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National Engineering Week - Feb. 23-27

PV President Issues Proclamation

Dr. A. I. Thomas, President of Prairie View A&M University issued a proclamation Monday, February 18th proclaiming "National Engineers' Week" at Prairie View. He joins the ranks of distinguished leaders throughout the country who have issued similar proclamations.

Richard Nixon, President of the United States, officially declared "National Engineers Week" as February 17th-23rd. Governor Dolph Briscoe of Texas, officially launched National Engineers' Week in Texas and at Prairie View A&M University, President A. I. Thomas, penned his signa-

ture and placed the University's seal on the official proclamation.

The College of Engineering has scheduled a week of special activities which is centered around this year's theme "Engineering — Our Greatest Resource." The activities will emphasize the significance of engineering and the role of engineers in the progress of our society.

The week long activities at the University will have many highlights ranging from Engineering students' visits to area high schools to discuss engineering as a career opportunity, to distinguished guest lectures, a research luncheon conference on the role of research in the College of Engineering.

A student paper contest is open to all University

students who wish to write a 300-500 word essay on the National Engineers' Week's theme. There is also a unique contest which is being broadcast as the "Ping - Pong Diplomacy Contest"; in the vernacular, it is a series of ping-pong matches.

The zenith will be reached when Prairie View A&M University hosts the Student Awards Luncheon

and Dr. John C. Calhoun, National President of the American Society for Engineering Education and Vice President for Programs, Texas A&M University System, delivers the keynote address. The Awards Luncheon will be held on the 22nd honoring the outstanding engineering student from each of Houston area universities.



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MINISTERS CONFERENCE — President A. I. Thomas welcomes three Houston ministers and outstanding teachers among the large number attending the 2-day meet on February 5-6. Pictured above are Reverend D Leon Everett, president,

Houston School Board; Dr. Thomas; Reverend F. N. Williams, pastor Antioch Baptist; and Rev. C. A. Davis, president Houston Chapter, NAACP. All three visitors were conference resource leaders.

A Cappella Choir Begins West Coast Tour Sunday

The Prairie View A&M University A Cappella Concert Choir will begin a two-weeks tour with a concert in Fort Worth on February 24. The annual tour will include concerts up and down the California coast and Texas and Arizona cities there and back.

The group of thirty-eight voices directed by Dr. H. Edison Anderson will sing in El Paso on February 25, Blythe, California - February 27, Fresno - March 2, Berkeley - March 4, Los Angeles - March 6, San Diego - March 7, Phoenix - March 9, Lubbock - March 11, and Austin - March 12.

It is the group's 15th annual tour, having traveled both east and west covering practically every state in the Union. Their repertoire includes works from the masterpieces, classics, modern, romantic as well as folk songs and excerpts from serious and light opera and Broadway musical hits.

Members of the touring group include — **First Sopranos** - Barbara Sheppard, Section Leader, Janice Milburn, Pamela Clever; **Second Sopranos** - De-

Beverly Lovelace, Linda McMillan, Constance Clifton; **First Altos** - Theresa Smith, Section Leader, Joyce Jackson, Linda Johnson, Doris Tabor, Darlene Jackson, Yuri Brigham; **Second Altos** - Lenetta Hayes, Section Leader, Alma Bennett, Pamela Baker, Aileen Kimble, Deborah Giles, Darcus Crutchfield; **First Tenors** - Althea Tate, Section Leader, Wendell Williams, Harold Brown, Donald Smith, Paul Menefield, Frank Board;

Second Tenors - Carl Davis, Section Leader, Ted Hamilton, Glenn Conner, David Woffard; **Baritones** - Roy Fuller, Section Leader, Larry Stevens, Victor Manor; **Basses** - Michael Hawkins, Section Leader, Jerry Kellum, Alfred Johnson, Rickie Bradford, Freddie Wade III.

Uriel Ahuvi, Accompanist; Miss Sarah Robinson, Chaperone.



Dr. H. Edison Anderson Heads is choir westward

PV Receives Agricultural Study Grant

Prairie View A&M College has been awarded a \$65,655 research grant to evaluate the results of an anti-poverty occupational training program in 12 southeast Texas counties.

According to Dr. Ivory Nelson, the Agriculture Department, which awarded the grant through the cooperative State Research Service, said the investigators will analyze the attitudes, goals, beliefs and feelings about occupational training of the participants, as well as the training itself and the employment, earnings and socioeconomic mobility that followed it.

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A. E. Greaux, PE Dean, College of Engineering

PV Engineers Host Student Awards Luncheon

Prairie View A&M University and its College of Engineering will host this year's annual Student Awards Luncheon. The luncheon is the culminating event of a series of activities which have been in progress at the University recognizing "National Engineers' Week."

The luncheon is scheduled for Friday, February 22. Attending the luncheon will be distinguished member-engineers from Region IV of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers who will come to give recognition to all engineering students who are in the Region's three area engineering colleges. These institutions are Rice University, University of Houston and Prairie View A&M University.

Region IV, T.S.P.E. will join the host university in recognizing the Outstanding Senior Engineering Student from each of the
See LUNCHEON, Page 2



Larry Lister Named Engineer Of The Year

Larry Lester is the outstanding engineering student for 1974. Chosen by his peers and endorsed by the College of Engineering, Larry became one of three engineering students who will be honored by Region IV, Texas Society of Professional Engineers, at the Student Awards Luncheon which will be held at Prairie View A&M University on February 22nd.

"Larry is a solid citizen. He is an excellent engineering student with seriousness of purpose, but a very practical thinker. Larry is a leader. He will be a good professional." So states Dean Greaux, about the young man called Larry Lester, who is the Chairman of the Student Engineering Joint Council (SEJCO). This Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Dean of Engineering.

Larry is also president of Sigma Tau, the national engineering honor society. See OUTSTANDING, Page 2



RODEO PLANNERS — Campus leaders and visitors responsible for the first on-campus rodeo staged at the university are pictured during the last week which climaxed the observance of BLACK HISTORY WEEK. Mr. Monroe Lawson of Houston (left)

was the chief figure behind the show, bringing together cattlemen throughout the area. Agricultural and Extension leaders and The History Department were on-campus leaders in the project.



PV ENGINEERS IN GALVESTON — Engineering students and their professors from Prairie View A&M University are photographed in front of the Corps of Engineers Dredge McFarland in Galveston. The students received a briefing on activities of the Galveston District, after which they were conducted on a tour of the McFarland.

The McFarland is one of two sea-going hopper dredges used by the Corps of Engineers to maintain navigation channels along the Texas coast. They also visited the Moses Lake navigation and tide control structure, part of the Texas City-La Marque-Hitchcock Hurricane-Flood Protection Project.

Nominees Listed For PV Beauties and Foxes

The Pantherland Yearbook's annual project to feature the University's most beautiful girls and the "much-talked-about" foxes (fine) young ladies is now in the stage of receiving nominations.

Nominees are being asked to submit an application and photo. The March 8 issue of the Panther will carry photos of final nominees and will indicate time and place for voting. The 12-beauties and 12-foxes will be featured in color in the 1974 yearbook and in other news and publication of the University.

