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# College Heads Sold On Performance Based Teaching, Individual Instruction

President A. I. Thomas proposed a challenge of instructional change to a gathering of some 250 members of his teaching staff, and reminded them that the key word in the education process is learning. "The classroom," he said, "can no longer be considered as the teacher's center, but should become more likely the student's center."

Dr. Thomas made his remarks early last week at the first general session of the College's week long — January 4-12 — Mid-Year Faculty Conference on "Performance-Based Teaching and Individualized Instruction: Ways to Effective Learning."

The eight day series of

staff meetings closed Wednesday after what has been described as one of the most successful Conferences in recent years. Dr. George R. Ragland, Acting Dean of the College, headed a large committee responsible for planning and execution of the conference.

According to reports made throughout the various sessions, Prairie View A&M's pioneering in the area of performance-based or competence-based education. The college has been officially designated a Performance-based teacher education agency. Bill Orman, an education division staff member, serves as executive director of the local project.

The conference was or-

ganized in an attempt to follow the concept laid out by the College's Centennial Council in its January 1970 Report. "The Council," Dr. Thomas said, "recommended that the College continues to discover, preserve and transmit knowledge, concentrates on problems of the society and solutions pertaining to its continued progress; provides for the optimal development of the individual." The curricula of the college, the report enunciates, should include those experiences relevant to the needs of individual and society in the 1970's.

Dr. Thomas observed that a larger number of students are dropping out of school nation-wide not mainly because of acade-

mic failures or lack of funds, but because students say, "the schools don't meet their needs."

"We must find ways to develop methods of instruction more relevant to the needs of the students" Dr. Thomas said. "Instructional programs must be devised in order to compensate for individual differences among students. Individuals must be free to learn as individuals."

"Here at Prairie View," the President of the predominantly Black four-year College also said, "instruction must be more flexible and allow a student to complete his requirements in two years if he is a very fast learner or

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SCENES FROM FACULTY CONFERENCE

## **P***The* **PANTHER** Prairie View A&M College of Texas

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# PV Students File Suit Against Waller County on Voter Registration Battle

by Ed Wendt  
Panther Reporter  
A federal Civil Rights suit has been filed against Waller County Officials by seven Prairie View Students who were told by L. R. Symm, county tax collector, they did not qualify to register and vote in

his county.  
The suit, filed December 15, under the leadership of Wendell Chinn, Student Government Association President of the college, the Young Democratic Clubs of Texas, and the Texas Student Legal Defense Fund, alleges that

the failure by officials to permit registration by the students violates their rights granted them in the Constitution of the United States of America. Fifteen concerned students were accompanied by the Rev. Van Johnson, college administrative representative, Prairie View Mayor Eristus Sams, State Sen. Barbara Jordan, and State Rep. Curtis Graves. Counsel for the students is Mr. Ed Wen-

der of the TSLDF, and Mr. James (Jim) Allison of the Young Democratic Clubs of Texas, a branch of the National Democratic Party. The County Tax Collector told students they must swear they intend to remain in Waller County or else they do not qualify to register. The case involves the first constitutional test of a practice requiring students to

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STUDENT PROJECT DISCUSSED — Ed Wendt (left) journalism student from Hempstead, discusses voter registration problems with SGA president Wendell Chinn.

## Telephones Added Changes Made in Room Rent In Most Residence Halls

Rapidly moving to provide the finest possible living conditions for our students; New residence halls are being constructed; All old residence halls will be renovated and air conditioned. Another improvement is the addition of telephones to each room. Work on the telephone system has been underway for several months. Due to favorable weather conditions, the telephone company has completed the system in time for use beginning the second semester 1972. This is several months ahead of schedule. The new system is a touch-tone Centrex type and is the only one of its kind located at a college in the South and the second in the nation.

**Local Calls**  
Local calls may be made to any residence hall

room, office or building on the campus. Local calls may also be made to any telephone within the city limits of Prairie View, Hempstead or Waller.

**Long Distance Calls**  
Students will be able to make and receive long distance calls to and from their rooms. The telephone company will make arrangements with the students and parents to issue a credit card for long distance service. The telephone company will be available during registration for this purpose. Pay telephones are available in each residence hall for those not desirous of a credit card. Collect calls may be made from either the student's phone or the public phone.

The college is currently working with the telephone company to  
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Calendar of Progress

# Performance-Based Teacher Center Gets Campus-Wide Endorsement at Prairie View

**September**

The Prairie View Performance-Based Teacher Center Consortium was officially formed on September 29, 1971. The Prairie View Consortium as developed, presently includes: Regions IV and VI Education Service Center, Consortium C, A&M Consolidated, Aldine, Bellville, Bryan, Cypress Fairbanks, Brenham, Brookshire, Houston, Katy, Magnolia, Montgomery, North Forest, Prairie View A&M College, Navasota, Sealy, Hempstead, Conroe and Waller.

A Prairie View Consortium Board of Directors was organized to include a representative from each member institution. Bylaws were developed and officers elected. The Consortium Board of Directors' officers for 1971-72, and the institutions represented include: Max Schlotter, Executive Director of Region VI, President; T. S. Hancock, Executive Director of Region IV, Vice-President; Ross Clark, Director Consortium C, Secretary; Bill Shirley, Superintendent of Hempstead Independent School District, Treasurer, and Bill Orman, Prairie View A&M College, Executive Director.

An Advisory Council is being developed that includes representatives from the following: Colleges/Universities, Public Schools, Teacher Associations, Community Educational Programs, Parents and Students.

**October**

An initial needs assessment mechanism was initiated to ascertain Consortium member in-service training commitments, interest, needs, and resources. Also the assessment instruments identify Advisory Council members, Renewal Resource Agents to serve as training contacts and consultants, training centers, priority educational products for immediate and future installation, and resource accessibility.

The systems for establishing an "Educational Renewal Cooperative" within the Prairie View Consortium are emerging. It is taking form from the initial needs assessment, and a plan for development toward future interdependence is being designed.

The Prairie View Teacher Center Consortium Board established its general and specific objectives, developed three year in-service training goals, and scheduled immediate short term priority in-service training activities.

The Texas Educational Renewal Center (TERC) developed plans with the Prairie View Consortium for delivering a pre-pilot in-service training program of Mini-Course I - Effective Questioning. The minicourse involves a



**FACULTY CONFERENCE** — A scene from a general session is pictured above. Dean G. R. Ragland is pictured on front row.

three-step instructional sequence and utilizes videotape equipment and evaluation materials. Training sites and centers for Mini-Course I were identified, and orientation sessions held with center officials for product installation.

