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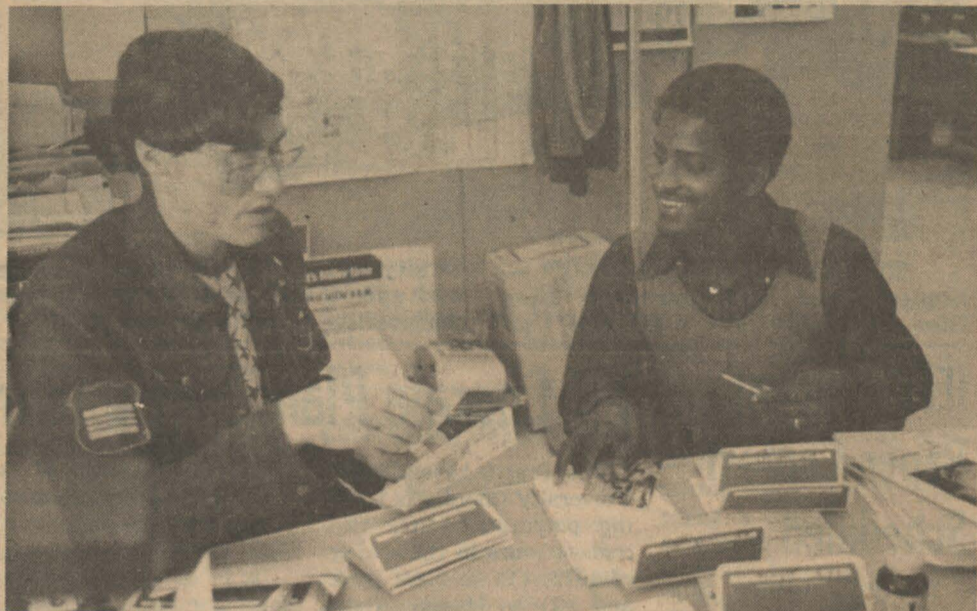
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YEARBOOK EDITORS BUSY — Mike McQuade and Don McClure team up to head the 1974 Yearbook staff. The two Mac's are rounding up organizational photos and features. Editor

McQuade, a senior from Holyoke, Mass., doubles in photography. Co-editor McClure, a senior from San Antonio, is student teacher by day and edits at night.

Visiting Committee To Examine Teacher Education

An official visit by a Committee representing the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education is scheduled for March 17-20.

The NCATE Committee will come to review the self-study of the Graduate School and College of Education in relationship to graduate programs offered at Prairie View A&M University.

All members of the University staff are expected to be involved in supporting the project. Officials directly responsible include Dr. Tillman

Jackson, Dr. Jack Echols, and Dr. George Ragland. Several committees composed of faculty and staff members have been appointed by President Thomas.

Visiting committee members (evaluators) will represent colleges and universities throughout the nation.

The local Teachers Education staff completed several weeks ago a full self-study of the University's graduate division. The visiting committee will look to see if the self study actually conforms to what is happening.

Boy Scout Fund Drive Begins Monday, March 18

The Annual Boy Scout Fund Drive will get underway at Prairie View on March 18.

Dr. A. I. Thomas is again serving as chairman of the Waller County Fund Drive. A county planning meeting was held at Prairie View on March 8. Others in attendance included — Mr. Harry Ward, Hempstead Chairman; Dr. C. T. "Jack" Griffin, Waller Chairman; Dean Leroy Marion for Prairie View; Hubert Smith, Assistant County Chairman; Jack Billington, Field Director for Sam Houston Area

Texas Attorney General Backs PV Student Vote

Austin — Atty. Gen. John Hill intervened as a "friend of the court" on the side of the students Monday in the 1972 Prairie View voters registration case, now before the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Waller County officials were upheld in 1972 on their denial of local voting rights to most students of predominantly black Prairie View A&M University.

But the Supreme Court refused Feb. 19 to hear a related case — "Whatley vs. Clark" — in effect upholding a lower court decision to overturn the state's legal "presumption" that college students were legal residents of their original home counties.

Although not a party to the Prairie View case — "Ballas vs. Symm" — Hill urged recently the case be settled the same way.

The fifth circuit, Hill said, in the brief, "now has the opportunity to remove any lingering doubt about procedures to be followed in registering student voters by ruling on this case as promptly as possible consistent with Whatley."

Tax Tip: The 1974 "Farmer's Tax Guide" is now available free at IRS offices.

David Crockett District Council and Jack Pickett, Scout Executive.



CHILITES ON CAMPUS — One of the big events on the calendar this semester includes the popular "Chilites," shown performing in the Field House.

Honors Week Set For March 24-29

President A. I. Thomas has proclaimed March 24-29 as Honors Week at Prairie View A&M.