Nominees for Most Beautiful include:

- Sharon Anderson
- Carolyn Alexander
- Marilyn Alexander
- Cathryn Banks
- Gloria Banks
- Debra Barron
- Chandra Bell
- Wanda Bennett
- Toni Blanks
- Wintress Bowers
- Diane Boxler
- Lisa Brasey
- Bobbie Broscoc
- Jewel Brown
- Kathleen Bruton
- Robin Burns
- Diane Butler
- Wanda Carrier
- Connie Carter
- Effie Cleveland
- Linda Craft
- Annette Cole
- Delores Clack
- Brenda Coleman
- Sonya Coleman
- Slinda Creeks
- Bendy Davis
- Beverly Davis
- Carolyn Davis
- Patricia Davis
- Sandra Davis
- Wanda Davis
- Cynthia Dickerson
- Darlene Douglas
- Gladys Douglas

- Edna Echols
- Carmetia Edmond
- Belinda Edwards
- Cynthia Elaine
- Reidi Ellis
- Beverly Farris
- Doris Faultry
- Rosie Fields
- Janie Flood
- Cassandra Ford
- Liz Forte
- Doris Fowler
- Hattie Garcia
- Gail Goffney
- Vernell Glover
- Seven Graves
- Viola Graves
- Marlow Green
- Clementine Hall
- Carolyn Hall
- Doris Hansborough
- Debra Hart
- Vanessa Harold
- Berlinda Hazeley
- Annie Henry
- Clara Hopes
- Philip Horace
- Debra Hyman
- Paula Ingram
- Josephine Jackson
- Helen Johnson
- Pearline Johnson
- Carolyn Jones
- Linda Jones
- Patricia Jones
- Peggy Jones
- Jackie Jones
- Knight Jones
- Debra Lampkin
- Bendy Law
- Thelma Law
- Charlesetta Lewis
- Linda Lewis
- Rita Little
- Joy Lindley
- Gwen Malone
- Linda Marshall
- Darlene McFarland
- Linda McGee
- Delores McGill
- Darlyn McGowan
- Patricia McGarr
- Gail Meeks
- Dahl Melonson
- Mary Minor
- Annie Moore
- Berrylin Moore
- Pamela Moore
- Barbara Nelson
- Kathy Nelson
- Diana Newell
- Marie Nicholas

- Hazel Nixon
- Sharon Odom
- Madie Overton
- Teresa Payne
- Breatha Payton
- Demetria Peterson
- Secceti Phillip
- Sheryl Porter
- Cynthia Randall
- Margo Reed
- Margie Richardson
- Terry Raleigh
- Bernice Riley
- Linda Roberts
- Priscilla Robinson
- Arlene Rogers
- Debra Rogers
- Rose Ross
- Renee Ruffin
- Paulette Searle
- Carol Simpson
- Patricia Smith
- Juanita Stafford
- Helen Stevens
- Althea Tate
- Debra Tamplin
- Mary Thomas
- Jackie Tillis
- Rita Thomas
- Barbara Thompson
- Brenda Wade
- Carol Walton
- Brenda Washington
- Jackie Washington
- Mary Washington
- Shelia Washington
- Portia West
- Patty West
- Gail Wilson
- Cathy Williams
- Jacqueline Williams
- Joyce Williams
- Marcia Willis
- Barbara Wilson
- Barbara Woods
- Edna Woods
- Mary Woods
- Ruby Wells

Nominees for Foxes include:

- Sharon Anderson
- Carolyn Alexander
- Pamela Baker
- Laura Brown
- Colleen Blanks
- Beverly Biggs
- Debra Barron
- Bobby Briscoe
- Cathleen Bruton
- Katherine Bradley
- Felecia Bell
- Elicia Bracey
- Diane Butler
- Jewel Brown
- Glinda Creelss
- Effie Cleveland
- Annette Cole
- Jennette Cole
- Delores Clack
- Rhonda Childs
- Betty Caster
- Linda Chopp
- Shirley Davis
- Beverly Davis
- Sheri Dennis
- Darlene Douglas
- Gwendolyn Davis
- Cynthia Dickerson
- Wanda Davis
- Patricia Davis
- Gladys Douglas
- Gwendolyn Edmonson
- Cassandra Ford

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- Gwen Gregory
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- Alberta Gobert
- Ruby Wells
- Maria Willis
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- Mary Minor
- Pamela Moore
- Barbara McClennon
- Dianne Newell
- Kathy Nelson
- Marie Nicholas
- Gail Neelss
- Madie Overton
- Sharon Odom
- Geneva Overshown
- Alberta White
- Gwendolyn Wilson
- Breatha Payton
- Demetria Peterson
- Shelly Perkins
- Debra Pope
- Janice Paine
- Terry Raleigh
- Deborah Rogers
- Thelma Riley
- Rose Ross
- Maria Robinson
- Jean Rhodes
- Jacqueline Robinson
- Priscilla Robinson
- Margo Reed
- Arlene Rogers
- Shirley Seals
- Lela Spencer
- June Slater
- Margie Sanders
- Helen Stevens
- Hortense Spates
- Patricia Smith
- Linda Simpson
- Wanda Waddleton
- Jackie Washington
- Brenda Washington
- Carol Washington
- Mary Washington
- Carol Walton
- Brenda Wade
- Cathy Williams
- Gail Williams
- Shirley Williams
- Jacqueline Williams
- Frances White
- Gayla Wilson
- Edna Woods
- Portia West

PV Engineers Host Student Awards Luncheon

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area universities and two outstanding high school seniors who intend to study engineering. The Women's Auxilliary of the San Jacinto Chapter of T. S.P.E. will honor the Outstanding woman Engineering Student. The recipients of the awards are: Memorial High School Senior, Ellen Hohne, a winner of a \$1,000 engineering scholarship from Region IV, T.S.P.E. The first alternate to the T.S.P.E. Scholarship is Kenneth Getz, Memorial High School Senior

The Outstanding Woman Engineer is Miss Wei Chen Jung, a junior Electrical Engineering major from Rice University.

The Outstanding Engineering Graduate from University of Houston is Larry T. Morton who received his B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering in December, 1973.

Rice University's Outstanding Engineering Stu-

dent is George Rossen, who is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, and is the scholastic leader of the 5th year Mechanical Engineering class. He is an R. C. Baker Foundation Scholar, a George Brown Engineering Scholar and a member of Tau Beta Pi.

Prairie View A&M University's Outstanding Senior Engineering Student is Larry R. Lester, a native of Naples, Texas. He is President of Sigma Tau National Engineering Honor Society, corresponding Secretary for Eta Kappa Nu, National Electrical Engineering Honor Society, program chairman of the IEEE Student Chapter, Brigade Commander of the Army ROTC, chairman of the Student Engineers' Joint Council and he has appeared seven semesters on the President's "Honor Roll" and the Dean's List of Distinguished Engineering Students."

PV's Outstanding Senior Engineering Student

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He has presently led his chapter, Alpha Lambda through the merger between the two national engineering honor societies. He will be at the helm when Alpha Lambda chapter of Sigma Tau becomes a new chapter of Tau Beta Pi Fraternity, the new emerging single national engineering honor society.

But Larry is also a member and recording secretary for Zeta Lambda Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, the National Honor Society for Electrical Engineers. He has also served as program chairman for the Student Branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. As you should realize, Larry is listed in "Who's Who" in American Colleges and Universities.

Larry is a dynamic force and a facilitator of students. You will find him in the halls of Engineering chatting with fellow students. You will find him in a study session with a group of freshmen, assisting them over the rough spots in Chemistry or Calculus. You'll find him in the E. I. Dupont Computation Center, hard at work, with his classmates, probing deeply into Logic Circuits or Communications Theory or some other course in Electrical Engineering, in which he is enrolled.

Larry is a dreamer and he dreams of more young people like himself becoming professionals, becoming engineers, so Larry gives leadership to "Project Intercept." This program is designed to assist students, who may need assistance with their academic work in order that they will also be successful students, on a one-to-one basis with students who are in need of aca-

demie assistance. Larry leads this group of fifteen engineering students in this important engineering program. You will also find Larry recruiting new students for Engineering at Prairie View, for he believes this is the way to the top.

Larry Lester? Oh yes, he is also a good student, academically. Why, he has been on the President's "Honor Roll" for seven semesters. He has also been on the Dean of Engineering's "Distinguished Engineering Students" List for seven semesters. He has an overall average of 3.75 out of 4.00. He has earned many awards and recognitions for his academic prowess.