**November**

Min-Course I installed November 1, 1971, as pre-pilot in-service teacher training program in the following Consortium member institutions: Aldine, Bryan, Cypress-Fairbanks, Hempstead, North Forest, Prairie View A&M College, and Sealy. Instructional lessons are scheduled at Prairie View A&M College with video microteaching being done in each teacher representative classroom. Videotaping equipment for pre-taping and post-taping is being furnished by Region IV Education Service Center, Prairie View A&M College, Waller Independent School District, and Aldine Independent School District. Pupils for pre and post-taping sessions are available in the Waller Independent School District. Product materials are being delivered by TERC and consultant service as needed is available from Region VI Education Service Center. Pre-pilot monitoring and feedback are being evaluated by officials from TERC and the Prairie View Consortium.

**December-January**

Initiate process for developing initial funding proposals. Present administrative costs of facilities, materials and services are afforded by Prairie View A&M College, and regions IV and VI Education Service Centers.

Rate and/or revise pre-pilot Mini-Course I. Follow up with the pilot programs of Mini-Course I in needed identified Consortium institutions in mid-January.

Also, install Mini-Courses in Mathematics, math units, materials and activities for teachers and children, and a college faculty training product in competency-based teacher education.

A task force will be named for developing the Prairie View Competency Based Model in teacher education. An in-service training program in performance based education will be installed to afford planning support and guidance. Within the model, teacher education interns and training centers will be identified, and a program leading toward certification on the basis of competency will be installed.

Further, a vital developing component will be the continuous identification and training of Renewal Resource Agents within the Consortium member institutions. As an active mechanism for recycling,

delivering and/or disseminating educational products, materials and services, these change agents afford the valuable linkage necessary to meet the existing and emerging in-service and pre-service teacher training needs of the Prairie View Performance-Based Teacher Center Consortium. Cooperatively, the idea of developing people products, programs and performances becomes more clearly focused, and needs of the "real world" for relevant education more nearly defined and more effective training delivery mechanisms and systems become installed. Thus, the learning experiences and opportunities for our children become greatly enhanced.

## 8-Day Study

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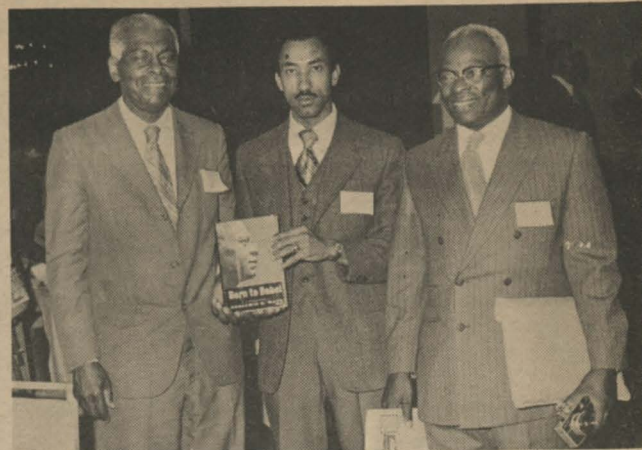
slow learner, as long as he is eager to learn. The ultimate goal is what counts, no matter the route or the time taken to reach it. If given the time, 95% of students will achieve their learning goals. There will be less frustration among students, less drop-outs more achievement and more satisfaction. We must face the reality of change if we want to keep up with the new demands.

Other speakers who addressed the conference were Dr. James Cooper, associate dean, School of Education, University of Houston; Dr. Robert Houston, director of Teaching Center, University of Houston; Dr. James L. Gant, professor of Education, Florida State University; Dr. Harry Robinson, director of Learning Resource Center, Prairie View A&M College. A large number of staff members participated as session leaders, planning committee members and active participants.



**PV PERFORMANCE BASED TEACHER CENTER** — Officers of the newly originated consortium includes (L to R) Dr. J. Don Boney, Acting Superintendent Houston Schools; Bill Shirley, Hempstead Superintendent (treasurer), T. S. Hancock, executive director, Region IV, Education Service Center, (Vice-

President); Dr. A. I. Thomas, PV A&M, Ross Clark, director, Consortium C (secretary); Max Schlotter, executive director, Region VI, Education Service Center (President); Bill Orman, Executive director, PV Project; and Dr. J. L. Brown, Director, PV Division of Education.



Mays Higgs McMillan

## PV Prof Helps Promote Book At Omega Convention in Houston

Dr. Kenneth H. Briggs, Professor, Department of Business Administration, Prairie View A&M College, and Dr. W. A. McMillan, President of Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi, assist Dr. Benjamin Mays in promoting his new book, "Born to Rebel."

known through his lectures, works and the 27 years which he spent as President of Morehouse College. He is currently president of the Atlanta Board of Education.

Dr. McMillan is the foster-father of Dr. Briggs. Dr. Briggs spent considerable time with Dr. Mays in Houston during the week-long Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Convention December 27-31, 1971. It is rumored that Briggs will collaborate with Dr. Mays as co-author of his next book entitled, "The New Black in the South."

The book, which is autobiographical, traces Dr. Mays' life from his birth in rural South Carolina through his struggles to become one of the twentieth century's greatest educators. Dr. Mays is

## For Juniors and Seniors Admissions Test For Graduate Study in Business Set At PV

As announced earlier the Admissions Test for Graduate Study in Business will be administered FREE to all interested

Juniors and Seniors at Prairie View A&M College February 5, 1972.

The deadline for registration for this examination is January 14, 1972, less than one month away.

In order for a student, at the Junior or Senior level to participate Fee-Free in the ATGSB Test February 5, an application must be secured from the Counseling Center, Room 111, New Classroom Building or by writing: Dr. G. H. Stafford, Director Counseling Center, P. O. Box 2580, Prairie View, Texas 77445.

The Admission Test for Graduate Study in Business (ATGSB) is a three-and-half-hour aptitude test design to measure certain mental capabilities important in the study of business at the graduate level. It contains questions that test your ability to read, understand, and to reason logically with both verbal and quantitative material. The test is not a measure of achievement or knowledge in any specific subject matter, and those who take it are neither required nor expected to have had undergraduate preparation in business subjects.

Each properly registered candidate will receive an Admission Ticket advising him to report to the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center, Dr. Stafford advised.

Candidates for the ATGSB will report at 8:00 a.m. on February 5, 1972 and should finish at approximately 12:30 p.m. Dr. Stafford said.

## Telephones

*CONTINUED from Page 1* phone company to provide a dial access system through the telephone. When completed, each student will be able to dial a tape of his professor's lecture or lesson assignment or other instructional materials and listen to the same via telephone. This is very important in cases of absence due to illness or death. It is also important for students who fall behind or wish to move ahead in their work.

