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SEASONS GREETINGS



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NAVY GIRLS — Making an attractive addition to recent NROTC activities were the three Anchorettes above — Cheryl Harris, Margie Richardson and Demetria Peterson.

TEX-AN Is The Name

Texas Initiates Official State-Wide Telephone System

Texas' official state agencies, including all state colleges and universities, will go on an official state-wide telephone network early in January.

Named "Tex-An" the telephone system will link all state agencies on a special system of its own. Southwestern Bell is establishing the system within its present services, but state officials can dial a Tex-An number and be in immediate contact with any other state office in Texas.

Facilities are also available to call outside agencies and businesses from Tex-An connections. All official calls will be charged to a central state account, handles by the Governor's Office.

Commissioning Exercises For AROTC Friday

Nine senior AROTC cadets will receive Second Lieutenant bars Friday during mid-year commissioning Exercises.

Brigadier General Robert Arter, Commander U. S. Army, Third ROTC Region will perform the official ceremonies. Dr. George R. Woolfolk, head, department of History, will be the principal speaker.

Army ROTC Now Largest in Nation

PV's senior ROTC Unit is now ranked the largest in the nation, LTC Jiles Daniels reported. The University's AROTC slipped slightly ahead of Texas A&M this year.



PI OMEGA PI INITIATION — The group photo of participants in the installation ceremonies for Epsilon Omicron was taken following the ex-

Alphas Sponsor Music-Dance Variety Show

by Sandra Strange
On the glorious night of December 6, 1973, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Michael Buster president, presented one of the greatest Jazz musicians and composers of our time, Donald Byrd. For the unenlightened, Donald Byrd is the composer and performer of the smash hit "BlackByrd".

After the performance I went backstage and interviewed Donald, as he prefers to be called, and I asked him questions ranging from the conventional to the unconventional. Donald is 40 years old or rather young, from Detroit, Michigan, and he is a bachelor. He holds a Ph.D. in music and has taught at Columbia University, Rutgers, New York University, and until recently, he was head of the Music Department at Howard University in Washington, D. C. His group, "The BlackByrds", are former students of his from his days at Howard. They, in fact, are students as well as performers. I asked Donald for some advice to students who hope to pursue a musical career, his answer was, "Start young studying music and or practice hard." My next question was rather unconventional. I asked him if he was into or on the dope

scene. His reply, "Hell, No Dope is a curse I cannot afford. You can't be a success with a messed up mind which all dope can eventually do for you."

Donald is evidently a well-educated "BLACK" man and quite out-spoken. He used to lecture as well as perform at Black universities, and he says, "Of late the black universities have been fighting me and my ideas, I wonder why?" I asked why he had never been to Prairie View before, his reply, "I have never been invited before." I learned from the brothers of A Phi A that Donald rendered the show for merely a percentage of the money the club raised from ticket sales. There was not a set rate. From my short talk with the man, I concluded he is a "great" person, and his music is fantastic! If you missed his performance you missed a treat.

Black Foxes Appear
Appearing on the show with Donald Byrd and the BlackByrds were Black Fire, a super group from Houston and our own Black Foxes, the T.S.U. majorettes did not show. Before their performance, I went backstage and talked to the Black Foxes, there has been some unfavorable feedback con-



CHRISTMAS CHEER — PV students exhibit the holiday mood despite final examinations now underway. The PV-type are Sharon Odom and Carl Gude.

Accreditation

Program Under Study Univ. Teacher Education

The School of Education is currently involved in a self-study which is a part of an official report to the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Dr. Tillman V. Jackson, Director of Teacher Education and Head of the School of Education, serves as chairman of the Steering Committee for the Study which is scheduled to be completed by January 17, 1974.

President A. I. Thomas appointed NCATE Self-Study Committee as he announced the coming visit by the National Council for

the Spring of 1974. According to Dr. Thomas, the visit will be limited to the graduate section of the Teacher Education Program. Practically all members of the graduate faculty are serving on several committees organized to handle various phases of the study.

Members of the Steering Committee include: Dr. Jackson, Dr. Mattie Landon, Dr. James Lokey, Dr. W. W. Clem, Dr. Samuel Lindsay, Mrs. Ernestine Outley, Mrs. Jemmizine Taylor, Mr. Bill Orman, Carolyn Carrington and Charles Cokes.

2nd Semester Begins On January 7th at PV

Early registration for the Second Semester began on December 10 and will close Saturday for the

Christmas holidays. Regular Registration is scheduled for January 7-8-9, 1974.

cerning their performances and I wanted their reactions. Berrilynn Moore, their leader, acted as spokeswoman, she said,

"Most people do not understand the fundamentals of choreography, our routines are exaggerated (vulgar), because those who sit in the extreme portion of a stadium are entitled to see our movements as well as those down front. We are supposed to entertain our audience and we do a good job. How many people leave their seats to buy popcorn when we are performing?"