The purpose of this project is to focus the entire student body and faculty on the joys and pleasures of scholastic and academic achievement. The project is a joint student faculty project.

Maximum involvement of everyone here at the University is expected. A high point of Honors Week will be the Academic Convocation on Thursday, March 28, 1974. It is tradi-

tional that the faculty present themselves in academic attire to pay tribute to these students who have earned a place on the Honor Roll for the first semester 1973-74.

The Planning Committee includes — Dr. E. W. Martin, Chairman, Mr. C. T. Edwards, Mr. R. E. Carreathers, Rev. W. Var Johnson, Mr. Hubert Smith, Dean Vernon Black Mrs. D. M. Hunt, Mrs. Ruth Arnold, Mr. Charles Melton, Miss Chandra Bell, Miss Mary Granger.

Curriculum and Instruction Tutorial Program Underway

Free tutoring, "Operation: Relevance," is underway in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. The goal is to achieve the objective that 90% of the students who enroll in the College of Education will graduate. Groups are arranged to meet the specific objectives which follow:

1. To help the student develop a motivational system.
2. To help the student

develop intellectual bases for learning.

3. To help the student develop bases for the manifestation for societal arts.

4. To help the student develop language competence in oral and written expression.

The strength of this program depends on the cooperation and support of the entire faculty of the School of Education. Each faculty member is encouraged and requested to proffer aid as the situational needs arise.

Annual Science Institute Scheduled For March 15

The Natural Science Division of Prairie View A&M University is sponsoring its Nineteenth Annual Science Institute, Friday, March 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The theme this year is, "Youth Involvement in the Future of Science" and the feature speaker is Dr. Jane Overton, Professor of Developmental Anatomy, at the University of Chicago.

The purposes of this institute are as follows:

To provide high school students with an opportunity to present research projects and demonstrations in all areas of science.

To provide a forum for high school students from Harris, Waller and adjacent counties to share experiences.

To provide high school students with experiences which will encourage them to continue their education in science.

The program is expected to be stimulating and informative for all high school students interested in science. The public is invited to attend.

Tax Tip: The 1974 "Tax Guide for Small Business" is now available at IRS offices and at Government Printing Office bookstores.

PV-ITES IN SAN ANTONIO . . .



MS. DEBORAH COLLINS CRAWFORD (right) Community Affairs Department, Channel 4, San Antonio, and a PV grad, was awarded PV's Distinguished Public Service Award. She is pictured with Ms. Delores Bradley, Head of San Antonio's Ella Austin Community Center.



ZELMO BEATY — Pro-basketball star is pictured with PV President A. I. Thomas in San Antonio hotel. Dr. Thomas was in the Alamo City on February 25 to make a number of television appearances and to meet with Advisory Council.



SPEAKERS — Dr. John Calhoun, (left) Vice President for Academic Affairs at Texas A&M University, College Station, spoke at Engineer's luncheon meeting. Clarence McKnight, engineering student and former editor, introduced the speaker.

National Engineering Week Wrap-Up

Engineering — Our Greatest Energy Resource was the theme of this year's National Engineering Week. The success of this year's celebration was due to the concerted efforts of the College of Engineering led by Committee chairmen Mr. S. J. Keene, adjunct professor from IBM Corporation, and our own Mr. Larry Lester, senior electrical engineering student and P. V. engineer of the year.

The engineering college sponsored a large number of seminars, exhibits and luncheons. The annual Texas Society of Professional Engineer's Awards Banquet, held this year at Prairie View, honored the engineer of the year, Mr. Walter P. Moore, Sr., P. E., Walter P. Moore and Asso-

ciates, Inc., as well as engineers of the year from Rice University, University of Houston and Prairie View A&M University.

Another highlight of the week, the engineering essay contest, was a real success judged from the quality and quantity of papers received. The competition was very keen and the final decision was close.

The winners were: 1st Place, Miss Pamela Cleaver, Fr. ME.; 2nd Place, Mr. Marvin Johnson, Sr., EE.; 3rd Place, Mr. Alvin Hopkins, Sr., EE.

The papers were rated against 3 criteria:

1) The degree they focused on and stuck to the main theme of Engineering Week.

2) How comprehensively

President Williams Named To National Education Groups

College Station — Texas A&M University President Jack K. Williams has been elected to the board of trustees of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB).

Dr. Williams will serve a four-year term beginning in October, on the governing board for the non-profit organization which provides a variety of information and evaluation services concerning admissions to post-secondary education.

The New York-based CEEB represents 2,000 colleges and universities and secondary school systems throughout the nation.

Dr. Williams has also been reappointed chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

He was named last year to head the committee of college presidents which works with congressmen and others concerning legislation and administrative implementation of laws relating to veterans' education and opportunities.

the arguments were developed

3) The style and impact of presentation

Hopefully, the 1975 theme of National Engineer's Week will be Engineering — How It Helped Solve Our Energy Problem.