**Cost**

The college has secured a most favorable group rate for residence hall telephones. To do this, each telephone is considered a part of the furniture for the room just as the bed, chair or closet. Therefore, each room will permanently have a telephone. The cost is only 14c per day for each student. Effective at the beginning of the second semester, 1972, the following room rates are in effect:

Banks	\$192.00
Suarez-Collins	167.00
Lucille O. Evans	167.00
Minor	117.00
Anderson	117.00
Evans	117.00
Fuller	192.00
Alexander	167.00
Buchanan	167.00
Foster	117.00
Luckie	117.00
Schumacher	117.00

AROTC Commissioning

# Black Junior Officer's Challenges And Opportunities Described

LTC Holland E. Bynam, a Prairie View Alumnus, gave down to earth advice to four new Lieutenants at the midyear commissioning ceremonies 17 December 1971.

LTC Bynam told the audience that Prairie View's ROTC program prepares an officer to compete favorably with graduates of other college ROTC Programs, as well as West Point and OCS graduates during the first two years of active duty. To maintain that edge, he advised the new officers to meet the challenges of dealing with a cross section of American youth, working with persons with varying personalities, black identity, personal power, decision making and higher level assignments through applying a variety of methods.

He mentioned, in this order, fairness, keeping one's personnel informed, honesty, loyalty to the commander and to your men, developing a philosophy of blackness, exercising self control in the use of a commissioned officer's public and personal power, developing one's ability to communicate effectively, accounting for new material and time 24 hours per day, and last-practice for flawless performance.

The opportunities which he listed are working with some of the most intelligent and dedicated Americans since our nation's inception and being involved in the Nation's preservation.

The four commissionees bring impressive credentials to active duty. 2nd Lieutenant Clifford Gardner, Infantry, commanded a cadet company and was designated a Distinguished Military Student; 2nd Lieutenant James E. Kirkwood, Infantry, was an honor student who won the American Legion Academic excellence Award, a battalion commander and



2LT Clifford N. Gardner, Center, receives the insignia of his new rank beneath an arch of Sabers.

a Distinguished Military Student; 2nd Lieutenant Amos R. Smith, Infantry, served as brigade communications officer. Smith ran the 1971 Advanced Summer Camp Orienteering Course, For Riley, Kansas in record time; 2nd Lieutenant Jerry E. Weatherspoon who will apply his Business Administration knowledge in the Adjutant Generals Corps is another Distinguished Military Student.

Weatherspoon was selected to be Deputy Brigade Commander based upon his on-campus and

Summer Camp achievements. At the 1971 Advanced Summer Camp, Jerry compiled a maximum score on the physical combat proficiency test, was cited for superior performance in Recondo Training and in leading small units and received the award for military excellence.

Dr. Thomas commended the newly commissioned officers, their parents and the AROTC cadre.

Cadet Major Douglas Willie was master of ceremonies for this tradition filled, Future Oriented Ceremony.

## Students Seek Voting Rights

CONTINUED from Page 1 swear they intend to live indefinitely in a county in which their respective colleges are located.

The suit fell into the hands of U. S. District Judge Allen B. Hannay's Court, but attorneys for the students indicated they intend to ask for a three-judge panel to hear it. Hannay, a land owner in the county, is a former Waller County Judge.

What one PV faculty member termed, "A seemingly opened attempt by Symm and other county officials to execute the old familiar 'stall routine' to prevent lawfully qualified voters from voting," appears to hinge on the new amendment to the Consti-

tution giving the vote to those 18 years and older and a law passed by the 62nd Legislature that was in part declared unconstitutional.

According to Texas law, as it now stands, the general requirements for voting in a Texas county provide that on the date of applying for registration one is a U. S. citizen and that within 30 days after applying for registration one will be 18 years of age or older and will have resided in the state of Texas one year, the county 6 months, and the city 6 months.

At a November meeting with the students arranged by Mr. Chinn and Tax Collector Symm, the latter stated, "Residency requirements state that one must be physically present and physically remain here." The student's lawyer came back at him with, "According to the 62nd Legislature you are in error. That law was declared unconstitutional."

President Chinn then put the question to the man, "Is it your intention that the students cannot register?"

Symm replied, No. Not all 3,500 or 4,000 of them . . . I don't think you have 3,500 students qualified on a permanent status."

Student lawyers told students after the meeting that they were prepared to go as far as the Supreme Court on the matter.

Wendell Chinn, later issued the following statement:

"In 1962 when Voter Education Projects were

## Workshop For Placement Secretaries Scheduled

On January 21-22, Region VII of the College Placement Service Consortium will conduct a Workshop for placement Secretaries at Prairie View A&M College. Region VII is comprised of seven colleges and universities throughout Texas and one in Oklahoma.

Secretaries in Placement Centers from these institutions will participate in a Talkathon about the Placement Secretary's Role, and review slides and films regarding the clerical functions of secretaries in college placement across the country.

Dr. Bernice Rollins, Chairman of the Department of Business at Prairie View, will be the

speaker for the 12:00 luncheon on the 22nd. Dr. Rollins' experiences include the position of Secretary of the Buyer for Macey's Department Store, New York, N. Y.

Brutus Jackson and staff of the campus Career Planning & Placement Center, are pleased indeed to host this Workshop (the first such session for Region VII) and on behalf of the College and the Placement Center a warm welcome is extended to the Secretaries of Bishop College, Jarvis Christian College, Langston University, Huston-Tillotson College, Texas College, Paul Quinn College and Texas Southern University.

## Houston Physician is Speaker At Paramedical Seminar

The Paramedical Club held its regular meeting Monday, December 6, 1971 in room 102 of the Harrington Science Building. The speaker for the meeting was Mr. James A. Robinson, Hospital Administrator at Riverside Hospital, Houston, Texas. Mr. Robinson's topic was "A Career in Hospital Administration and Other Allied Health Sciences."

The meeting was very informative and well attended. Several of Prairie View's nursing students and former Paramedical Club members are now gainfully employed at Riverside General Hospital, and several of the students in attendance at this

established, there were fewer than 20% of the total black population in the eleven southern states registered to vote. Today, almost ten years later, Black voters number in the millions, and for the first time since the late 1800's, black people hold elected offices in many areas across the south. Furthermore, there has been substantial progress made, but in the historic and dramatic struggle for freedom, the process has taken its toll, as black history illustrates.

Now an even greater opportunity for change through the democratic process exists. Nearly 40 million 18-20 year olds, through the 26th Amendment to the Constitution and Senate Bill 51 of the 62nd Texas Legislature, have been enfranchised to vote. If used, this vote can begin to allow people the opportunity to make decisions which affect their own lives — a NEW POWER THROUGH THE BALLOT!

So let us use this new power and 'freshly' found resource to better our condition. With the right of suffrage and equal protection under the law, we can together make this a better town, state, and country in which to live."

## Hope



EXPERT MEDICAL CARE and a mother's love can make a world of difference to a little girl. Although 8-month-old Erica Taylor looks healthy, she suffers from a rare metabolic birth defect—Bartter's syndrome. A rigidly controlled diet is part of the treatment prescribed at the March of Dimes Birth Defects Program at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami. January is March of Dimes month.