During the summers, Larry has worked as a student engineer at the Baytown refinery of the Exxon Company. You see Larry is a practical-minded engineer; for his home is in Texas City which is only nine miles away from this major petrochemical complex.

Larry is a proud young American, with a deep and strong loyalty to Prairie View A&M University and an abiding love for this land, these United States of America; so, Larry has taken the opportunity to prepare himself fully, to serve his country not only as a professional but as an officer in the United States Army. Larry is Brigade Commander in the Advanced Corps of the Army Reserved Officer Training Corps at Prairie View. He will be commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation.

Larry is indeed the well-rounded, example of the Prairie View student; for he gives of himself freely and he seeks nothing in return. He causes good See OUTSTANDING, P 4

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OUTSTANDING VISITOR — Dr. Roy Menninger, head of the Menninger foundation of Kansas, is pictured at left with President Thomas and daughter Janet. Dr. and Mrs. Menninger were campus visitors last week.

PV-ite Serves As Counselor In Santa Ana

Ms. Gladys Lockett, counselor, in Santa Ana, Ca. is responsible for evaluation and accreditation of student transcripts for graduation through the Mountain View Continuation High School, Santa Ana.

Ms. Lockett, formerly of Houston, Texas, attended Prairie View A&M University on a under graduate and graduate level to receive her Master's in 1970. Ms. Lockett has two years of teaching and two years



Gladys Lockett

of counseling experience in the Houston Public School District. In 1972 she moved to California where she was employed by Santa Ana Unified School District as a Student Advisor at Santa Ana Valley High School.

Free Tutoring (Project Intercept) Underway In Engineering

Project Intercept is a program, in the college of Engineering, under which fifteen (15) Engineering Student Tutors tutor their fellow students who need assistance in the weak areas of studies. Tutors are part-time employees of College of Engineering and students seeking help under this program do not pay any extra fees. This project was initiated in September of 1972 by Dean Austin E. Greaux with the following Themes in mind:

1. To help the student to strengthen his fundamentals, and allow him the opportunity to hold very frank discussions with his own colleagues.

2. To help the instructor to concentrate more on the proper subject matter of the course in the class room and therefore improve his efficiency and performance in teaching.

3. To achieve the goal of having 100% pass percentage in College of Engineering.

Tutors are picked up on their excellence in studies and extra-curriculum activities and on their abilities to work and help others. Dr. Malkiat Sohel, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering serves as the faculty advisor of this group. Tutors working hours are posted and distributed all over the campus.

Ag Students Hear Lectures On Economy Development

On January 21, Ms. Jewel Betty and Mr. Frederick B. Shaw addressed the students of the College of Agriculture in Room 110.

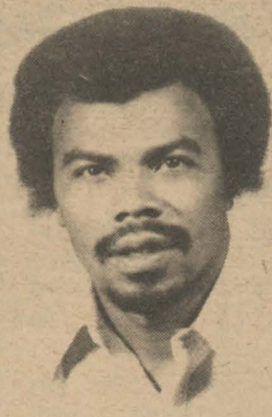
Ms. Betty, representing the "Progress Association for Economic Development" (PAED) an organization primarily concerned with helping minorities in business ventures, told how she in less than a year with the organization secured \$400,000 in Federal Construction for the black community in Nashville, Tennessee.

The former "Black Muslim" and frank speaking Shaw felt that Black have been "shucking and jiving" too much.

Three ways he cited were: (1) Having an "afro" and no "info" is fronting. (2) Having your shoes shined and your mind left behind shows lack of re-

Zetas Planning Cinderella Ball

Each year during Finer Womanhood Week, Epsilon Lambda Zeta Chapter sponsors a "Miss Cinderella Ball." This year six contestants are competing to be crowned "Miss Cinderella Ball." They are Cynthia Muse, Carolyn Barnes, Debra Walker, Ella Wells, Tonieve Matthew and Sondra Wright. This event will be Saturday, March 16, at 8 p.m. in the Student Memorial Center Ballroom. Each contestant presents a talent number and one group production number. In 1967 this program for Continued Education for High School Students was started. The purposes were (1) to provide an activity for High School students of the community and (2) to award scholarships. Eight high school girls received scholarships for the first year. Four received them the second and five the third year. For the first Cinderella Ball three scholarships were from \$150.00 to \$300.00 and all participants received \$75.00 bonds. All contributions are given to provide scholarships.



Jasper Harris

Professor Attends Geography Meet

Mr. Jasper Harris, an instructor of geography at the University, was selected to attend and participate in the Fifth Annual Leadership Conference for Geographers in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Harris is a young geographer who was a COMGA (Commission of Geography and Afro - America) Fellow while attending graduate school.

This conference was sponsored by the Association of American Geographers.

responsibility, thereby making you a part of the Black races' problem and not the solution, and (3) Unity among Blacks is below par.

Shaw holds the Master's degree in Metallurgical Engineering and was one of three blacks working for GM who helped design the "Eldorado" in 1966 and received a \$1,000 bonus. He urged: Know your goal in life and outline your attack for it. A man without a plan is like a "fool" running in a circle.

Black people must prepare for the days ahead, because Blacks are the last hired and the first fired Shaw stated.

Shaw went on to discuss the operation of PUSH, citing the organization's themes for the past three years.

1972: "Save Black Colleges"

1973: "Save the Children"

1974: "Save the Black Workers"

Black Family Discussed In Sociology Seminar

Fifty-one students attended a seminar on "Perspectives on the Black Family Today," sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Social Work in observance of Black Culture Week, February 12, 1974. Seminar was held in the library of Drew Hall.

Panelists were: Mr. William Stanley, Sociologist Researcher, Texas A&M University and Prairie View A&M University; Miss Sheryl Jackson, Research, Home Economics Dept. of Home Economics, Prairie View A&M University; Mr. Daryl Jones, Research and part-time faculty member Department of Sociology and Social Work, Prairie View A&M University; Miss Sarah Robinson, Assistant Professor Department of Sociology and Social Work; and Mrs. J. Poindexter, Acting Head, Department of Sociology and Social Work.



Dr. C. T. Griffen

Waller Superintendent To Speak At Kappa Meeting February 28

The next meeting of Phi Delta Kappa will be held on Thursday, February 28, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The featured speaker for the evening will be Dr. C. T. Griffen, superintendent of the Waller Public School who will discuss the topic: "Quality Education in Waller Schools and Future Planning." The public is cordially invited to attend.

The 1973-74 executive committee members are: President, Dr. T. V. Jackson; Vice-President, Dr. W. T. Webster, Secretary, Dean V. Black, Treasurer, Dr. I. C. Gordorn; Historian, Dr. J. L. Brown; Faculty Sponsor, Dr. J. W. Echols, and Past President, Dr. J. E. Johnson.

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The fund was established in 1876 and consists mainly of revenue from 2.1 million acres of land, most of it in West Texas. The discovery of oil under the land in the 1920s made Texas the wealthiest university in the world a few decades later, and it still is one of the wealthiest.

A constitutional amendment in 1934 gave a third of the fund's revenue to A&M.

The revenue from the fund is approximately \$35 million a year. This is the Available University Fund. The University of Texas System gets two-thirds of it and the Texas A&M System gets one-third.

Debate Club Meets

The Prairie View Debate Club's next meeting will be held in Spence Hall 201 at 4 p.m., Monday, February 25, according to sponsor, Professor Millard F. Eiland. The club has been meeting this semester and is trying to prepare for forensic activities on campus and off campus as well.

Although sponsored by the English Department, the club is open to all students who are interested in participating in debate or in encouraging such activities. The program was reconstituted last semester when Mr. Eiland returned to the Prairie View faculty after two years of doctoral study at Louisiana State University. The core group last semester came out of the Speech 133, Argumentation and Debate, class. Early members were Barbara Smith, Sandra Smith, Kathy Franklin, Harold Haynes, Frank White, III, Walter Parker, Ollie Carr, and Mary Ann Jenkins. Some of these members are still active,

but others are now involved in off campus responsibilities such as student teaching.