ENGINEERING LUNCHEON — Students and staff members from Rice University, PV A&M and University of Houston are pictured along with special visitors at the annual area engineering recognition luncheon.

IEEE Student Paper Contest Scheduled

The Prairie View Student Branch of IEEE will sponsor a local student paper contest on March 21, 1974 beginning at 2:00 p.m. All contestants will receive a certificate of participation and the first and second place winners will also receive cash awards of \$15 and \$10, respectively. The Student Branch will also be hosting the Area C, Region V, IEEE student paper contest wherein all engineer-

PV Sports Publicist Cited

Joe Booker, Sports Publicity Director at Prairie View A&M University, has been chosen by the International Biographical Center, to appear in the 1974 edition of Dictionary of International Biography.

The Dictionary of International Biography is firmly established throughout the world and may be consulted in the major libraries of some 140 nations.

Booker has recently been cited as: Outstanding personality of the South, Distinguished young Black American of the South and one of Two Thousand men of Achievement.

Business Administration Group To Induct Eight Students

Eight students will be inducted into Delta Mu Delta, National Honor Society for Business Administration majors on Thursday, March 28 at 12:30 p.m. They are: Daryl Brown, Richard Boatwright, Charles Green, James Ginns, Leon O'Neal, Jocelyn Vincent, and Brenda Ware.

These students are Junior Business Administration majors, having a 3.2 grade point average or above.

PV Chorale Plans Spring Tour

The Prairie View A&M University Chorale is making preparations for two concert tours in the spring of 1974, (1) to New York and (2) to Nassau, Bahamas; Haiti, Santo Domingo, and Jamaica.

This is an invitation to all our friends and well-wishers to support the raffle sponsored by the

Chorale. Purchase of a ticket for \$1.00 will offer you a chance to win one of three prizes.

1st Prize — A round trip ticket for two to Nassau, Bahamas

2nd Prize — \$10.00

3rd Prize — \$5.00

Please help us in this effort to represent the university well.

Biology Seminar Held

Dr. Roland Vela, Professor of Microbiology, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas presented a scientific seminar on Friday, February 8, to the Biology faculty and students. His seminar was entitled "Microbiological Treatment of Industrial Wastes".

Dr. Vela discussed some engineering and technology schools in Texas and a few in Louisiana and New Mexico will be represented. The Area C, Region V contest is scheduled for March 28, 1974 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The first place winner of the local contest at Prairie View will represent the Prairie View Student Branch in the Area C contest.

of his studies at the Campbell's Soup Plant in Paris, Texas on the microbial action in the organic food and processing wastes. This plant sprays the waste water over large fields where microorganisms purify the water. He also mentioned large sections of his work dealt with the MKT Railroad creosote plant which must break down the highly toxic creosote before the water leaves the plant.

Dr. Vela was introduced by Dralves Edwards, a biology graduate student who did his undergraduate work at North Texas State. The Biology faculty and students enjoyed the fine presentation and had numerous questions following the seminar.

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Reading Conference Scheduled April 6

A Reading Conference will be held at Prairie View A&M University on Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Center. The theme for the Conference is "Approaches and Strategies: Keys to Teaching the Multi-Cultural Child to Read."

The featured speaker for the Conference is Dr. Joanne Olson, Professor of Reading, University of Houston, Houston, Texas. On Saturday morning, Dr. Olson will present some techniques for teaching the Multi-Cultural Child, that might be implemented by teachers on Monday morning in their classrooms.

Mrs. Celestia Davis, Reading Consultant from Texas Education Agency will speak on the new Master's Degree Certification Program in Reading in the State of Texas.

Small group sessions have been planned so participants might have input and feedback from consultants on the following topics:

1. Teaching Strategies in Multi-Cultural Education" Mrs. Barbara Gray, University of Houston Houston, Texas

2. "Focusing on the Black Student in a Multi-Cultural Reading Curriculum." Mrs. Hattie Owens, Reading Specialist, ESAA Reading Program, McReynolds Jr. High, HISD, Houston, Texas.

3. "The Right to Read," by Mr. Gerald Eagleson, Right to Read Consultant, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas

Time has been allotted in the program for an array of exhibits to be displayed by Publishing Companies beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Lobby of the Memorial Center.

PV Grad Named Xerox Manager

Rochester, N. Y. — Earl Mitchell has been named night quality control manager in Xerox Corporation's manufacturing division.

He has been a senior quality control engineer.

A native of Woodlawn, Tex., he was graduated in industrial education from Prairie View A. and M. College. He joined Xerox in 1969.

Mitchell, his wife and their infant son live at 10 Chelsea Way, Fairport, N. Y., a suburb of Rochester.