Mr. Robinson's expense account was paid for by the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation Grant.

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# Faculty-Staff Briefs

**Dr. A. I. Thomas**, President of the college, has been appointed to a four-year term to the Special Advisory Committee on NROTC Matters of the Association of NROTC Colleges.

**Dr. J. L. Brown**, Head, division of education, has been appointed by Houston Mayor Louie Welch to the Gulf Coast Manpower Area Planning Council (MAPC). The Council will be expected to articulate manpower and employment goals for the Gulf

Coast Area.

**Dr. S. R. Collins**, Dean School of Industrial Education and Technology, has been appointed by Senator Chet Brooks to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Senate Committee on Occupational Education.

**Dr. C. A. Wood**, Director of College Information Services, attended a Washington, D.C. meeting of the Board of the American College Public Relations Association early in December.

# Labor Dept. Guidelines

The status of certain paramedical, data processing employees, and highly paid technicians under the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime exemption for executive, administrative, and professional employees, and outside salesmen has been clarified in revised guidelines issued by the U. S. Department of Labor.

The revisions were made after a public hearing in February, 1971, indicated that clearer guidelines were needed to determine whether employees in these occupations are "professionals" and thus exempt from the Act's minimum wage, overtime and equal pay provisions.

Current regulations define a professional job as one requiring advanced knowledge in a field of science or learning acquired by a prolonged course of specialized intellectual instruction and study, the

exercise of discretion and judgement, and requiring more than routine mental, manual or physical work.

While registered nurses traditionally have been recognized as exempt professionals under these criteria, the clarification permits exemption for other certified paramedical employees, such as medical technologists, provided they have completed three academic years of study at an accredited college or university and a fourth year of professional study in a school of medical technology approved by the American Medical Association's Council of Medical Education.

In making these rulings, the Department noted that teachers, lawyers, doctors, accountants and other specialists qualify for the professional exemption because a "prolonged course of study" required by the regulations is standard for attainment of their academic degrees.

# Registration Information

1. Final grades for first semester 1971 — Final grades could be picked up in the Administration Auditorium beginning Thurs-

day, January 13 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: If there are problems regarding your

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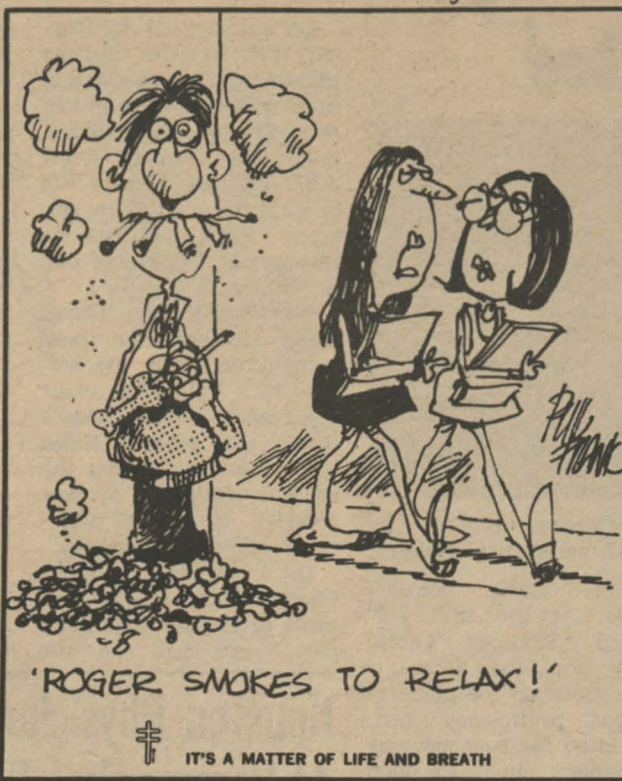
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# ASHES TO ASHES

by Phil Frank



## "Fancy Pants" - A Houston Effort

Not long ago the idea of producing a Jazz album in Houston, Texas was only a dream. A few albums had been recorded-Arnett

grades, please see the Registrar Monday, January 17th in the Registrar's Office.

2. To the persons that registered early and did not pay your fees:

A. Go to the Registrar's Office representatives located in the lower level of the Administration Building and pick up your registration kit containing your class cards.

B. Go to the financial aid representatives located in the Administration Building to sign your interim note.

C. Go to the fiscal office fee payment window and pay your fees. Please leave your class card kit with the teller that accepts your money.

NOTE: If your program needs to be adjusted as a result of final grades it is advisable to make your change during the official change of program period.

NOTE: If during early registration you kept your registration kit, it is most important that you follow the above instructions.

3. To the persons just starting your registration for spring semester, please follow the instructions listed below.

A. Secure health card from hospital, get housing complex card from Dean of Men or Dean of Women.

B. Go to the Registrar's Office and secure authorization to register card and secure your registration kit.

C. Go to your advisor for advisement.

D. Go to the Registration Center to secure class cards and have fees assessed.

E. Go to the fiscal office payment window and pay your fees. Please leave your class card kit with the teller that accepts your money.

Cobb waxed one in 1963 and so did drummer Hop Hopkins in 1969 — but they are still on the shelf, they never hit the market.

It was not until October 2, 1970, when the Lightmen released an album called "FREE AS YOU WANNA BE," could be Bayou City boast the release of a Jazz-album conceived, nurtured and produced in Houston by Houstonians.

That's all history now and the Space City is embarking on another musical production. THE LIGHTMEN, who have added a PLUS ONE, have recorded their second album entitled "FANCY PANTS" that is (will be) available to the Houston public (in mid-November) now. Behind this album comes the efforts of a broad spectrum of Houstonians.

"Fancy Pants" is being released on a Judnell Records label. This is the second venture into the Jazz market for Judnell Records, the first being "Free As You Wanna Be."

Alma Newsome, managing editor for a local weekly, The Voice Of Hope, wrote the liner notes.

"Fancy Pants," Miss Newsome writes, "reveals the Lightmen Plus One at a new stage of development. Where their First album was an exercise in individualism with each musician doing his thing and producing a rather abstract effect, FANCY PANTS allows the same individualism but adds a sense of harmony absent in the first album . . . . Fancy Pants is equally enjoyable listening for the Jazz buff and the uninitiated . . . . The group has only one direction to go and that's up!!!!"

The Lightmen Plus One can take all the credit as being the composers, arrangers, and producers of all the eight compositions on "Fancy Pants."



**NAVY COMMISSIONING** — Houston business executive Dudley C. Sharp, Sr. is pictured with Captain Warren H. Lowans as he congratulates midshipmen. Social hour gets started in bottom photo.