The group needs and will welcome new members who are willing to do research and who see the value of training and experience in argumentation and debate.

Of Poetry

Just a couple of words about something mighty beautiful to me — Poetry. The world needs it for its vitalizing strength. Like music it has rhythm, melody, and sentiment — but it has an advantage in that it can come closer to the heart. It can be ever so personal. It can have lasting appeal. It can satisfy our hunger for beauty, recapture vanished moments, recreate times that have grown dim, stir our emotions, and hip us to the future, the eternal. It inspires, delights, emancipates us, and in time of need, it comforts.

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PV ROTC Grads Promoted

Four Army ROTC graduates of Prairie View were recently promoted to Colonel, U. S. Army.

They are:

Class '51 — LTC (P) Otrie B. Barrett, HQS USAECFD, ATTN: DPT SEC, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22062.

Class '53 — LTC (P) Milton DeRouen, Joint Tactical Communication Office, HQS DA LN Office, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey 07703

Class '53 — LTC (P) George W. Lampkin, U.S. Army Element, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA 23511.

Class '54 — LTC (P) Andrew D. Perkins, HQS DA ODCSPER, 2D 749 Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310

Credit Union Sets Meeting

Prairie View State College Employees Federal Credit Union announces its 37th annual meeting scheduled in the Newman Center, Prairie View, Texas, on March 4, 1974 at 8:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting includes committee reports, election of officers, members participation and door prizes. Refreshments will be served.

Highway signs, reading "slow," are put there for your protection, whether you obey them or not.

Philosophy Of Life

As the world spins around and around,
None of us people know what's coming up or down.
Oh yea! I know what the main problem is now,
A national thing which the whole nation is forced to allow.

First, the watergate, a bad undertake,
The victims claimed they were unaware of the tragic mistake,

But all the time they were planning watergate.
We are waiting and wondering, what's the deal!
To convict professional men evidents are slowly revealed.
The cover up story is really unique,
A bag of dirty tricks, hotter than heat.

The tapes that were suspected, turn out to be unfair.
With missing tongues jumbled, silent, here and there.
And those tapes that were asked for why don't they show up?

It could end the case and stop the fuss!
Second, higher taxes and the energy crisis,
More crime, inflation with rising prices.
The people are mad, sad, and full of sorrow.
So much confusion and plenty of horror.
Where can we turn in our times of disgust,
Your country, my country, where "In God Can We Trust?"

We shall overcome this troubled land,
Hand and hand is the Master's Plan!

By Billy Jack Williams

COMPLETED FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER SESSION

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FEBRUARY 22

Selection For War Colleges

Prairie View ROTC graduates selected to attend senior service colleges. Four hundred officers were selected, 16 of the 400 were blacks. Five of the 16 blacks were graduates of Prairie View.

Army War College

Class '51 — COL George R. H. Johnson, ODASD (EO) 3B936 Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310

Class '52 — COL John R. Harris, Country Affairs Office, Rm 512, US Information Agency, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20310

Class '55 — LTC Junius Parker, Jr., 165th MI Bn, 66th MI GP, APO N.Y. 09757

National War College

Class '54 — LTC (P) Andrew D. Perkins, HQS DA ODCSPER, 2D 749 Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310

Air War College

Class '55 — LTC Loston Harris, HQS DA OACSI, 2D 521 Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310

Outstanding

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things to happen and works hard to stop and to irradicate that which is bad. He is a leader. He is a scholar. He is indeed a professional. He is an engineer in whom all Prairie View and this community, this state, this land, is well pleased.



VALENTINES TO PV QUEENS — Miss Prairie View (Eunice Cartwright) center, and Miss ROTC (Francis White) receive Valentine Candy from President A. I. Thomas. The Prairie View Queens represented all campus young ladies.

Electrical Engineering Research Projects

Dr. Malkiat S. Sohel, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, is presently conducting research in the areas of Scattering and Remote Sensing of Crops. National Aeronautics and Space Administration funded his project, "Space Shuttle Candidate Targets Radar Cross Section." amounting to \$23,000,000 for 1973-74. His second project, "Doppler Returns from Statistical Rough Surfaces," amounting to \$14,000, was funded by National Science Foundation, for 1973-74.

Currently negotiations are in the process for project, "Remote Sensing of Crops," with National Aeronautics and Space Administration, amounting to \$40,000.00 for 1973-74. It is a joint project with College of Agriculture, Department of Biology and Economic Department and Dr. Sohel is the principal investigator.

Dr. Sohel has fifteen (15) publications and technical reports published in journals and he has chaired and attended many conferences at national and international levels.

Do You Know?

The cheapest place to buy gas in the U.S. is Houston, Texas. The average price per gallon of regular gas last November in Houston was 36.1c, in Dallas 36.5c, and in Kansas City 40.0c.

The highest price was in Honolulu 46.5c, San Francisco 44.3c, and in Chicago 44.0c.

Average Price Per Gallon of Regular Gas, November 1973

Atlanta	41.2
Pittsburg	41.3
Seattle	41.4
Buffalo	41.6
St. Louis	42.0
Boston	42.0
Los Angeles	42.1
Washington	42.5
San Diego	42.6
Baltimore	42.7
Cleveland	43.1
Detroit	43.3
Cincinnati	43.4
New York	43.6
Chicago	44.0
San Francisco	44.3
Honolulu	46.5

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
by: M. A. Soliman
Professor
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ON TV STEADY — Reverend W. Van Johnson, pictured with Channel 13 camera, can be heard nightly on that TV station with "closing meditations."

PV Chorale Plans Fund Drive To Support Spring Tour

The Prairie View A&M University Chorale Spring Concert Tour is scheduled for periods April 7 through April 18, and May 11 through May 25, 1974.

This project is not a budget supported venture. It must be funded by donations and gifts given by persons who are interested in having the University represented in an exemplary manner. The chorale group is presently selling raffle tickets in an effort to raise the necessary funds for our trip. Purchase of a ticket will offer you a chance to win one of three

prices as follows: 1st prize, a round trip ticket for two to Nassau, Bahamas; 2nd prize, \$10.00; 3rd prize, \$5.00.

In the past the chorale group has been able to make similar trips. Donations may be made to the Prairie View A&M University Chorale, account number 59-911. Such donations are tax deductible.

Please help us represent the university well.

For further information please contact Miss Erna Massiah, P. O. Box 2323, Prairie View, Texas or call 857-3919.

Adjunct Professor Program In Engineering College

Technical staff members from IBM and Bell Laboratories are spending a year at Prairie View as adjunct professors in the electrical engineering department. This is the third successive year that IBM has had an adjunct professor at Prairie View and the first year for Bell Laboratories. Mr. Samuel J. Keene, IBM, is teaching digital logics, technical writing and engineering analysis; he is also committee chairman for National Engineers' Week. Mr. Robert W. Russek, Bell Laboratories, is

teaching communication theory and engineering analysis; he is working on a project for the engineering school concerned with the expansion of the computation lab with more Wang calculators and possibly a minicomputer.