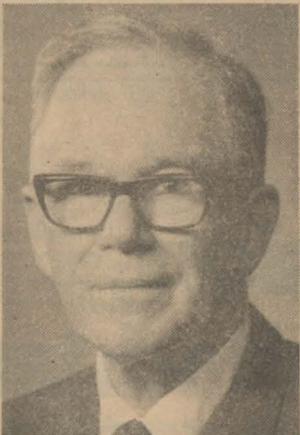


HEADS NCATE STUDY — Dr. Tillman Jackson, Head of the Division of Education, serves as chairman of the university committee preparing for visitation to the National Council for the Accreditation of the National cation.

Education Department On The Move

The school of education has really been on the move. Recently a new head was appointed. He is Dr. Tillman Jackson. Since then the education department has really been on the move.

Just recently the education department assigned about 130 student teachers throughout Texas. This is under the direction of Mr. Randle. Mrs. C. Booker was appointed chairman of the Parents Day Planning Committee. Faculty members of this group were Dr. Lockey, Mr. Phillips (Eng.) and president Thomas. Student members



Dr. George F. Carter

On Thursday, February 14, 1974, the Department of Geography and Economics was honored with the presence of Dr. George F. Carter, a noted cultural geographer. Dr. Carter received his Ph.D. in Geography from the University of California at Berkeley. He taught at San Diego State College and taught at John Hopkins University for 23 years whereas 14 of those years he served as Chairman of the Isaiah Bowman Department of Geography at John Hopkins.

President Thomas Recruits Students In San Antonio

Wider educational opportunities for all minority students — plus liberal financial assistance to help them stay in school — are ready and waiting at Prairie View A&M College.

The college's president said in San Antonio last week.

Dr. Alvin I. Thomas headed a delegation of officials from the predominantly black state university in a visit to the Alamo City. The group currently is touring the state to set up advisory councils of local community leaders

from the education department were Junita Stafford, Gail Goffney, and Donald McClure. The student members of this committee have recently prepared a newsletter to be sent to parents. The theme is Pride Produces P. V.'s Productive People.

who can help direct minority students to the extensive pre-professional programs and financial aids available at the Prairie View campus.

Named to the San Antonio Advisory Council, which held its second meeting here recently, were new members Stella Lopez and Frank Torino, both of St. Philip's College.

Other members are Leonides Watson, A. W. Knotts and James A. Patrick, all of St. Philip's; Edna Christopher and Soronie C. Deen, Sam Houston High School; Paris E. Heard, Marshall High School; Verbee Norman, Brackenridge High School; and Deborah Crawford of the WOAI-TV community affairs department.

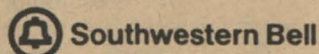
"We are moving to expand educational opportunities for all minority students," Thomas said.



PRESIDENT IN THE NEWS — Dr. A. I. Thomas stands with track star Debra Sapenter as he displays plaque awarded him by The Annual Ministers Conference "for outstanding leadership in Education", Dr. Thomas was recently named chairman Pro-tem of the Houston Division Federal Reserve Bank. Last week he served as Conference Chairman at the annual meeting on the National Business Alliance held in Houston.

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DANCE TIME — "The bump" is the new dance craze (see left). Musician Darryl Kemp helps provide the right music.

Omega News

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi know what the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat means. After winning two previous games in the P. V. Intramural League Omega Psi Phi was defeated by the track team. The game was one of the best of the intramural season. The score was 87-84. The game was as thrilling as the score indicates.

Bros. who were outstanding during the course of the intramural season were Louis Roach, Bay Phillips, Johnny (Ax) Crawford, Willie Harris, Paul (Bozo) Johnson, Lafayette Randle (Waffle), Garland Kirtpatrick, Anthony Jackson, Morris Walters, Edward Thomas and of course John (Tree-man) Ashberry.

These Bros. exemplify the versatility that men of Omega have. They jumped from regulars to super athletes: Yes, super athletes, who competed with P. V.'s outstanding track team down to the very finish. Spurred by a jeering crowd the track team won. The public seemed to frown on the superb athletic prowess of the Bros. of the Psi Phi. Public opinion may differ but keep this in mind—we may not be the best fraternity in the world but we'll do until it gets here.

Bro. of the Psi Phi (Omega Psi Phi) seem to always prevail. Win, lose or draw Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will never die.

Omega Psi Phi
Till the Day I Die
Donald (Sweet Don) McClure

Teacher Educator Serves On Ind. Ed. Workshop In L. A.

Dr. A. T. Kynard, Vocational Industrial Teacher Educator, served as a consultant for a two-day workshop on needs assessment of ethnic minority students in vocational education. The workshop was held in Los Angeles, California March 7-8, and was conducted by Contemporary Research Incorporated.