## Top Texas News Stories for 1971

(From Associated Press)

1. The Stocks - bank loans scandals, 197 points.
2. Austin indictment of Texas House Speaker Gus Mutscher and others, 172.
3. Passage of liquor by the drink in constitutional amendments, and turn-down of welfare issues, higher legislators' pay and other measures, 107.
4. The spring and early summer drought, 102.
5. The outbreak of Venezuelan horse disease, 101.
6. The Houston indictments in the stock-bank scandals, 76.
7. The suits, orders and troubles over school busing to achieve racial integration, 65.
8. The regular session of the legislature, 60.
9. The assassination of three deputy sheriffs in Dallas and the subsequent upset of the Mexican-American community, 57.
10. The dispute over wage freezes for teachers and state workers. The second 10:
11. Tropical storm-hurricane Fern.
12. The Dallas Cowboys' rise to the Super Bowl game and subsequent defeat.
- 13-14. Tie between the special legislative session and the court troubles of Rep. John Dowdy.
15. The transfer of the

Washington Senators to Dallas-Fort Worth and renaming the team the Texas Rangers.

16. The bitter weather of February.

17. The dedication of the LBJ Library and school.

18. Hurricane Edith which kept the Texas coast upset for days but finally hit in Louisiana.

19-20. Tie between the Notre Dame-Texas Cotton Bowl football game and the militant riots at Prairie View A&M.

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# Family Planning Center Opened at PV

An adult family planning clinic is now operating at Prairie View A&M College which is serving needy individuals and families throughout Waller County and adjoining communities.

The clinic, located in the college hospital, is open to the general public. Clinic hours have been set for Monday (11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.); Thursday (5 to 7 p.m.); and Saturday (10 to 12 a.m.).

Patients are provided with information and materials for fertility control without charge. Classes are also being scheduled covering various health programs such as venereal diseases, cancer and other



**DR. R. O. BERRY**  
Director of Clinic

major health problems.

Dr. Raymond O. Berry, director of the clinic,

stated that his staff is prepared to do an effective job in population control. "We have made a fine start in this direction and the number requesting services continues to increase," he said.

"Our problem now is what to do with patients who need further treatment. A large number of those who come to us for service should be referred for treatment, but we have no place to refer them," Dr. Berry explained. "Most of our patients are from needy families and are not financially able to go into Houston for specialized services".

A professor of animal science at the college, Dr. Berry sought federal support for his proposal to establish the clinic at Prairie View. The college received a grant of \$66,570 (on a matching basis) from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Local matching funds were made available to the college by Houston Endowment, Inc.

In addition to Dr. Berry, the Clinic staff includes Mrs. Faye Moore, who represents Planned Parenthood Association in Houston; temporary nurses aides; and Mrs. Melba Busby who according to Dr. Berry is doing a very effective job in contacting persons in communities and bringing many of them to the clinic.



Ag School Sponsors

## Field Trip to Rio Grande Valley

Thirty students and staff from agriculture, geography, and business came together for a two day excursion to the lower Rio Grande Valley and a night in Mexico.

The trip was sponsored and funded by the School of Agriculture under the 211 (d) grant in Tropical Soils.

The group visited the USDA Soil and Water Conservation Research station, Weslaco Agricultural Experiment Station, Pan-American College, and commercial farms. Seminars in citrus culture, water control, fertilization of Texas soils, and sugar cane production were presented.

Staff of the USDA discussed remote sensing and food process of sugar cane and citrus and arranged a tour of the laboratories

and pilot plants engaged in sugar cane research. This crop will soon become the major agricultural cash crop for the valley.

The group, headed by Dr. E. Brams, visited Pan-American College, a modern co-educational four-year institution, strolling about the campus, meeting, and getting to know the students.

They crossed into Mexi-

co at Reynosa and returned to the motel late that evening.

The next day the group visited the Rio Farms, where as their guests, all enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch and listened to very down-to-earth ideas from experienced farm managers about making money in agriculture.

If one word can express the tour it would be "ENLIGHTMENT".

## PV Grad Corpus Christi Teacher

FLOYDINE YOUNG, a first-year teacher, is teaching seventh grade reading at Browne Junior High School.

She received an associate of arts degree from Tyler District College and a bachelor of arts degree from Prairie View A&M College. She majored in history and minored in geography.

A high school honor student, Mrs. Young received her diploma from C.B. Dansby High School in Kilgore.

Among her recommendations to the Corpus Christi Independent School District, Mrs.



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## The Incarnation and The New Year of '72

So Joseph got up and taking the Child and his mother with him left that night for Egypt where he stayed until Herod was dead.

St. Matthew 2:13-15  
Jerusalem Bible

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

One of the most important events recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel is the flight of the holy family into Egypt.

In the light of Christmas we see the meaning of man's faith by which man moves out toward God, and the meaning of God's grace by which God moves out toward man, and the way to Eden is open at last.

Through all the long years-from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, and Isaiah — God was moving slowly, purposefully, and lovingly toward the New Adam. The Law was given and became a stumbling block. The prophets were sent to preach God's cause and were ignored or slain. Jerusalem fell and was destroyed. God's people were carried into a strange land. When they finally returned, it was only for a brief moment of freedom which was ended forever by the Greek and Roman Conquests.

As we move into 1972 and a new year of life we must remember the first great lesson of Christmas: God cares and he is working His purpose out. There will be disappointments for us in the year ahead. There will be changes, new experiences, unexpected opportunities and difficult decisions. We may have to go into a strange land as individuals, as a people, and as a nation. We may not understand much that happens, but God never fails to care and never ceases to lead us into his purpose for us.

The second great lesson of the Incarnation we need for 1972 is the necessity of man's obedience to God. God works through men, but only when men freely offer their will in obedience.

When Saul, on the road to Damascus, experienced his blinding conversion to Jesus Christ, he did not know where he would be led. But by his obedience he became the Apostle to the Gentiles. He lifted the message of the Incarnation out of a small Jewish group in Palestine to a faith and way of life for all men every where. In so doing he suffered many things — persecution, imprisonment, and finally death. He explained it all in his trial before Agrippa when he said "Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I could not disobey the heavenly vision."

It is the obedience of the church to her Lord that has taken the message of God's love and care to every nation and people.

E. J. Johnson  
Director  
Baptist  
Student  
Movement



This is a hard lesson for modern men and women. Our age is a time of experimentation, not obedience. We too often live on the principles, "Try anything once," but we are not prone to try discipline. The purpose of God in Christ is revealed at a moment in history through obedience. "I come not to do my own will but the will of Him that sent me."

Christianity progresses today, as it has through the centuries, not through speculation, experimentation, or disputation, but through the lives of those who obey the commands and purpose of God.

We are an impatient people. A thing is good if it works; whatever doesn't yield immediate dividends, we cast aside. This is not the philosophy of Christianity. The question for man is not will it work? but, is it the will and purpose of God?

