you have. (1 Tim. 4:14).

Some people discover they have gifts that lead them to be artists, musicians, writers, scientists, inventors, statesmen. Some of us are not blessed with these particular ones, but in us there is a guiding Spirit that makes each one of us special in our own right. When we recognize that we have God's Spirit as our special gift, we will be cheerful and pleasant in order to bring happiness to all and be our own God-gifted self.

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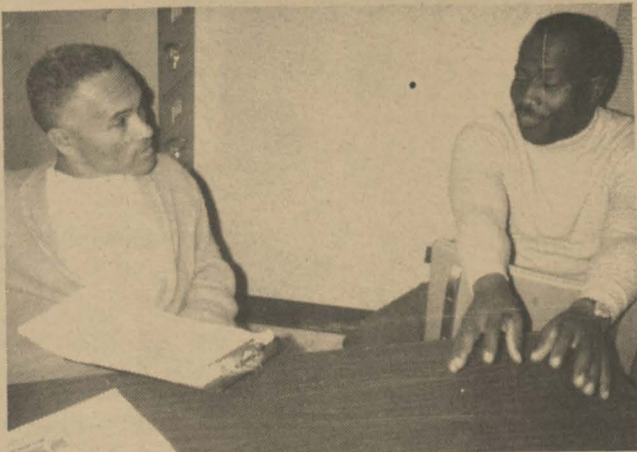
COLLEGE EXCHANGE NEWS

If you've been to your college exchange lately, then you know what this article is all about; but if you haven't read on.

Now on sale at the college exchange, Bill Blase Mod Dress Watch for ladies, Roth's Humorous, All occasion cards, Hamilton wrist watches for men with the new wide wrist band.

We also have the new look in jewelry — stamp them on and pull them off watches, shades-tinted — glasses and cups — with the school emblem. If you want to give your hair the natural look, we've got: Arfro-rakes, spray and hair conditioner by Rex-O, Cologne for the men, scarfs for the ladies.

Come by the College Exchange to see us. Take your time, but . . . HURRY!



Joe Henry, (left) PV Relays meet assistant, talks over plans with meet director Hoover Wright.

PV Relays To Have Top Talent

BY JOE BOOKER

Even if only the National Champion Prairie View track team showed up for the 40th annual Prairie View Relays, Friday, March 27, it would be worth the money.

But Hoover J. Wright, Prairie View's incomparable track coach, won't disappoint solemn fans. He has invited some of the finest track teams in the nation to this one-day event.

Texas Southern, Southern, Texas A&I, and Stephen A. Austin, are teams that are capable of giving Hoover Wright's "Untouchables" first class competition. Jackson State, Grambling, Dallas Baptist, and Philander Smith, boast strong teams also.

Prairie View's crack mile relay team, with the

second best time ever recorded indoors - 3:07.9 - has set its goal to break the world indoor mark of 3:02.8, set by Trinidad-Tobago, Kingston, and Jam in 1966. The foursome of Jessie Ball, Alvin Dotson, Fred "Flintstone" Newhouse, and Thurmon Boggess, haven't lost a mile relay in five meets this season.

The biggest surprise of the Panther team - if there is such for a PV track team - is the performance of the 440-yard relay team, which consist of Fred Newhouse, Royce Clay, Clifford McBride, and Mike Lindon, having clocked a burning 40.2 at the Pasadena Meet early in December.

The 880-relay team of McBride, Boggess, Henderson, and Newhouse, placed second in the TSU Relays with a 1:25.5.

Potential World Record Breakers At PV Relays

BY JOE BOOKER

The array of talent that will be at the Prairie View Relays March 27, seems unrealistic, but it is real.

Stephen F. Austin with Robert Hopkins (9.2), Texas Southern with Robert Taylor (9.2), Alcorn with Willie McGee (9.4) and Prairie View with Michael Lindon (9.5), should keep unusual-sullen spectators thrilled in the 100-yard dash.

Jessie Ball, one of the finest intermediate hurdles in the nation, is almost unchallengable. T. C. Minor, Ball's teammate has almost been stepping on Ball's heels in each event both participate in and Ball is aware that he'll be hearing hoof-prints.

Thurmon Boggess, Prairie View's SWAC record-holder in the 440-yard dash, will get strong competition from Arkansas's Henry Smothers. Both have run under 47-flat this year.

The mile will feature TSU's twosome - Tommy Fulton and George Harrison and a strong push from Southern's Luro Taylor. Prairie View's sensational freshman, Charles Russell, and his teammate J. B. Haggerty, will get competition from TSU's Tommy Fulton in the 880-yard run.



Coach Hoover Wright and Mile Relay Team, Ball, Dotson, Newhouse and Boggess.