Contemporary Research Incorporated is a multi-disciplined, multi-cultural professional services firm that specializes in seeking solutions to problems in education, health, social welfare, urban affairs, and in other diverse areas where there is a need to improve the quality of life. C. R. I. is under contract to the California State Department of Education (Vocational Educa-

Students On The Move

A student advisory council for Alumni Hall has been organized and is functioning. The council is composed of members from each residence hall. The purpose of this council is to represent the entire student body in the functioning of Alumni Hall. More specifically the council will: 1. Plan and implement activities and program for Alumni Hall. 2. Make your visits to Alumni Hall more comfortable and enjoyable. 3. Serve as a liaison between the students and the management of food service.

Some activities already planned by the council are:

1. Distribution of menus to each residence hall
 2. Publication of a newsletter of happenings in Alumni Hall
 3. Sponsor activities such as dramatic productions and fashion shows
 4. Sponsor the landscaping of the area around Alumni Hall
 5. Plan a general student picnic
 6. Plan displays for Alumni Hall
 7. Select programs and play music in Alumni Hall
- If you have information, suggestions, questions or wish to work on one of the committees you may contact the representative from your residence hall, come by room 121, 118, or 124 in Alumni Hall, or call 857-4047.

The council solicits your cooperation and assistance in making its efforts meaningful.

Officers and members of the Council are: President, Dwayne Dillard, Fuller 430; Vice President, David Brown, Holley 409-A; Recording Secretary, Gail Wilson, Collins 125; Corresponding Secretary, Shelly Townsend, Drew 102; Treasurer, Sandra Simpkins, Collins 219

Committee Chairmen: Program, Charles Anderson, Holley 320-A; Publication, Jacqueline Williams, Banks 131; Food Service, Mack Burrell, Alexander 228; Music, Gary Johnson, Holley 409-A; Newsletter Editor, Willeta

ton Section) to construct models for the successful development of secondary vocational education programs that serve Black, Chicano, American Indian and Chinese students.

The purpose of the workshop was to (1) Discuss and identify criteria to be used in selecting twelve successful vocational training programs in the United States, and (2) To discuss the type and content of instruments for field teams to use to measure the successful outcomes of the twelve programs.

Dr. Kynard was one of eleven vocational educators throughout the nation invited to serve on the panel of consultants for the workshop which was titled "Needs Assessment of Ethnic Minority Students in Vocational Education."

Gray, Drew 160

Other Council and Committee Members: Ona Joyce, Drew 147; Gwendolyn Malone, Banks 315; Freddie Eason, Alexander 227; Carl Gude, Buchanan 302; Lonnie Lewis, Buchanan 308; Eldridge Edwards, Holley 312-A; Sponsors, Mrs. Vivian H. Smith, Dean Vernon R. Black.

Our president, Dwayne Dillard says, "In order for this council to function as it should, we must have the support of the students. We cannot work for the students unless the students work with us."

LET'S SUPPORT OUR COUNCIL

Teacher Center Director On TSU Visitation Team

Bill Orman, Director of the Prairie View A&M Teacher Center served as a visiting team member for the Texas Education Agency's accreditation of Texas Southern University's Teacher Education Program, February 18-21, 1974.

Other team members included: Dr. Melvin J. Banks, Chairman, Division of Social Sciences, Bishop College; Dr. Joe W. Cassel, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Irving Independent School District; Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Educational Program Director, Homemaking Education,

Communications Staffer Named

President A. I. Thomas has announced the appointment of Miss Priscilla Hill to the faculty of Prairie View A & M University. Miss Hill, a recent graduate of Purdue University will establish a communications program at the university including the organization of a radio station to be named KPVO. A champion debater in her undergraduate days. Miss Hill will also work to reactivate debate as a major activity on the campus. President Thomas stated, "We are proud to have Miss Hill join our faculty. She is qualified and will develop students for the broad areas of radio, television and the communication industry. The need for individuals versed in the various skills of communications is paramount.

As Communication Specialist. Miss Hill's new responsibilities will include the co-ordination of Project KPVO. This is an effort to establish an FM radio station at Prairie

Texas Education Agency; Dr. Luisa Sanchez, Coordinator of Visiting Teachers, Austin Independent School District; Mr. Robert Knight, Director of Personnel, Lubbock Independent School District; and Dr. Edward M. Vodicka, Educational Program Director, Division of Teacher Education and Certification, Texas Education Agency.



Priscilla Hill

View A&M University. In addition, she will do feature writing for the newspaper and electronic media, develop a Prairie View Speakers Bureau, design bulletins, brochures and other publications for the university, and make public appearances to communicate the PV story.