Safest

The safest rule for predictions is to be indefinite about the date. Sooner or later almost anything can happen. —Labor

Nominees Listed For "Most Together Dudes"

James Abercrombie
 Alex Alexander
 Harold Allen
 Lumas Amona
 Charles Anderson
 William Anderson
 John Ashberry
 Edward Baley
 Reginald Berry
 Dennis Blackmond
 Charles Boone
 John Bower
 Lester Blanks
 James Bradley
 Dewey Brigham
 Aaron Brown
 James Brown
 Cornelius Brannon
 Bruce Carr
 Kenneth Carter
 Kenneth Clark
 Leroy Clark
 Jake Cleveland
 Clifton Collins
 Iseadon Colton
 Robert Connors
 Spencer Cooper
 Robert Cox
 Johnny Crawford
 James Curtis
 L. T. Danford
 Albert Davis
 Davis Davis
 Harold Davis
 Joseph Davis
 Roy Davis
 L. D. Deckard
 Harold Demond
 Freddie Dever
 Malcolm Dickerson
 Avery Doyle
 Sidney Evans
 Michael Ewell
 Cornell Evans
 Charles Ferguson
 Curtis Ford
 Pretty Boy Frazier
 Lester Gaiden
 Vend Allen Gamble
 Kenneth Garton
 Norman Gibbs
 Harold Gillmore
 Thomas Gilmore
 Randolph Gooch
 Ray Gooden
 Pency Green
 Edward Griffin
 William Griffin
 Ronald Guillory
 Lawrence Greeley
 Robert Hardaway
 Harold Haynes
 Harry Haynes
 Alton Hill
 Reginald Holloway
 Willie Harris
 Michael Hooper
 Michael Horn
 Willie Hutch
 Colton Iseadon

Anthony Jackson
 Henry Jackson
 Titus Jackson
 Wilton Jackson
 Bill James
 Ernest Jones
 Larry Jones
 Bobby Johnson
 Marvin Johnson
 Lawrence Johnson
 Paul Johnson
 Lawrence Joviet
 Royal King
 Garland Kirkpatrick
 Samuel Knight
 Willie LaFedge
 Richard Lane
 Donald Lewis
 Rich Love
 Adrian Lister
 Brandon Marsh
 Albert Marcie
 Bernard McBride
 Charles McClane
 Donald McClure
 Gary McFadden
 William McKiney
 Scott McKiney
 Noel McMillan
 Gerald Miles
 Horace Miles
 Marvin Mills
 Marvin Meeks
 John Moore
 Kenneth Owens
 Michael Owens
 Ronald Pierre
 Frank Palmer
 Donald Pool
 Tyrone Pollard
 Lerrick Phillips
 David Prader
 Richard Prion
 Lafayette Randle
 Kenneth Reese
 Alvin Robinsen
 Michael Scott
 Scotty Scott
 Morris Shepherd
 Gerry Sims
 Andrew Smith
 Louis Smith
 Levi Steptoe
 David Steward
 Randolph Stripling
 Andrew Suire
 Bruce Thiery
 Donald Thomas
 Edward Thomas
 Billy Thomas
 Duffery Thompson
 Jerry Thompson
 Larry Tompskinson
 Kenneth Taylor
 Michael Taylor
 Walter Taylor
 Ben Trilbe
 Curtis Wade
 Morris Walters
 James Washington



Zeta Sorority Salutes Dean L. Reda Bland Evans

Zeta Phi Zeta Sorority of Prairie View chose Soror Reda Lee Bland Evans as Zeta of the Month. Chairman of this committee, Soror Neal, presented this recognition with these words: "To everything there is a backbone and the person deserving this honor has served in many ways as the backbone of this sorority. I'm sure you agree when I say she is kind, cooperative, sincere, and even humorous at times but above all a dedicated Zeta. Soror Reda Lee Bland Evans we salute you as Zeta of the Month."

At present Soror Evans is Dean of Women at Prairie View A&M University. She is a native of Goliad, Texas. She graduated from Goliad High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in education from Prairie View Industrial and Mechanical College in 1936. In 1944 she earned a Masters of Science Degree with an education major and mathematics minor from Prairie View Univer-

sity. She taught at Goliad High School for five years. She began work at Prairie View in October, 1943 by teaching mathematics and working in the Arts and Sciences Department office. Until 1946 she devoted full time to the teaching of mathematics when she became Actign Dean of Women and continued to teach two classes in mathematics until 1953. That year she took advanced courses in counseling and personnel services at Syracuse University. She received a certificate in operation of residence halls at Central State College at Warrensburg, Missouri in 1960. She also attended housing workshops in New Orleans, Pennsylvania State, and Southern Methodist University. She has an active membership in the National Association of Deans of Women and Counselors. For this splendid record and for her many other contributions to Zeta Phi Beta and to the University, she is indeed deserving of this recognition.

Beep Lecture Series In Business Division Continued

The Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) sponsored by the National Urban League, Inc. continues its dynamic exchange program with the Division of Business. Ten more black executives will appear on campus this Spring semester to lecture to business students and faculty in the areas of management, marketing, advertising, and sales.

Each BEEPER will spend two consecutive days each week on campus (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) beginning February 19, 1974 lecturing to structured classes and conversing with campus groups. The lectures are open to all students, faculty, and administrators. Topics of interest are: "Personnel Management and Development," "Management Information Systems," "Benefit Administration and Planning," and "Advertising and Sales Strategies."

Formal presentations are scheduled for 1:30-3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week in

the Seminar Room of Drew Hall, Second Floor.

Scheduled lecturers are: Ms. Daisy M. Wood, Personnel Development Specialist, EXXON CORPORATION, New York, NY

Mr. A. Bates Lyons, Supervisor, Personnel Information Systems, PHILIP MORRIS USA, New York, NY

Mr. Russell W. Hawkins, Manager, Benefits Administration, ALLIED CHEMICAL CORPORATION, Morristown, NJ

Mr. J. Alvin Wakefield, Director, Home Office Operations, AVON PRODUCTS, INC., New York, NY

Mr. Ivan C. James, Section Chief, Mercury Relay Manufacturing, WESTERN ELECTRIC CO., Lee Summit, MO

Mr. A. R. Ogletree, Plant Engineer, General Cable Corporation, 5043 Farlin Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63115

Mr. Joseph Fitts, Employee Relations Coordinator, EXXON, USA, Baytown Refinery, Baytown, TX

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The Christian religion is often confused with a lot of rules and laws that tell people what to do and what not to do, so that often times it almost looks like anything that's fun is automatically sinful and anything that's dull and boring is automatically Christian. But St. John tells us in the second chapter of his Gospel that Jesus' very first miracle was changing water into wine. Not grape juice or fruit of the vine, but fermented wine - six large jars full. And I would like to use this text for what I have to say.

Sometimes it is difficult for me at least to know what to do to be a Christian. How exactly am I to look at life and the things that come my way? And how am I to respond to them in the way Christ would have me? The people I meet; the situations I find myself in; the good times and the bad times that come along - and there's no easy answer often as to what I am to do.

I know that sometimes I sure wish there were simple answers to the things that come along. Just to be able to pick up a book and open it up, and find all of the answers to life's problems laid out, with every little thing explained in minute detail. And at first glance, that might seem like a real good thing - to have it all laid out for us, and not to have to do any thinking or choosing or decision making for myself. But when you get to thinking about it, that's not a simple answer to how to live as a Christian, it's a simple minded answer. Because God didn't make us His little robots His little machines, to react in a certain way when He pushes a button in heaven. God made us free human beings, able to make our own choices and to live our own lives the way we choose. We're not little cassette tape-recorders that God has programmed to work the way He chooses. God loves us too much to make us into His little machines, His little robots. Rather, He made us in His own image and likeness, and he put us in a world that He also made. And for all of it's difficulties and problems and hardships, it's still a life that God has given us to enjoy. And rather than beat us over the head with what to do, or what not to do, God gives us His example for our lives. Jesus demonstrates for us the kind and the quality of life that's open to us.

And I think the account of Jesus changing all that water into wine at that marriage feast at Cana in Galilee is one of the most concise statements I know of this kind and quality of life.

For one thing, it shows us that creation is good, and

it's put here for our pleasure, for our use, and for our enjoyment. The Lord didn't come to make our lives gloomy. The object of being a Christian is not to take all of the happiness and fun out of life because its wrong, or because it might "lead you into sin." The purpose of the Christian life is not to turn us into people with long and gloomy faces and a long list of rules and laws to tell people what to do and what not to do and to avoid this and to abstain from that! Jesus' own words were that He came "to give life, and to give it more abundantly."