Hats off to the Alphas for sponsoring a terrific show.

According to Registrar C. A. Thomas, nearly 3,000 students picked up registration material through last week.

Second semester classes are scheduled to begin on January 10. Final registration is set for January 19.

The current semester officially closes Saturday. Students and faculty members will observe Christmas and New Year's holidays between the semester break. University offices will reopen officially on January 2. Faculty members will return to the campus on January 3 and will participate in a conference during the balance of the week.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Members of the Panther Newspaper Staff would like to extend Best Wishes during the Holiday Season to all of its readers.

Our New Years wish is that we can serve you better in reporting the news.

Family Planning Clinic

The Prairie View Family Planning Clinic reported this week that it has now served 1000 patients.

The Clinic has been in existence for two years and one month and has been growing steadily in service to the local and neighboring communities.

Christmas Holidays Are Near

Prairie View students are eagerly awaiting the oncoming holidays. The Christmas Holidays are always uplifting in more ways than one. Simply because it is the longest recess during the school year.

Many of the students will be waiting with great expectation to see long time friends and relatives. So don't let finalexaminations get you down, instead make these holidays the most prosperous and successful ones of all. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Sirtrenia Ann Carr

College of Engineering

Civil Engineer's Honors Club

We the members of the Civil Engineer's Honor's Club of Prairie View A&M University collected donations before Thanksgiving and donated it to a needy family around our community through the help of Father Doyle of Newman Center. While we agreed that this small amount could not satisfy the entire need of the family, we hope it gave them a little more needed seasonal cheer.

We, the members of the clubs wish to stress that our motto is based not on scholarship but also on our concern for the society around us. We believe our humble service to the community around the University will be a help in further improvement of the environment.

We are conscious of the fact that we could not have achieved our objectives without the generous donations contributed by many on the campus. We therefore take this opportunity to sincerely thank them for their generosity. Moreover, our sincere regards go to the family that accepted our humble contributions and also to the kind and respectful Father Doyle for his personal assistance.

We thank our Lord for being able to provide our service as such.

Jelili A. Williams
Secretary-Treasurer

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EASTMAN KODAK GRANT — John W. Benson of Texas Eastman Company presents check to Dr. A. I. Thomas during recent visit. At right is Brentus Jackson, Director of Career Planning and Placement.



CLASSIC CRAFTS CORPORATION — Rubin Bacon of Classic Crafts presents check to President Thomas for University Development Fund. Rev. W. Van Johnson, Dean of the Chapel, is at right.

Poetry Corner

Could it be that God wanted me to spend all my life as a sad and lonely man,

Or could it be that I just make myself lonely by hoping for a chance to hold your hand.

Could it be that I'm scared that love isn't such a lonely thing.

not even knowing the happiness and joy of falling in love with you might bring.

I don't know exactly what it is, all I know is that loneliness seems to be here to stay.

Have a heart please, come into my world and rebuild my dreams.

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College of Nursing

Spotlighter For December

Miss Meredith Parker is a native Floridian. Bradenton, her hometown, is located in South Central Florida on the Gulf Coast.

She received her basic education in the surrounding area having attended Bradenton Elementary School and Lincoln Memorial High School. Upon completion of high school, with the inspiration of parents, relatives, and friends she enrolled at Florida A&M University. A major in nursing, she completed her studies in the early sixties.

Immediately, after graduation she was employed as a graduate nurse at Florida A&M University Hospital. Following her work experiences at Florida A&M University Hospital she moved to the city of Chicago. While a resident of the state of Illinois, she was employed as both a staff and head nurse at Cook County Hospital. In addition, she worked part-time at Ridgeway Psychiatric Home for a limited period of time.

Concurrently, she furthered her education by enrolling at Chicago Teachers College. During the mid-sixties, she embarked upon graduate studies at Indiana University. She received the Master's of Science Degree in nursing in 1967. Her degree reflects a functional area of education and clinical area of Psychiatric Nursing.

After leaving Indiana, she accepted employment

at North Carolina A&T State University, she was named as a National Teaching Fellow.

Miss Parker's next step in her career resulted in employment at Prairie View A&M University as an assistant professor in nursing. Presently, she has been employed at the School of Nursing for a period of four years. She has authored a research grant proposal entitled "Integrative Approach to Mental Health Concepts" which was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. She has attended many local, state, and national meetings as an official representative of the School of Nursing.

During the summer of 1970, she travelled widely in Europe visiting ten countries. She has also travelled widely on the North American Continent including Mexico and Canada.

Miss Parker's many hobbies include traveling, bowling, listening to jazz, and enjoying the company of others.