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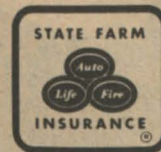
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ETA GAMMA CHAPTER

Alphas Attend State Convention In Austin

Seventeen Brothers of Eta Gamma Chapter traveled to Austin, Texas to attend the state convention held Feb. 15-16 at the lavish Villa Capri Hotel, located on the surrounding grounds of the State Capitol and UT. The theme for the convention was, "New Horizons in Alpha Phi Alpha". Among the many meetings, workshops and rap sessions, the Brothers of Eta Gamma partied heavily!! There were various cocktail parties, luncheons, a ball, stamp shows, and more parties.

The chapter was well represented by the president, Terry Haywood, Vice Pres. Howard Adams who served as delegates on the election and words committee respectfully.

During the convention, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha met from all around the state for a common goal . . . to rededicate themselves to Alpha; to unite fraternally to achieve social, economic, educational, cultural, and moral goals which will enhance the philosophy and the

ideals of the Jewels of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The brothers of Eta Gamma are now making preparations to attend the Southwestern Regional Convocation, April 12-14 in Tulsa, Okla. and the National Convention August 2-8 in San Francisco, California.

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha salute themselves for being, "The first of all Black Greeks!"

Boy Scout News

Waller County Facts
Number of boys in program, 757

Number of units, 27
Number of Adults, 324
Number of Advancements, 537

Number of boys sent to camp on camperships paid for by council, 10 (\$35.00 each)

Number of Uniforms provided new boys that could not afford them paid for by District, 46 (Average \$18.00 each)
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Exxon-USA Gives Aid To PV And Other Institutions

Houston, Tex. — More than \$1,250,000 in educational aid for the 1973-74 academic year has been awarded to Prairie View A&M and selected educational institutions throughout the nation, M. A. Wright, chairman and chief executive of Exxon USA, recently announced.

The grants were made by Exxon USA, its affiliates and the Exxon USA Foundation to both public and privately supported institutions. As part of this overall program substantial financial support was given by these participating company organizations to the Exxon Education Foundation which in turn used the funds for additional grants. The contri-



LOCAL EDITORS TALK ABOUT AFRICA — Mrs. Virgie Fry (left) and Mr. F. G. Fry, publishers of the Prairie View News were featured lecturers during Black History Week.

butions, split generally at the discretion of the individual institution or department, are designed to support a variety of programs such as scholarships, the purchase of equipment, research and other projects to promote

excellence in education.

Currently, the Exxon USA Foundation is notifying 115 colleges of grants totaling over \$460,000. Additional grants are being made throughout the current school year.

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pany's overall aid to education is a provision under which the Exxon USA Foundation matches employee gifts to qualifying colleges and universities. These matching grants this year totaled nearly \$85,000.



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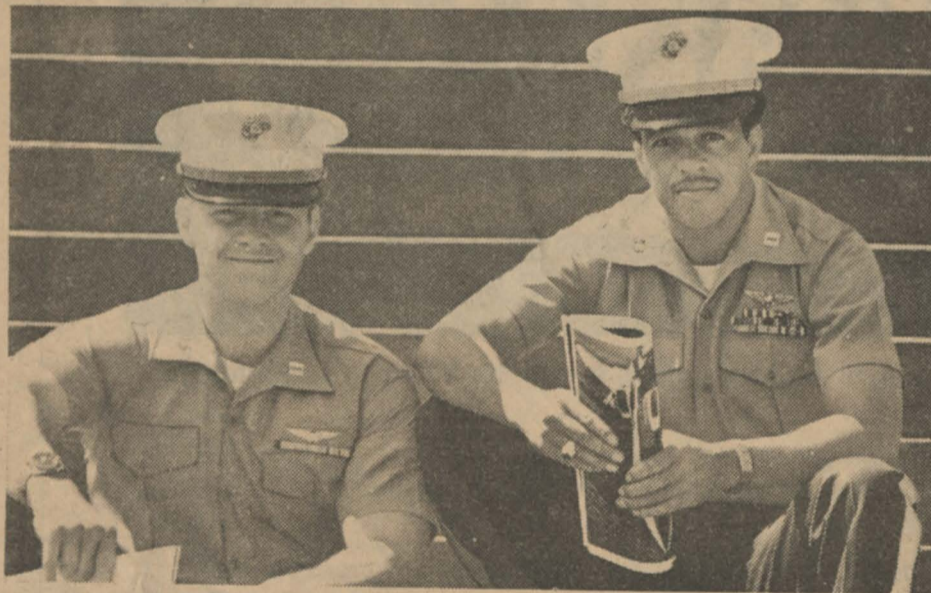
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Deaths

Mr. Ira Tompkins, father of Miss Lucinda Tompkins, who is employed with the W. R. Banks Library and also the brother-in-law of Mrs. Hazel Echols, Mrs. Jessie Mae Tompkins and Mrs. Joanna Tompkins, who are employees of the Henrietta T. Farrell Hall.