Panther Club News

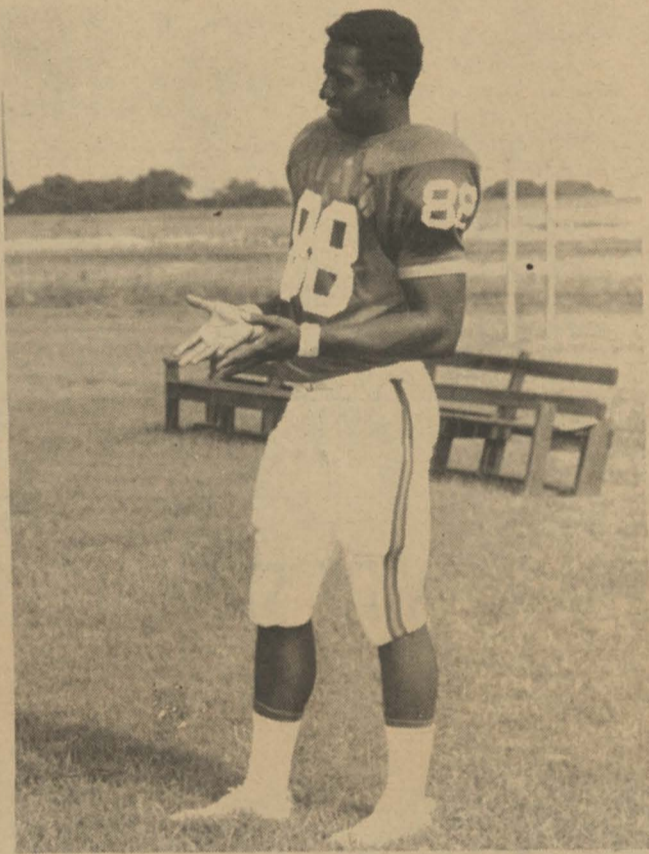
On Thursday, March 12, 1970, The Panther Club took its 1970 line over. This line booster the Panther Club membership to 27 active members here on campus.

The Panther Club is an organization for male athletes on campus. The club lends its aid to charitable organizations which work toward aiding the physically handicapped. The club also encourages the college's intramural program between other clubs as a means of fostering high standards of sportsmanship and leadership among college students. Leon White is the President, Gerald Lemond, is Vice-President, and Mr. Marion Henry is the sponsor.

New officers are president, James White; vice president, Gerald Lemond; secretary, Sam Mitchell; assistant secretary, Bivien Lee; treasurer, Levon Spencer; reporter, Alfred Johnson; business manager, James Williams; asst. business mgr. and parliamentarian, Larry Demerson; sgt. at arms, John Moore; chaplain, James Williams.

Reed, Glen Woods, (Oilers); Otis Taylor and Jim Kearney, (Chiefs); Otto Brown and Clarence Williams, (Cowboys); Jim Hunt, (Boston); Uriel "Sloppy Joe" Johnson, (Oakland); James Mitchell (Atlanta) and Roy Davis, (Redskins), as former PV stars in the pro ranks.

James Bagby, Prairie View's 1969 co-captain and linebacker has signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Charles Williams

Williams Signs With Rams

Charles "Daffy" Williams, Prairie View's 6-4 215 pound All-American split end, signed a contract to play professional football with the Los Angeles Rams.

Charles was drafted in the second round by the Rams - highest ever for a Prairie View player.

According to Lloyd Wells, the Kansas City Chiefs super scout, Charles will immediately become a

could be better. "I definitely feel that this team can better the 3:04.9 with competition," he stated. I feel that there is not too much difference between the 1967 team and the team today except — maybe a little more speed."

Jessie is almost unchallenged in the intermediate hurdles, having won in most of the events he has been in. But he feels a hurdle must be strong. "The hardest part in running the intermediate hurdles is the last 110-yards," he stated. If an intermediate hurdle does not have the stamina which is vital in intermediate hurdling, the last two hurdles will be overtaken with choppy steps, and this can hinder your race as far as time is concerned.

star for the Rams. "Williams has the size, speed, moves, and hands to become one of the finest wide receivers in the game," stated Wells, who signed Mike Garrett, Warren McVea, Otis Taylor, and many more players for the 1970 World Champion Chiefs.

Charles was named to the SWAC coaches' All-Conference Team and the N. A. I. A. All-American Team this past season. His ability as a blocker has given the Rams the thought of playing him at tight end as well as split end.