Recently, she has been listed in the Dictionary of International Biography and The Thousand Women of Achievement. Miss Parker holds membership in the American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, Mental Health Association of Houston and Harris County, Metropolitan Duplicate Bridge Unit and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Omega News

This week Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Rho Theta Chapter is spotlighting Bro. Louis Roach. Bro. Roach is a senior from Houston, Texas, majoring in Biology (Pre Med.). He is a member of Beta Beta Biology Honor Society. He has been selected to Who's Who Among American Students. He is also a seven semester honor student having one of the best averages on campus.

While in high school Bro. Roach was a member of the Honor Society and graduated valedictorian of Worthing's 1970 class. Showing his versatility Bro. Roach was also a star basketball player selected to Houston's All City Basketball Team.

Bro. Roach was a member of the elite eleven line of Omega Psi Phi (Fall '72). Presently Bro. Roach is the Baselus (p r e s i d e n t) of the Omega

Psi Phi Fraternity Rho Theta Chapter. Having attended Maharbrit Medical School this summer Bro. Roach is looking forward to graduation in 1974.

QUE'S KEEP HEAD TO THE SKY

Bro. Johnny Crawford (AX) recently scored the highest grade in Prairie View's history on P. V.'s Aviation Qualification Exam.

OUTSTANDING QUE

Bro. Anthony Jackson (Iron Man) was recently selected one of Omega Psi Phi's Man of the Year. This is some honor since there are over 55,000 Omega men.

BRO.'S DO IT IN FOOTBALL

Bro. O. J. Simpson and Calvin Hill lead pro football in rushing.

OMEGA

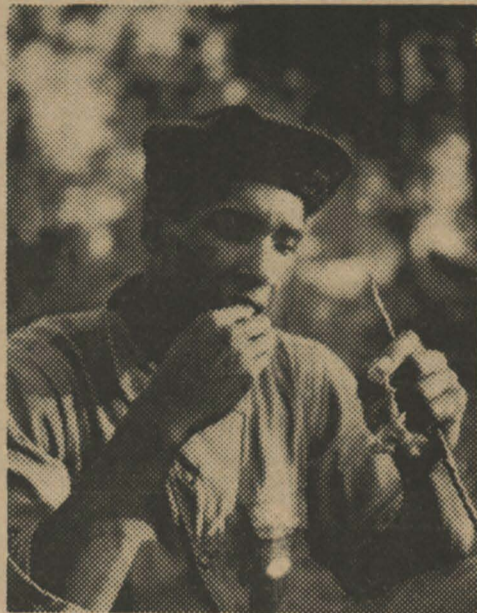
Bro. Simpson has over 1,800 yards and Bro. Hill has over a 1,000. Two Omega men are up for the Rookie of the Year in the National Football League. They are running backs Chuck Foreman and Greg Pruitt.

Keep in mind Omega is always on the move.

Bro. Donald L. McClure (Sweet Don)

DELAWARE CROSSING

On Dec. 25, 1776, George Washington led his troops across the Delaware for a surprise attack on the Hessians encamped at Trenton.



TED MOODY IS LEARNING HOW TO FLY

"He's a classy guy. Always went all-out." These are the words of one of the Dartmouth football coaching staff about Ted Moody, a former star linebacker. Ted graduated from Dartmouth College in '72 with a degree in Economics and a mission in mind . . . to be a pilot . . . A Naval Aviator.

Now Ted Moody is going all out again. This time in Pensacola, Florida as a Naval Aviation Officer Candidate. He is finding out what it takes to be a Naval Aviator. He's finding it takes a lot of classroom work and long hours studying. It takes a lot of work on PT fields and obstacle courses. It takes special training like the parachute slide and the land survival mission in which you must hunt your own food and erect your own shelter. It takes a lot of time in a cockpit and even some old fashioned close order drill. And it takes a lot more. But, most of all, it takes the right kind of man.

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time comes for you to wear your "Navy Wings of Gold" you will know what it takes. It takes your best!

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Final Football Statistics

TOTAL OFFENSE	PV	OPP			
Total Plays	545	599			
Total Yards	1602	2466			
Average per Game	1780	2740			
Touchdowns	12	27			
RUSHING PLAYS					
Net Yards Gained	367	429			
Average per Game	87.0	160.4			
Average per Play	2.2	3.4			
Touchdowns	10	18			
PASSING ATTEMPTS	178	170			
Completions	62	69			
Yards	821	1022			
Had Intercepted	12	8			
Percentage	34.3	40.5			
Average per Completion	4.7	6.2			
Average per Game	91.2	113.5			
Touchdowns	2	9			
PASSES INTERCEPTED BY	12	14			
Yards Returned	202	167			
Average Return	16.8	12.0			
KICK/OFF YARDS RETURNED	823	735			
NO. OF PUNTS	65	61			
Yards	2678	2523			
Average per Punt	41.3	41.2			
Blocked	1	1			
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	95	123			
Rushing	46	71			
Passing	34	32			
Penalties	15	20			
PENALTIES/YARDS	3/789	84/878			
FUMBLES/LOST	34/19	18/10			
TOTAL POINTS	88	194			
Touchdowns	12	27			
PAT					
Kicking	9	14			
Passing	-	-			
Rushing	-	-			
Field Goals	2	4			
Safeties	2	0			
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
	1	2	3	4	T
PVU	29	31	34	0	88
OPP	46	40	30	77	193
SCORE BY GAMES					
Jackson State	32	PV	7		
Southern University	9	PV	0		
Grambling	37	PV	12		
PV	25	Bishop	3		
Alcorn	44	PV	0		
PV	17	Texas Lutheran	7		
PV	7	University of Arkansas	7		
MVSC	13	PV	6		
TSU	41	PV	14		
SEASON RECORD:	2-6-1				
SWAC RECORD:	0-6-0				