Funeral services for Mr. Tompkins were conducted on Saturday morning, February 16, 1974 at 11:00 a.m. at the Mt. Corinth Baptist Church.

Singleton Funeral Home, Hempstead, Texas, was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Dr. Carl Clinton Weems, Executive Vice-President of Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, passed away March 5, 1974 at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver, Colorado.

A former PV professor and teacher of twenty-five years, Dr. Carl C. Weems worked at Huston-Tillotson six years. He worked at H-T as Financial Aid Director and Professor of Education before being appointed Executive Vice President. He had been recovering from a cardiac ailment at the University of Colorado Medical Center at the time of death. He was 58 years old.



Weems

A native of Chattanooga, Tenn., born April 1915, Dr. Weems attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. where he was a member of the famed Jubilee Singers, and captain of the football team. He received his Master of Art degree at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona and Doctorate of Education at the University of Denver, Colorado.

Bahamas Officials Visit PV Campus

Five top officials of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas were visitors to the campus this weekend.

They are —

The Honorable Dr. Doris Johnson, President of the Senate, Senator and Chairman of the Board of Education and Culture, The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

The Honorable Mr. Livingston Coakley, Minister of Education and Culture, The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

The Honorable Baltron Bethel Permanent Secretary to the Minister of Education and Culture, The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

The Honorable Mr. Frank Ramey, Regional Manager of Bahama Islands, Tourist Office at Dallas, Texas.

The Honorable Mr. God-



Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Holcombe

John Deere Tractor Company Adds First Black Employee

Mr. D. Fontenot, head Automotive Technology Department at Prairie View A & M University reports that Mr. Wilbert Holcombe, an automotive technology major and a May 1973 Prairie View A & M University graduate was employed in the latter part of 1973, by John Deere Tractor Company in Columbus, Ohio. His position is sales and service representative. Holcombe is the first black man employed in this capacity by John Deere.

Holcombe is currently studying advanced sales and service at John Deere, in Columbus. Since his infancy Eneas, Representative from the Ministry of Agriculture, The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

initial employment he has done specialized study for John Deere in Lansing, Michigan, Waterloo, Iowa, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon satisfactory completion of his study, he will be assigned to one of John Deere's many districts, located throughout the United States.

The present monthly salary of Wilbert Holcombe exceeds \$900.00 and he is entitled to several fringe benefits.

Holcombe is married to the former Miss Ynell Nelson, who is an Elementary Education major and August, 1973, Prairie View A & M University graduate. Mrs. Holcombe is presently employed in the Columbus, Ohio Independent School District as an Elementary School Teacher.

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Twelve Receive Regular Army Commissions

Nine Army ROTC Cadets and three recently-commissioned Second Lieutenants received their appointments as Regular Army Officers of the United States. The group of twelve officers was the largest number selected at any one time in the history of Prairie View.

Receiving Regular Army appointments were Cadets Henry L. Boone, Charles D. Brown, Charles L. Davis, Arlie E. LeBeaux, Larry R. Lester, George W. Machac, Donald Moten, Donald J. Nicholas, and

Morris E. Shepherd.

Second Lieutenants receiving Regular Army Commissions were MacArthur D. Pickens, Larry A. Smith, and Bascom G. Durham.

All of the aforementioned cadets and officers were designated Distinguished Military Students/Graduates (DMS/DMG) by LTC Jiles P. Daniels, Professor of Military Science. Their assignment as DMG's by Colonel Daniels paved the way for their eventual appointment into the Regular Army Officers Corps.

Recent Grad Addresses Cadets

On February 8, a recent graduate of Prairie View's AROTC Program, 2LT Haymon L. Fields, returned to his Alma Mater to issue words of praise to former instructors and words of wisdom to former classmates.

Graduating in December '72 2LT Fields majored in Industrial Technology and received his commission in the Air Defense Artillery Branch. He is now on extended leave from the Quality Assurance Branch of General Motors located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Speaking to the Advanced Course Cadets, LT

Fields cautioned them against developing or continuing poor study habits and recommended that they begin a program of concentrated daily study. He emphasized that in Army Branch Schools, there exists a high degree of competitiveness between the graduates of West Point, ROTC and Officer Candidate School (OCS). Consequently, in order for them to compete successfully and finish the course of instruction they would need to rely heavily on the study habits developed at Prairie View A&M University. LT Fields also warned the cadets that certain character and attitude of adjustments would be necessary if they were to make a successful transition from the University campus to the "military environment."

2LT Fields and his wife departed Prairie View for Indianapolis and his chosen civilian job with General Motors on February 9.

Tax Tip: Divorced or separated parents should become familiar with the tax rules before claiming a child as a dependent on Federal tax returns. For information call IRS toll free at 800-252-1000. In Austin, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio, check your local phone directory.