The heart of the great prayer our Lord taught us is "Thy will be done." It

## UH Hosts 24th Annual College Industry Conference

Representatives from some of the nation's leading industries and engineering faculty members from campuses throughout the country are converging in Houston, Texas on January 13 and 14 for the 24th Annual College Industry Conference. Sponsored by the Relations with Industry Division of the American Society for Engineering Education, the conference will be hosted by the University of Houston. NASA Astronaut Lt. Commander Bruce McCandless will be featured as guest speaker. Announcement of the meeting was made from the University of Houston by Arthur N. Paul, Conference Chairman.

This year's conference theme, "New Direction in Technical Education", will serve as the focal point for discussion between businessmen and faculty members who use the meeting as a forum to exchange viewpoints and develop better relations between industry and engineering educators.

An official welcome from University of Houston President P. G. Hoffman will open the conference on Thursday morning, January 13th. C. V. Kirkpatrick, Dean of the University of Houston's Cullen College of Engineering, will deliver a keynote address entitled, "The Significance of Technical Education of the National Future".

# Big Three Auto Producers Coming to PV

General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler will be coming to Prairie View A. & M. College in 1972, to interview students for possible employment in their automobile industries.

General Motors Corporation was first to interview and employ Prairie View graduates. Ford Motor Company was second. These two automobile producers employed graduates to serve in several different positions. Some of the positions are: Sales, Marketing, Service Representatives, Quality Control, Management, Engineering, and the like. Chrysler Corporation has not interviewed any of Prairie View's students as of yet. However, its officials have agreed to come to Prairie View in 1972 and start interviewing students for possible employment with Chrysler Corporation. Chrysler will be interested in both males and females from



AUTO TECH MAJORS — Left tonight, Tiery Gaines, Henry Lott and Samuel Sauls.

all six schools of the college. Industrial Technology, Engineering Agriculture, Home Economics, Nursing, and Arts and Sciences.

Some of the positions Chrysler will be interested in filling with Prairie View graduates include:

Manufacturing, Accounting and Finance, Reliability and Quality Control, Sales and Service, Product Engineering, Personal, Production Purchasing and Planning, Merchandising, Plant Engineering Methods, Research and Design, Industrial Rela-

tions, Traffic, Costing, Metallurgy, Procurement, Public Relations, Production Control, Work Standards, Scheduling, Tool Engineering, Plant layout, Production Management, Data Processing, Systems Engineering, etc.

## AKA's Present First Fashionetta

In the beautiful setting of the College Women's newly decorated gymnasium. Zeta Gamma Omega and Zeta Gamma chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presented its first "Fashionetta" with the theme "Eleganza In Perfect Harmony".

Contestants for this affair were Misses Stephanie Sowell and Lisa Stafford competing for the title of "Little Miss Fashionetta"; Wanda Hill, and Ruth Elaine Johnson competing for the title of "Miss Junior Fashionetta" and Ajurella Combs competing for the title of "Miss Fashionetta".

The crowning took place at the beginning of the affair with Lisa Stafford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Stafford being crowned "Little Miss Fashionetta". Due to the closeness of the contest between the others both Wanda Hill, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Beville Hill, Hempstead, Texas and Ruth Elaine Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Johnson of Prairie View were both crowned. All of the above contestants received \$100.00

Savings Bonds. Miss Ajurella Combs was crowned "Miss Fashionetta" and she will receive a Tuition Scholarship. A presentation was also made in the contribution of One Band Uniform to the Prairie View A. and M. College Band Fund Drive.

Following the crowning a Fashion Show took place which was indeed delightful with fashions from the Tots to Teen world, Daytime and Casual Wear, Gaiety and Sportswear, Ethnic Fashions, and After-five Fashions.

Talent was provided between scenes which included a dance "Nymphs in the Grass" by Patricia Chase and Sheron Holt. A Twirling Routine to the tune of "Shaft" by Leslie Lewis, A Dance Routine to "Smiling Faces" by Johnnie Jones and Jacqueline Howard, A Sing Song to the Tune "If I Could Get the World to Sing" featuring Sorors from both chapters; A Hawaiian Dance by Brenda Jackson and A Dance Interpretation from "Herod's Song" of Jesus Christ Superstar by Linda Rice.

There were several par-

ticipating models which included Mrs. Mary Clark, Miss Kathy Smith, Sheila Wallace, Soror Pearl Solomon, Soror Beatrice Sowell and husband Donald Sowell, Sharon Henry, Lee Van Richardson, Jennifer and Frankie Francis, Patricia Bradley, John Boyer, Eileen Peters, Mrs. Rao, Eleanor Hill, Sylvia Summers, Linda Rice, Annette Gordon, Andrea Black, Doretha Woods, Patricia Bradley, Davey Young, Olivetta Higgs and others.

The narrators for the evening were Sorors Voncile Jones and Patricia Chase.

Zeta Gamma Omega and Zeta Gamma chapters are indeed grateful to all of the participants and patrons who helped to make this affair a success.

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AKA FASHIONETTA SCENES



Left to right — Dr. L. C. Collins, Sponsor of Paramedical Club, Mr. James Foster, owner of Sweetbriar Resthome, Miss Dietra Simon and Miss Pauletta Hamilton, junior Medical Technology Majors.

## Paramedical Students Visit Hempstead Rest Home

One of the objectives of the Paramedical Club is to visit the Sweetbriar Nur-

sing Home, Hempstead, Texas.

In order to accomplish this objective the students who will be involved will spend an hour or more performing the following tasks:

1. Reading to patients
2. Talking to those who are lonesome
3. Carrying those in wheelchairs for a ride
4. Walking with ambulatory patients

While performing these tasks we feel that those students who are interested in the allied health sciences will develop a keener awareness of the people they are to serve in the future.

## Group Visits UT Medical School

Twenty Paramedical Club students accompanied by Drs. L. C. Collins, T. P. Dooley, E. W. Martin and Mrs. L. C. Collins chartered a Greyhound bus to visit the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio, December 10, 1971. The club was hosted by Associate Dean Fred Taylor. The visit included a tour of the school

## PV Prof Attends Phi Beta Kappa National Meeting

Dr. James E. Johnson, of Prairie View A & M College is one of more than 550 officers and delegates of Phi Delta Kappa who met in the fraternity's 33rd Biennial Council at the University of Illinois from December 27 through 30. Largest professional fraternity in the world, Phi Delta Kappa enrolls 85,000 educational leaders in 390 chapters located in the United States and Canada. There are single chapters in Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Germany, and Turkey. Phi Delta Kappa's chief purpose is to advance publicly supported democratic education through research, service, and leadership.

This council voted down a proposal to admit women educators to Phi Delta Kappa, but authorized cooperation in several projects with three women's organizations, Delta Kappa Gamma, Pi Lambda Theta, and Alpha Deita Kappa.