And from the looks of this wedding party at Cana in Galilee, that's just exactly what Jesus himself did. Far from stopping or condemning the party (or the drinkink of wine!) Jesus made it all the better when he and his friends arrived. His presence made all the difference in the success of that party.

Also, this miracle shows us that the Lord Jesus approves of His people having a good time. He says in effect, "It's all right to enjoy yourself. It's all right to have fun and a good time." This changing of water into wine by Jesus re-assures us that God wants us to have a good time - right here on this earth. He wants us to enjoy ourselves, to have fun in this life - everytime you get a chance. Life can be awful sometimes, and I think the last thing the Lord wants to do is to deprive us of the little pleasures and the good times when they do come along. Creation is good. And it is put here for our pleasure, and for our use, and for our enjoyment. We followers of Jesus are not in the business of telling people not to do this, or it's wrong to do that, or you shouldn't do this other thing because it might "lead you into sin," or because it's bad, wrong, and evil. That's not the way Jesus or his followers went around, or behaved, or treated people.

Besides, if you start telling people they shouldn't dance, or shouldn't play cards, or shouldn't go to movies - you know the list - because they might lead you into sin, then there isn't anything we do that couldn't "lead us into sin." Eating or driving a car, or watching television or cutting the grass. There isn't anything we do that can't be twisted around to "lead us into sin."

Whether or not anything

The Industrial Arts Teacher Educ. Program

Industrial arts in considered an integral part of the public school curriculum as a phase of general education which offers students an opportunity to gain an insight into our industrial society through laboratory classroom experiences. The teacher of industrial arts helps students to understand industry and technology by studying the history, growth and development of industrial organizations, materials, products, processes and other related problems of contemporary industry. Industrial arts enables the public school student to develop awareness and appreciation of tools, materials, processes, and occupations involved in the past and present methods of production. It provides experiences which as-

is a sin depends on how you use it. The wasteful or gluttonous or selfish use of anything is what makes it a sin. The Christian precept is moderation, common sense, and following the example of Jesus. It's not a long list of do's and don'ts! And besides, this old business of having a lot of do's and don'ts as part of religion is exactly how some of us Christians have gotten such a bad name. It's the kind of mentality that says, "If it's fun and enjoyable and you have a good time, then it must be wrong and I shouldn't be doing it." And contrary-wise, "If it's boring and dull and just in general a drag, then it must be good and this is what I should do!"

But this is not the religion we read about in the New Testament. Those people at that wedding reception in Cana were having a very good time, until they ran out of refreshments. But Jesus had been invited to that party. And his presence made all the difference, because he revived the party. He made the party a success.

Fun, enjoyment, a good time, happiness, a good life - all of these things the Lord does give, and in greater quantity that we can imagine. The presence of the Lord makes just as great a difference in our lives now too, as it did at that wedding party in Cana in Galilee. And it is a good difference. It is a fun change. It is a happy addition.

sist in developing basic skills and knowledge common to many occupations and professions. The study of industry helps the student understand that the materials and products which contribute to the comforts of everyday living are the result of man's inquiring mind and his ability to solve industrial and technological problems. Teachers of industrial arts have the responsibility of planning and organizing laboratories and conducting activities for students which will provide an opportunity to apply in practical and meaningful situations the theoretical principles of science, mathematics and other related subjects.

The teacher of industrial arts has the opportunity of teaching at various levels in the public school since industrial arts serves all age groups at the elementary, junior, and senior high school levels. Industrial arts is usually a required subject in junior high school. At this level, the students are introduced to various areas of industry which includes a study of materials, production methods and the resulting products. Students are encouraged to explore, plan, create, understand, and solve practical technological problems.

Senior high schools generally offer industrial arts as an elective. At that level, the teacher of industrial arts has the opportunity to teach students who are interested in special areas such as metalworking, woodworking, electronics, drafting, graphic arts, crafts, or transportation where the students are expected to gain a broader understanding of industrial techniques, materials, processes, and developments.

Students in the industrial arts teacher education curriculum will have ample opportunity with the assistance of their advisors, and resource persons at Prairie View A&M University, to choose from a wide



TOP RIDERS — Just a few of the top riders in the Rodeo presented on campus last Saturday are pictured above. Unfortunately they are unidentified, but watch for them in the Prairie View Trail Ride and the Houston Fat Stock Show now and in future years.

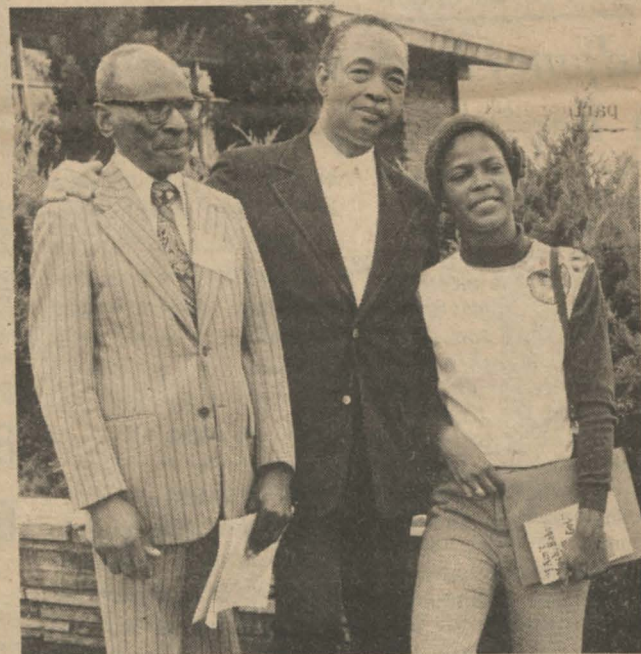
Sociology Head Attends Meet

Mrs. J. Poindexter, Acting Head, Department of Sociology and Social Work attended a Workshop on the Accreditation of Undergraduate Social Work Program sponsored by the University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work, February 7-9, 1974.

Prairie View offers a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and the program is approved by the Council of Social Work Education. All undergraduate Social Work Program, will after June 1, 1974, meet the new and more rigid standards for accreditation explained in this meeting.

variety of courses, those which will best suit their individual interests and abilities and equip them to teach at the level at which they are best suited.

Participants from as far away as Montana, Minnesota, and Mississippi attended this important meeting held at attractive Quality Inn, Austin, Texas.



MINISTERS RELATE TO STUDENTS — Campus co-ed Althea Tate charms two visiting ministers during the recent conference on campus. They are Reverend P. Titus of Houston and Reverend Warren M. Jenkins of Evanston, IN., one of the major speakers.

THE ANNUAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE



ROTC NEWS

AROTC Establishes News Bulletin

LTC Jiles P. Daniels, P Ms, Prairie View A&M University AROTC Department, announced that the groundwork has been laid to establish an AROTC News Bulletin.

The AROTC News Bulletin will serve as a focal point for the announcement of items of interest to the Basic and Advanced Course Cadets. AROTC items of interest will include such items as (1) announcements of promotions and awards; (2) future AROTC events; (3) changes to AROTC policies which directly affect the AROTC student; and (4) changes in AROTC organizational structure.

It is envisioned that the AROTC News Bulletin will be managed, edited, and printed by an AROTC Cadet's news staff, which is currently being selected from among interested sophomore and junior cadets.

Dr. C. A. Wood, Head of the Public Information Department at Prairie View A&M University, has agreed to act as advisor to the AROTC Department's Public Information Officer and the Cadet AROTC News Staff.

On 1 April 1974, the News Bulletin Staff is scheduled to begin preparations for its initial publication, which will appear in September 1974.