ENTERTAINMENT — More photos on the Chilites concert held on campus in January.

Boy Scouts

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age about \$18.00 each) Number of awards presented to units paid for by district, 116 (Average about 30c each)

Number of Tents given to needy Units paid for by District, 2 (\$65.00 each)

Number of Boys Life magazines given to needy boys in units paid for by district, 147 (\$2.50 each)

Average cost for each boy in the program is around \$25.00 to the Council, a little better than \$2.00 per month. This is what it cost the council to provide the program and maintain the records and program related material for the leaders and families.

Tax Tip: Be sure to file a change-of-address form with the post office if you have moved since filing your 1973 tax return.



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ASCE Sweeps Tournament

On February 19 the four Engineering Clubs held a table tennis tournament. The organizations that participated were ASCE, American Society of Civil Engineers, ASME, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, IEEE, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and AIA, American Institute of Architects. The first round pairings of the tourney looked like this. ASCE vs. AIA and ASME vs. IEEE. ASCE and ASME advanced to the finals where the ASCE soundly thrashed their opponents. The ASCE was spearheaded by the spectacular play of Norman E. Clarke and Jelili Williams. Other members of the championship team were Ronald Rayford, Howard Chopp, and Mitchell Loftis.

The ASCE held a meeting on February 21st and the main topic was the upcoming paper contest. All members interested in participating in the contest should contact ASCE president Ronald Rayford (Rm. 102 Fuller, phone 2280). The ASCE is sponsored by Dr. C. T. Luke, Dr. R. N. S. Rao, and Dr. H. Y. Yeb. Tournament coordinators Dr. H. Y. Yeb (CE) and Mr. Horace St. Julian (EE).

Reporter
Mitchell Loftis



TOPS IN SPIRIT — The new organization — "Groove Phi Groove" receives the Spirit Trophy from President A. I. Thomas. The group was judged Number One in providing school spirit at athletic contests.

Pantherettes Running Without Glory

By Joe Boiker

After winning 28 consecutive track meets last season the Prairie View Pantherettes' track team could learn a few hard facts of life in 1974, but don't bet on it.

The Pantherettes led by All American quartermiler Debra Sapenter, could be stronger than they were last year "We are more experienced, but are at the same level as we were last year," said Pantherette track coach Barbara (BJ) Jacket. "We have more depth this year. Charlene Branch and Charlean Foster, who have run a 10.8

and 10.9, respectively, are back with us after missing last season. With freshmen Mary Ayers (13.9 intermediate hurdler) and Andrea Bruce (7.9, 60 yard meter hurdler) we will have more than one alternate who can do a good job," said Miss Jacket.

Even though the Pantherettes set national records and swept through a 28 meet schedule almost unchallenged last year there was very little glory and headlines for their achievements. But Miss Jacket doesn't feel this is because they are women." I don't

think t's because we are women is the reason we aren't publicized at meets," said Miss Jacket. "I think the real reason is because we are in Texas. Texas is not a track state for women," she said.

Despite a lack of coverage people are aware of the Pantherettes and most are in suspense as to what keeps the Pantherettes going. "One thing the girls have a lot of ability," said Miss Jacket. "They are very mature and want to be successful. For this reason they adjust to the occasion. What I mean about that is they run

PV Ends Cage Season On Winning Note

The Prairie View Panthers closed out the 1973-74 basketball season on a winning note by edging NAIA South zone member Austin College 79-77, at Prairie View.

The freshmen-struck Panthers went through one of their most tiring seasons as they completed a winless conference sched-

whatever it takes to win," concluded Miss Jacket.

The Pantherettes started the 1974 season the same as last season. They set records and won the Astrodome and Astrobelle meets, recently.

They are now preparing for the upcoming Grambling or Obie Williams Relays, March 15-16

ule and 7-17 season stanza. However, the Panthers compiled a 7-5 zone mark.

The Panthers, however, showed some spark with senior center Lawrence Johnson and sophomore guard-forward Charles "The Gun" Gant. Johnson and Gant gave the Panthers one of the best one-two scoring punches in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Johnson led the nation in rebounding (22.6) and was 8th in scoring (25.3) and he also led SWAC in field goal shooting (.602). Gant was the Panthers' second leading scorer with a 15.0 game average. The trigger-happy Gant scored over 100 points in his last 6 games and had a season high of 29 against Bishop.

Johnson ended his collegiate career as PV's second leading all time rebounder. He has pulled down 1,548 and scored 1352 points to rank 6th on PV's list in that department.

The Panthers can look forward to a good 1974-75 season with the return of Gant and promising freshmen Kermit McAdory, Dennis Wayne, James Gray and James Beal. McAdory was the second leading rebounder (8.1) on the team and Gray was the third leading scorer (10.1).



Coach Barbara Jacket

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