To expand further the fraternity's professional program, the council approved an operating budget of nearly \$2 million and authorized a \$200,000 to \$300,000 expansion of the headquarters building in Bloomington, Ind. These sums represent a 50 per cent increase over current biennium expenditures and require dues increase from \$8 to 711.

The next Biennial Council will be held in Houston, Texas, with tentative date of October 19-22, 1973.

and a sequence of presentations on medical and dental school admissions, and allied health careers.

The group also had the opportunity to talk with former P. V. ites Messers. Lockett, a senior medical student and Westbrook, a freshman medical student at the University. This trip was made possible by the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation Grant.

# ROTC NEWS

## AROTC Grad Makes Laison Visit Here

On December 21, 1971, Major Calvin Waller discussed nationwide ROTC plans and programs with Dr. A. I. Thomas and the Army ROTC staff. As a 1959 alumnus of this college's Department of Military Science, Major Waller also reviewed Prairie View's innovative program and noted support which his office, The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, (ROTC Affairs), Department of the Army could provide this college.

During his stay at Prairie View Major Waller visited Major W. E. Shepherd, a classmate, and he also visited his major department, Biology. Major Waller visited Texas A&M as well as college's and universities in the Houston area after meeting with PVites on campus.

Major Waller is a Chemical Corps Officer who has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Airmedal and the Combat Infantrymans Badge. As a PVite he represents Pantherland at the highest level of ROTC affairs.



Left to right — Dr. Thomas, Major Waller, Major Shepherd review the past and predict the future achievements for AROTC.



Major Waller and Major Shepherd look at a 1959 Panther.

## Basic Corps Gives Campus Christmas Gifts

December 9, 1971 was a prelude to Christmas. The Basic Christmas Social was opened to the student body. The women's gymnasium was filled to capacity with panthers and pantherettes doing their thing to the Vos-hay's "Now Sounds." At intermission Miss ROTC and Battallion Queens in attendance received gifts from the Basic Corps. The Brigade Sergeant Major, Cadet Willie J. Crosby and his committee are commended for their excellent job in putting together the first Basic Corps Christmas Social.



SANTA CAME — In ascending order, Miss Third Battalion, Shirley Foreman; Miss Second Battalion Sharon Shipman; c/SGM Willie Crosby; Miss ROTC, Miss Barbara Parker; and ISG Smith, Faculty Advisor.

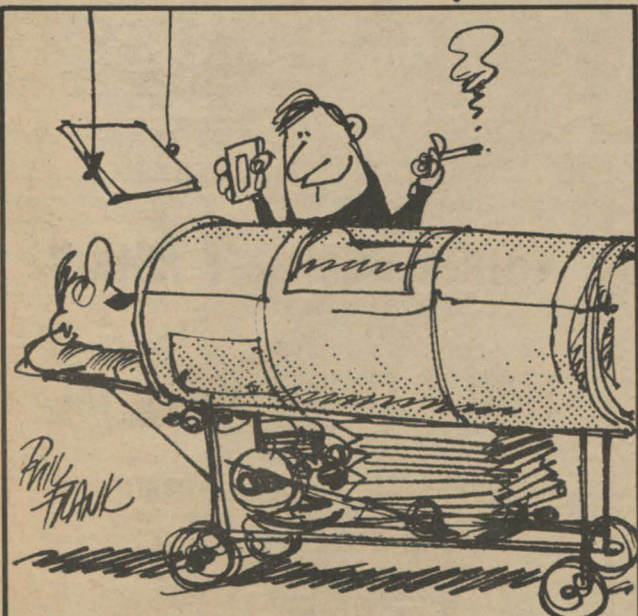


MISS BLACK TEXAS - 1971 — Miss Evelyn Conerly of Houston will be featured in the many activities planned for the 1972 Pageant in June.

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# Otis Taylor Day To Be Observed

Otis Taylor, one of the greatest wide receivers to ever play in the Southwestern Athletic Conference and at Prairie View, will be honored at Prairie View on Tuesday, January 25th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Center Ballroom.

Taylor, who now performs miracles for the Kansas City Chiefs, was named the United Press International Professional Football Player of the Year. He was also named the Pittsburgh Courier All-American Pro Player of the Year.

While he was at Prairie View, Taylor helped Coach Billy Nicks Panthers' win three SWAC titles and two national titles. PV also won 24 straight games while Otis was playing. Otis was named to the Look, U.P.I., Associated Press, Pittsburgh Courier and the N.A.I.A. All American teams while at PV.

Otis, presently holds PV's all-time reception record of 145 catches. He has also caught more touchdown passes in a career (38), than any other PV player.

Before coming to PV, Otis was an All-State quarterback and All-State basketball player at Hous-



OTIS TAYLOR

ton-Worthing. He is considered as one of the best all around athletes to ever come out of Houston.

Otis showed some of his versatility when he was at Prairie View by starting on the basketball team as well as the football team.

Tickets for the Otis Taylor affair will be \$5.00. Hank Stram, coach of the Chiefs; Elmo Wright, Otis' teammate, will also be present. Muhammad Ali, a close friend of Otis, will also be at the dinner.

Several other top professional football players will be present, such as Duane Thomas, Calvin Hill and Gloster Richardson, of the Cowboys.

Second Straight

# PV Wins Chicago Tournament

The next trip PV's basketball club make to the Chicago Invitational Christmas Holiday Classic, maybe the Tournament Committee will have the PV engraving put on the championship trophy.

The hotshooting troops of Bill Cofield's walked away with their second consecutive Chicago Invitational title.

The Panthers met Virginia Union in their first contest. Paced by Walter McCowan's 27 points and Lawrence Johnson's 23 rebounds the Panthers dumped the Virginians 94-70. Le Moyne-Owens, a tough club out of Memphis, Tennessee, was the Panthers second victim. PV breezed by Le Moyne-Owens, 94-78.

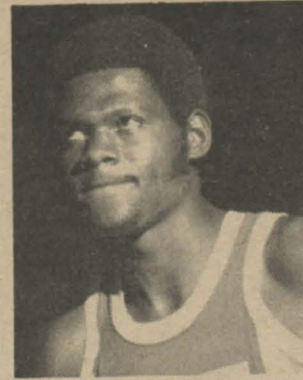
The Panthers championship game was a rerun of last year's final game. Last year, the Panthers met arch rival Texas Southern in the finals and edged them, 101-100. This

time, the Pack didn't make it close, as they at point in the contest, led the City-Slickers from Houston, 18-22. With free substitution at will, the Panthers finally beat the Tigers, 85-73.