CONCERT — A scene from the recent concert given on campus.

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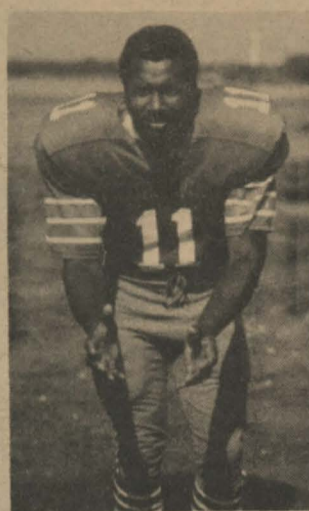
Six PV Stars Named All SWAC

Rugged defensive and James Wolf and exciting punter Leroy Clark led the Prairie View Panthers' representatives on the Coaches All Southwestern Athletic Conference team.

Wolf and Clark were named to the first team while offensive guards Ernest Jones and Ellis Caple were named to the second team. Jessie Wolf, twin brother of James, was named second team defensive tackle, while strong safety C. L. Whittington was honorable mention.

James Wolf is a 6-4, 250 pound senior from Warren, Texas. He was also named to the NAIA All District 8 First Team. James was second team All SWAC last year. Leroy Clark is a 6-2, 190 pound senior from College Station, Texas. Clark is on the first team for the third year.

Ernest Jones is a 6-2, 220 pound senior from



LEROY CLARK
All SWAC, 3rd Year



JAMES WOLF
Made First Team

Beaumont. He was named to the second team All SWAC last year. He was also named NAIA All District 8. C. L. Whittington, is a 6-2, 190 pound senior from Benton, Arkansas.

Jessie Wolf is a 6-6, 285 pound senior from Warren,

Texas. Jessie is on the All SWAC team for the second straight year. He was also named NAIA All District 8. C. L. Whittington, is a 6-2, 190 pound senior from Beaumont. He was also named NAIA All District 8.

Freshmen Cagers Impressive

By Joe Booker

After seeing his Prairie View Panthers stop Texas College 86-80 in a NAIA Zone game in Tyler, PV head basketball Coach Elwood Plummer now knows how the other half lives.

Plummer is serving in his first year as coach of a Panther team that is filled with 10 freshmen on a 17-man roster. In fact, Plummer has almost conceded that 1973-74 won't be a typical Panther year. However, Plummer will fill a respectable team and win his share of games. He admits this is good for business and it keeps solemn alumni happy.

The Panthers are 1-3 for the season and lack of experience is ruled as the main reason the Panthers aren't 4-0.

However, with the progress of some freshmen and the good game 6-4 sophomore guard Charles Gant had against Texas College (19 pts.) along with the super play of All American candidate Lawrence "Super Panther" Johnson, Plummer feels that the Panthers should step up their time schedule and be on par with their foes by mid-season.

Kep Shepherd, a 6-5 senior forward has also been a big surprise to Plummer. "Shep (Shepherd) has come a long ways," said Plummer after reading Shepherd's stats against Texas College. (13 pts., 9 rebounds).

Freshmen that have impressed Plummer are: Dennis Wayne (9.2), Bill Kennedy (10.2), Kermit McAdory (9.5), James Beal (3.0) and James Gray (9.0).

Beginning next semester Plummer will have two of his starters in the line-up. Freddie Brooks (6-7) and Johnny Miles (6-0), are

lettermen from last year. Ron Bell (6-7, freshmen) and Patrick Henderson (6-2, fr.) will also be eligible.

All American candidate Lawrence Johnson has prevented the Panthers from falling flat on their faces. Johnson, a 6-10 senior from Cleveland, Texas, has been almost unstoppable using all sorts of turn around jumpers,

hooks and floating shots. He has scored 107 points and pulled down 83 rebounds in four games, while on his way to break former PV All American Zelmo Beaty's season rebound record of 700.

The Panthers are now off until January '10, when they travel to Sherman, Texas, to meet Austin College in a NAIA South Zone contest.



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