He played high school football in Dallas at Pinkston, where he participated in four sports. He will join Ken Houston, Alvin

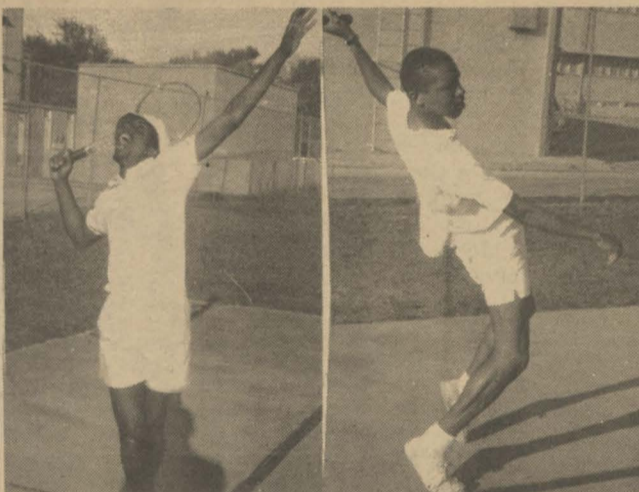
PV's Ball Makes Comeback

Jessie Ball, Prairie View's senior 440-yard intermediate hurdle, is making enormous gains to return to the form that rated him as the best 440-yard hurdle in the N. A. I. A. in 1968.

"I feel that if I can maintain my record of not attaining any injuries during the season and I continue to do as well as I have done so far, I can have a pretty good season," stated the senior Business Administration major at Prairie View. I want to at least better my best time, which was 50.7 in 1968," which is the N. A. I. A. record.

Jessie, who came highly heralded from Edgewood High in San Antonio, was on Prairie View's 1967 3:04.9 mile relay team. He ran the first leg for the mile relay team that ran a 3:07.2 in the Astrodome recently. He is the roommate of two of the finest quarter-milers in the country — Thurmon Boggess, who holds the SWAC record with a 46.0 and Fred Newhouse, who holds the world Indoor record with a 45.6.

The 1967 mile relay team was one of Prairie View's best. Only he and Boggess are left from that team. But Jessie is optimistic that the 1970 team



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Frame of Mind

"Can Win SWAC" Says Jefferson

In this age of 300-pound linemen, 6-4 halfbacks and 6-6 guards in Basketball, Prairie View's 5-10 running back Jerry "The Jet" Jefferson, stands tall and is optimistic about the Panthers chances in SWAC next season.

"I feel we can win the conference if the guys come back in the right frame of mind," stated the former Wheatley-Houston flash. "No matter what the guys think of the other guy off the field, as long as he does the right thing on the field."

Jerry was the Panther's second leading rusher in 1968 behind the late Westley Davidson and last season, he was the Panther's leading rusher.

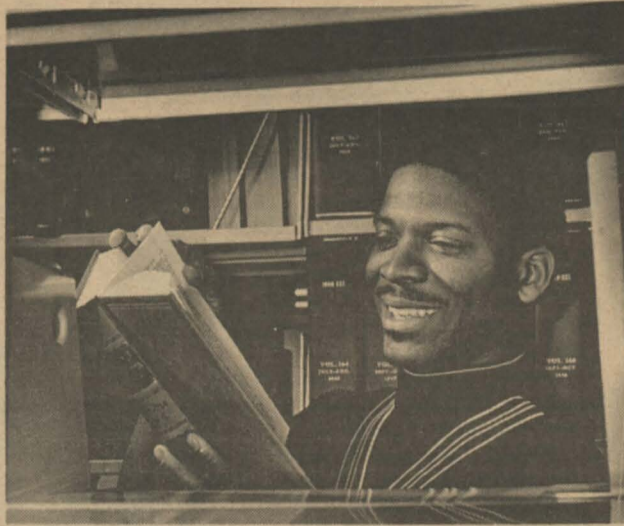
The sophomore veterinarian medicine major has a serious outlook on his football future and life in general. He talks in a soft-tone and can easily take life as it is. After leading the Panthers in rushing, he goes into spring training March 31,

with hopes of becoming a good all around back, something that is usually stuck to people like O. J. Simpson, Gale Sayers and Warren McVea.

"I'm going to work more on my blocking in spring training," he stated. "I would say my pass receiving, but I haven't missed a pass thrown to me, although we don't throw to backs too much."

While most college backs prize themselves in being the razzle dazzle type runner - the McVea style - Jerry doesn't. "I'm no fancy runner," he said. "I'm more of a balance runner. I don't mind getting hit and if I can't go around a guy, then I try to go over him."

Most backs pride themselves in talking about the men up front - Jerry is no exception. He is high on freshman offensive guard Norman Beard. "It seems to me that Norman Beard, out of the entire freshman group and some of the upperclassmen, is



Jerry Jefferson, Panther 1969 leading rusher, is serious about his studies as he is with a football under his arm.