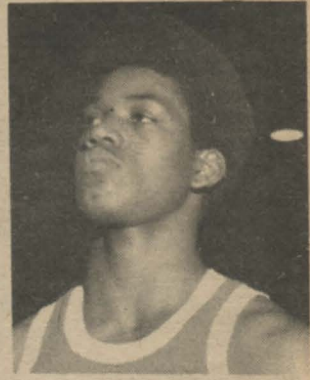
Four members of the Panther squad were named to the All-Tournament Team. Walter McCowan and Raymond Reynolds, were named to the first team and Tommy Keys, along with Lawrence Johnson, were second teamers. McCowan, was also voted the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Johnson, according to Bill Cofield, "played his best in the tournament". In the three games, Johnson averaged 22 points and 21 rebounds.

The wins in Chicago, gave the Panthers four straight victories, which began with the Panthers win over Sam Houston State.



REYNOLDS



JOHNSON



McCOWAN



KEYS

# PV Footballers Receive Honors

Five members of the 1971 Prairie View football team were given All-Star recognition, recently.

Panthers honored were Lester Morgan, a 5-11 sophomore defensive back, who was named to the All-Texas First team; Dewey Rogers, 6-3 defen-

sive tackle, was named first team All-Texas; John Moore, Junior split end and Talmadge Sharpe, junior linebacker, were honorable mention All-Texas. Wendell Jones, 6-2 offensive tackle, was also

honorable mention.

John Moore and Sharpe, were also named to the N.A.I.A. Honorable Mention All-American team. Moore, who led SWAC in pass receiving, was named to the Pittsburgh Courier

All-American second team.

Morgan, a cornerback, who hails from Bay City, led the Panthers in receptions last season. He swiped 6 aerials for 169 yards and ran two back for touchdowns.

# PV Inks Super Junior College Prospect

PV's head football coach Jim Hillyer, signed one of the top prospects in Junior College when he inked Henderson Junior College's All-Conference split end James Scott.

Scott is a 6-1, 195 pounder with burning speed (4.3) in the forty and 9.5 in the 100. Last

season, he caught 45 passes for 1,000 yards and 8 touchdowns. His best effort was against Stephen F. Austin State, when he caught 10 passes for over 200 yards and 3 touchdowns.

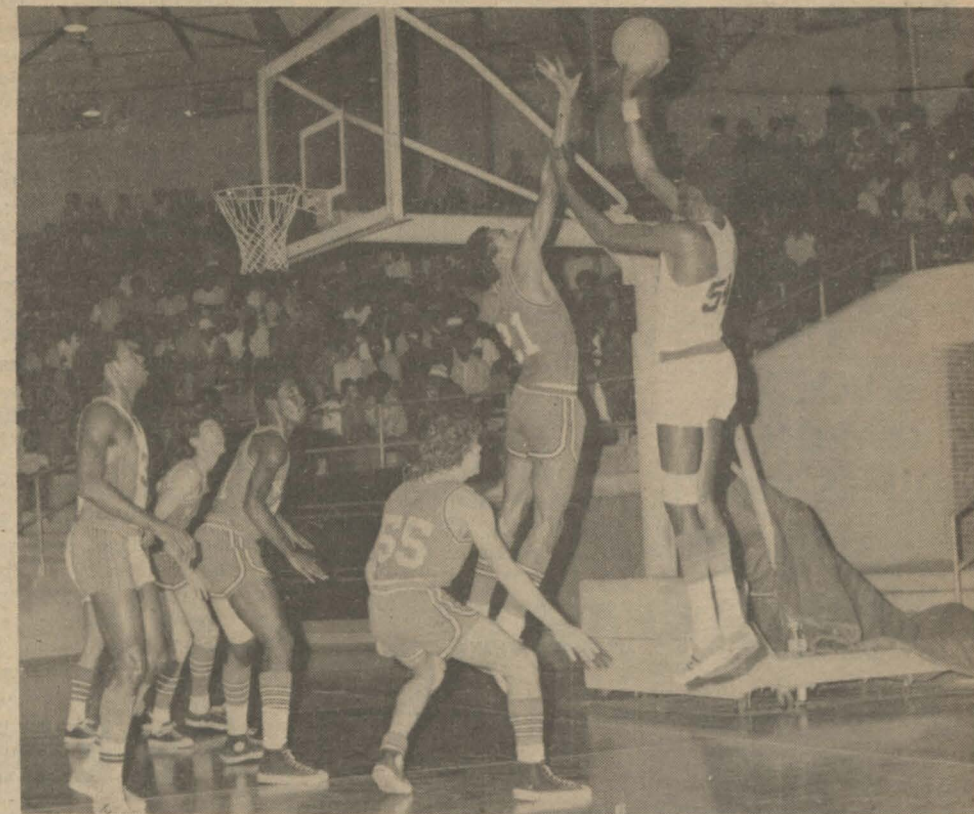
James attended Gladewater High in Gladewater, Texas, where he was All-

East Texas and All-District as a halfback. He scored 20 touchdowns from scrimmage as a senior in high school.

Hillyer is still bubbling over in joy in signing the speeder Scott, who has over 40 offers, including Colorado.

"We are very happy to have James with us," said Hillyer. "He brings some fine credentials to us. I am certain that he will add a lot to our team with his many talents."

James will team with PV's All-American split end John Moore, who led SWAC in pass receiving last season with 48 catches for 670 yards. In Hardy Malvo, who was third in SWAC in passing with 1400 yards, Scott will have little trouble worrying about how he'll get the ball.



PANTHERS SURPRISE SAM HOUSTON — Raymond Reynolds makes shot during well-attended game before the holidays.

## 1971-72 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site
Dec. 4	Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, Tex.
Dec. 6	Sam Houston	Huntsville, Tex.
Dec. 9	Stephen F. Austin	Prairie View, Tex.
Dec. 16	Sam Houston	Prairie View, Tex.
Jan. 8	Mississippi Valley*	Itta Bena, Miss.
Jan. 15	Southern University*	Baton Rouge, La.
Jan. 17	Jackson State*	Jackson, Miss.
Jan. 22	Texas Southern**	Houston, Tex.
Jan. 24	Texas Southern**	Prairie View, Tex.
Jan. 29	Grambling*	Prairie View, Tex.
Jan. 31	Alcorn A&M*	Prairie View, Tex.
Feb. 5	Alcorn A&M*	Lorman, Miss.
Jan. 7	Grambling*	Grambling, La.
Feb. 12	Jackson State*	Prairie View, Tex.
Feb. 14	Southern University*	Prairie View, Tex.
Feb. 22	Mississippi Valley*	Prairie View, Tex.

\*N. A. I. A. District 8 (Zone) Games  
 \* Conference Games (SWAC)  
 \*\* Zone and Conference Game

## Hilliard Hall Meal Schedule

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

Breakfast 7:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.  
 Lunch 11:00 a.m.-1:45 p.m.  
 Dinner 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Breakfast 7:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.  
 Lunch 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
 Dinner 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Breakfast 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  
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 Dinner 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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