CG's Begin Membership Drive

The Hamilton-Fearing Counter-Guerrilla (CG's) kicked-off its mid-year membership drive on 23 January 1974 with a smoker in Spence Hall.

The CG's, better known as the "Elite Black Berets" is an AROTC Organization developed to assist the AROTC Brigade in the accomplishment of tactical training mission. The elite unit so participates in par-

ades as a marching unit, trains in hand-to-hand combat, and conducts social activities for its members. They have recently expanded their activities to include providing assistance to needy Black families in the community.

Anyone desiring more information about the CG's are encouraged to contact C/Captain Donald Poole or C/ILT Paul D. Howard at telephone number 2966 or stop by Room 215-A Holley Hall.

Women Join AROTC In Increasing Numbers

In increasing numbers, Prairie View A&M University's women are learning the benefits of and joining the Army ROTC Program.

Beginning in September 1973, the US Army publicly reported its pilot program designed to attract qualified freshman women into the Army ROTC Program. The pilot program included the provision that the same rights granted male students who enter and successfully complete the four-year program would also be granted females regardless of their chosen discipline.

Prairie View's AROTC Department began immediately publishing the facts about AROTC and directing their recruiting efforts toward encouraging women to join the Corps.

Seemingly, the recruiting and publicity efforts are paying off. For example, during the fall semester of SY 72-73, five female students entered the basic course and that number have increased to thirteen for the spring semester SY 73-74. Since only one female student did not re-enter the course after the first semester, it can reasonably be assumed that the program has been successfully adapted to the needs of Prairie View's women population.

Those students desiring more information about the AROTC Program are encouraged to contact the Professor of Military Science at 857-4713-4512 or stop by Spence Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

A Ph. A Clubbers Lambdas

Tuesday night February 19, at the little dome the brothers of AIA zoom...MM past the Phi Beta Lambda's in the Intramural Basketball Tournament by the score of 41-26. AIA wins the first game of the tournament.

The ALPHA'S took the lead in the first quarter and kept the lead through the remaining quarters. The ALPHA'S high point

man was Bro. Perry Bustler with 18 points at the field goal. Next, was Bro. Ivory Davis, Jr., who scored 10 points and Bro. Jacky Garrett who also scored 10 points in the game. Bro. Travis Traylor scored 2 points and Bro. Albert Maxie who scored 1 point which contributed to the ALPHA'S win.

AIA Reporter
Clifton Collins Jr.

Agricultural Research Project

Mr. Neal Baines, Research Associate in the College of Agriculture is currently involved in research that is concerned with analyzing economic data in preparation of a publication for a "Swine Project."

Mr. Baines is collecting field data from low-income farmers and analyzing their present farm situation economically to help them earn a better annual income by utilizing their resources in a more economical manner.

This project is one of five underway in the College of Agriculture dealing with the economics of small farm production.



LIBRARY GIFT — A set of World's Great Classics was presented to W. R. Banks Library recently by Charles H. Vandagriff of Golier Interstate of Houston and New York City. Vice President C. L. Wilson accepts

the collection for the University in the presence of Head Librarian Frank Francis Jr. (left) and Mr. Robert Cole, assistant to the Dean of the University.

Making America Understand African Heritage

by Matthew Ade. Shoyebo

When I arrived in the state of Texas late last year from New York City, I took my residence in the city of Bellville which is only 21 miles northwest of Prairie View, Texas.

One day, a brother who had heard the rumor of the presence of a young man from Africa in the community where I am living came to me to welcome me to their community. His first question to me was: "Where did you come from?" Then I replied that I am an African who sought to improve himself intellectually. He drew nearer to me, glanced at me closely and said, amazingly: "Are you an African, sure enough?" I nodded in the affirmative. He became very curious and asked me why I was not naked. Would I oblige him by telling him about the lions and elephants which were supposed to roam the streets of Africa and made human life unbearable? Before I could answer, he interrupted, "I beg your pardon, mister, do you belong to dem cannibal tribes who used to eat people?" "How does human steak taste?" "How does elephant steak tastes?" "I betcha a dime to a dollar that lion steak aint so tough but juicy."

To me, it was a revelation of strange mentality, but to him it was stranger still, for he could not believe that Africans were civilized enough to wear pants, shirts, and shoes much less to speak English. When I looked at him crossly for sometime without uttering a word, he told me that he meant no harm. He said that most of the Missionaries whom he had heard and the Hollywood films he had seen had given him the impression that Africans were still in a savage and primitive state. I pitied his ignorance and told him that I was shocked to hear a gentleman of his own type in an advanced country like American, ask me such questions, but because of mitigating circumstances, I took no of-

fense. I quickly showed to him pictures of the city that I come from, Nigeria, Africa and some modern cities in other parts of the African continent. After this, he gave me a handshake and assured me that his impressions of African had changed, after I had told that one half of the world was ignorant of how the other half lived, due to the levity with which those who controlled the mass information media slanted their news or movies to amuse their clientele.

The importance of Africa to the world cannot be overstressed. Africa is regarded by authority as the birthplace of the human races. This continent is also regarded by them as the cradle of human civilization. In fact, Ethiopia is an example of a country in Africa whose empire dates back to antiquity and was contemporaneous with Egypt, Nubia, Assyria and Phoenicia. Thus, as a hub of human culture and treasury of natural resources, Africa became a magnet that attracted Greek intellectuals, Roman Adventurers, European and American explorers, Missionaries, empire builders, story-tellers and soldiers of fortune.

Up to the period of the

great discoveries made by European explorers, several empires and kingdoms flourished in Africa at all points of the compass. These nations compared most favorably with their contemporaries in Europe and Asia. Then came the revival of learning and the invention of gunpowder as a weapon of warfare and as an instrument of political control. These African Empires and kingdoms disintegrated, partly as a result of disunity created by fratricidal struggles for power and partly because of the slave trade.

Napata and Meroe and now ruins of Ancient civilization. Ghana, Mali, Mellestine, Mossi, Songhay and Bornu are new relics of a medieval civilization. Ashanti, Yoruba, Dahomey, Benin and Hausa Kingdoms are now object of historical research. Zimbabwe, Monomotapa, Zulu and other kingdoms of east and central Africa are now revered reminders of historic past. Brother fought against brother

CRE's Rap

This semester Club Crescendo is trying to show more students what Crescendo really stands for.

Omega News

This week's Omega Spotlight is on the fall line of 1972. The name of the line is The Elite Eleven.

Charles Melton - Senior, Lubbock, Pre-med major, Beta Beta, Who's Who, All American Tennis player, nickname - Sweet Zip.
Garland Kirkpatrick - Senior, biology major, Waco, Nickname- Otis.
Johnny Phillips - Senior, Texarkana, Pre-med major, Honor Student, nickname - Bay-Toven.

Louis Roach - Senior, Houston, Pre-med major, Beta Beta, Honor student, Who's Who, Junior fellow, President of Chapter, nickname - Hitler.

Dewey Brigham - Senior, Houston, Drafting major, nickname - Apple Jack

Bully.

Gary McFadden - Senior, Texarkana. Electronics major, nickname-Mac.

Donald Thomas - Senior, Houston, Biology major, Who's Who, Honor Student, Junior Fellow, nickname - Black Nasty.

Malcome Dickerson - Senior, Fort Hood, P. E. major, yearbook staff, nickname - Psycho.

Clifton Hubert - Senior, Houston, Electronics major, nickname - Jello.

John Ashbzerry - Senior, Houston, Electronic Technology, regular, nickname-space cowboy, Maurice, mainly Treeman.

Lafayette Randle-Senior, Houston, Drafting major, Honor Student, Tau Epsilon, nickname - Waffle.

and the slave trade depopulated, the realms ruled by both. And Africa became a "D A R K C O N T I N E N T."