Wins Third Meet in Row

PV Road Runners on the Loose

the best blocker. He has a lot of desire and determination."

Only a few days remain before spring training and Jerry "The Jet" Jefferson, may be one of the VIP's on the field.

Hoover J. Wright, Prairie View's Vince Lombardi of college track, once again waved his magic stick and his Prairie View Panthers walked off with college honors at the TSU relays March 13-14.

As usual, the team of interest was the road runners - Prairie View's crack mile relay team. The foursome of Jessie Ball, Alvin Dotson, Fred Newhouse and Thurman Boggess, won the mile relay by 20-yards with 3:10.3.

The 440-yard relay team also turned the windy Jeppesen stadium crown on with a winning time of 40.8, which shocked favorite Texas Southern.

Without Royce Clay, who was picked in the 440-yard relay, the Panthers settled for a close second in the 880 - yard relay with a 1:25.5. The Panthers also surprised the eager Jeppesen stadium guests by coming in second in the 2-mile run with a 7:42.0. Junior J. B. Haggerty ran his best college race on the 2-mile relay.

It was the third consecutive meet win for the Panthers and fourth in five meets.

Two members of the Panther team set new TSU relay records - Henry Henderson, placed second in the prelims of the quarter, but his 47.0 was good enough to break the old record of 47.6. Jessie Ball, set a new record in the 440-hurdles with a

PV Relays Set March 27

Hey Judge, Here Come Der Road Runners

Hey Judge! Here come dey Road Runners, that fantastic Prairie View Panther mile relay team for the 40th Annual Prairie View Relays Friday, March 27.

The Road Runners of Jessie Ball, Alvin Dotson, Fred "Flintstone" Newhouse and Thurman Boggess, are faster than a speeding locomotive; leaps tall buildings in a single bounce and can stop bullets with their teeth, will be the big attraction at the Prairie View Relays.

The foursome, who ran the second fastest time ever indoors with a 3:07.9 in the Astrodome Federation Meet, haven't lost a mile relay event in two years. Despite inclement weather conditions, they posted a 3:10.3 at the Texas Southern Relays. Old Panther grads who have witnessed all of the top Prairie View mile relay teams, are of the opinion that the present team could easily break the world mark if each member was running only the mile relay.

Hoover Wright, who has developed a rich idolatry from track fanatics all over the country for his ability to produce winning track teams. The man (Wright), who many feel can walk on water, exerts a phenomenon personality force on all of his surroundings. He has invited some of the top college, junior college and Women track teams in the country to the Prairie View Relays.

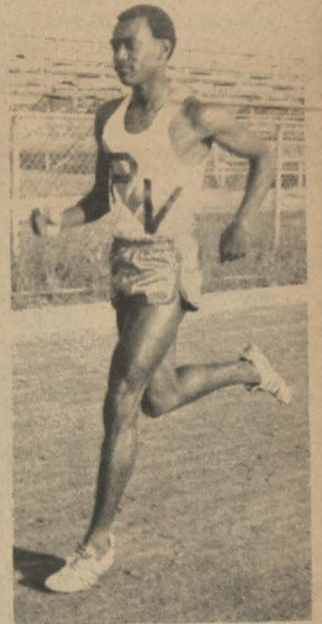
Prairie View's 440-yard relay team is closing in on the mile relay team for fame, fortune and glory. Through blood, sweat, and tears, the 440-relay team has finally arrived. In early December, when 440-relay team usually run 42.3 and worse, the foursome of Hoover Wright, ran a 40.2 at the Pasadena Meet. Clifford McBride, Fred Newhouse, Royce Clay and Michael Lindon, are the young men answering to the call of the 440-yard relay team. Friday, they will go against their number 52.7. The old record was 52.9.

one enemy - TSU - who also claims that they have the best 440-relay team on foot.

Prairie View's 880-relay team is also gaining recognition fast. Last week, at the TSU Relays, the 880-relay team placed second with a 1:25.5 without Royce Clay - who was injured.

Charles Russell, Prairie View's freshman half-miler from Houston-Wheatley, is groomed as the answer to former PV All-Everything Felix Johnson. Russell ran the third leg on Wheatley's record - setting mile relay team last year and the best he has done in the half-mile was 1:57.0. Now that he has enrolled in Hoover Wright's school-of-training, he is running 1:53.0 and 1:54.0. He has admitted that he is surprised that he has run the halfmile as fast as he has, but feels he can do better as the season progresses.

Elton Conger, David Hall, J. B. Haggerty and Russell, are expected to give the Panthers a strong 2-mile relay team. The foursome was second at the TSU Relays (7:42.0).



J. B. Haggerty, PV's half-miler, is one of the most improved members of the Panther track team - He is also doing great on the 2-mile relay team.

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