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In this process of acculturation through the centuries, this continent was pillaged and its inhabitants were pilloried under a most brutal and ruthless form of oppression ranging from slavery to colonialism. By the middle of the 20th century, a social revolution pervaded the continent and this has brought in its train periodical tornadoes of change which are sweeping away the cobwebs and grimes of the past to make room for the present political rebirth of Africa.

The era of the degradation of Africa lingered till the end of the World War II when only 4 African Countries were sovereign states. In the 1950's there were only 8. But today, there are 32 sovereign states in Africa.

This incursion into the remote and immediate past of Africa is necessary in order for us to appreciate the political heritage taking in contemporary Africa.

Understanding is perhaps the most effective mechanism in getting along with people.

The past semester we have done various things such as donated money to the Minister Relief Fund, sponsored can goods drive for needy families and have displayed our musical talents for your listening pleasure.

Crescendos are producers of fine arts. We try to express the art of music to its fullest, because we thing music is a universal language. If you are in need of a band to perform for your club, fraternity or for a social event, get in touch with Mr. Charles P. McClain, Fuller Hall, 420 Rm. Phone 857-4288.

Reporter Caster Tukes
Gary Bunton



SPIRIT TROPHY — President Thomas and members of the Spirit Committee exhibit revolving trophy which will be presented to the organization displaying most school spirit during basketball game. Committee members include (L to R) Sandra Davis, Reginald Garrett, Debora Hindman, Dr. Thomas, Andrea Painter and Jackie Washington.

PV Basketball Statistics '73-74

(22 Games)

Season: Won 6, Lost 15 Conference: Won 0, Lost 11 Zone: Won 6, Lost 5

NAME	G	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	REB.	AV.	PF	PTS	AVG
Lawrence Johnson	21	238	391	.608	57	97	.587	477	22.7	88	533	25.3
Charles Gant	22	142	337	.421	41	62	.661	105	4.7	77	325	15.0
James Gray	20	89	210	.423	27	44	.614	62	3.1	51	205	10.2
Kermit McAdory	22	74	178	.415	52	68	.775	174	7.9	86	200	9.0
William Kennedy	22	82	235	.348	20	38	.526	23	1.0	53	184	8.3
Dennis Wayne	21	55	119	.478	18	29	.620	60	3.0	43	128	6.4
Kenneth Sheppard	19	33	66	.500	20	32	.625	52	2.7	37	86	4.5
Cesar Holmes	22	26	66	.393	6	11	.545	24	1.2	45	58	2.6
James Beal	20	21	46	.456	10	22	.455	39	2.0	30	52	2.6
Ernest Walker	9	6	26	.230	6	7	.857	9	1.0	5	18	2.0
Patrick Henderson	11	5	15	.333	4	6	.666	7	1.0	1	5	0.7
Leon Brannen	5	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
PV	22	759	1631	.465	261	417	.625	1042	47.3	525	1792	
OPP.	22	833	1753	.480	350	514	.680	1054	47.9	444	1909	86.7

GAME-BY-GAME

MOST POINTS BY: Johnson Total: 36 vs. Texas Southern
At Home: Won 5, Lost 6
On Road: Won 2, Lost 10

MOST FIELD GOALS BY: Johnson Att: 36 Made: 18 vs. P. Quinn
MOST FREE THROWS BY: Kermit McAdory Att: 9 Made: 8
MOST REBOUNDS BY: Johnson No.: 35 vs. Alcorn

U-Ark, 90, PV 85
Paul Quinn 115, PV 95
Wiley 84, PV 70
PV 86, Texas College 80
PV 73, Austin College 54
MVSC 86, PV 79
Bishop 82, PV 81
Jackson 90, PV 54
Texas Southern 99, PV 89
PV 86, Texas College 77
PV 98, Wiley 85

Girl Track Star Honored in Jamaica

Andrea Bruce, a freshman hurdler on the Prairie View Pantherettes women track team was honored Wednesday at a banquet honoring the most outstanding athletes in Jamaica for the 1973 year. Andrea was named the most outstanding female athlete in Jamaica last year, where she had a best of 13.9 in the 100 meter hurdles last year. Last Saturday at the Astrodome Federation Meet, Andrea set a new meet record in the 60 yard meter hurdles with a 7.9, breaking the old record of 8.1 set in 1969.

Women's Cage Team On The Move

by Sharon E. Odom, Sports Editor

The Prairie View Women's Basketball team has really been on the move in their first year of competition. Led by the Tamplin twins, Creola and Ceola, the team has acquired an overall record of 9-2. On February 8-9, the traveled to San Marcus and played in the Sunflower Classic at Southwest Texas State University. There they took 1st place, winning 4 consecutive games. Ceola Tamplin was the highest scorer with 44 total points, while Creola totaled 42. On February 15-16, the team participated in the Annual Houston College Women's basketball tournament of its kind in Texas. The Pantherettes ranked in the top 8 out of 28 teams participating in the tournament, which included teams from Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. They placed 4th place in the top bracket after winning 2 games and losing 2. Creola was the top scorer with 75 total points, followed by Ceola

Pantherettes Run In New York Meet

The burning Prairie View Pantherettes of Coach Barbara (BJ) Jacket, are making subtle preparations for the National AAU indoor meet February 22, in New York at Madison Square Gardens.

The Pantherettes who haven't been beaten in Texas in two years won 28 straight meets last season. They set at least one re-

cord in every meet they entered.

Debra Sapenter, a senior quartermiler heads the Pantherettes parade. Debra's 54.6 in the 440 yard dash last year was second best in the nation. She anchored the Pantherettes to record-breaking times in the 440-relays (46.1), 880 relay (1:45.1), sprint medley relay (1:40.6) and mile relay (3:46.7).

Debra is joined by teammates Carol Cummings (10.7, 100 yd. dash), Shirley Williams (10.8, 100), Mary Wallace (57.0, quarter) and Andrea Bruce (7.9, 60 yd. hurdler).

The world's best athletes and champions from Europe, Africa and Asia, will be in Madison Square

Gardens, to compete against the U.S. men and women teams.

The Pantherettes will compete in the 440-yard dash, 640 yard relay, spring medley, 60 yard dash and 60 yard hurdles.



Debra Sapenter

Pantherettes Set New Astrodome Record

The Prairie View Pantherettes of coach Barbara Jacket, have started the 1974 season just like they started the 1973 season.

Recently, in the Houston Astrodome National Federation Indoor Meet, the Pantherettes led by senior Debra Sapenter, broke the Astrodome Sprint Medley record with a 1:43.2. The old record was set by the Pantherettes in 1972 and tied by the Pantherettes in 1973 in 1.43.5.

Andrea Bruce, the Pantherette's freshman hurdler set a new Astrodome record in the 60-yard meter hurdles with a 7.1, breaking the old record of 8.1 set in 1969.

Carol Cummings, the Pantherettes' sophomore sprinter placed 4th in the 60-yard dash with a 7.1.

Prairie View A&M University

Track & Field Schedule 1973-74

DATE	EVENT	PLACE
Jan. 18-19	N.A.I.A. Indoor Championships,	Kansas City, Mo.
Feb. 19	Astrodome Relays	Houston
Feb. 23	Houston (Univ. of) Invitational	Houston
March 2	Wiley Relays	Marshall, Tex.
March 8	Dallas Baptist Inv.	Dallas
March 9	Wiley, T. S. U., P. V. Triangle	Houston
March 16	Jackson State and Grambling Relays	Jackson, Miss.; Grambling La.
March 22-23	T-S-U Relays	Houston
March 29-30	Prairie View Relays	Prairie View
April 6	Open	Away
April 12-13	Texas Relays	Austin
April 19-20	Kansas Relays and/or Pelican Relays	Lawrence, Kansas
April 26-27	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
May 3	N.A.I.A. District	Dallas
May 10-11	S. W. A. C.	Baton Rouge, La.
May 18	Gulf A.A.U. Championships	Houston
May 23-25	N.A.I.A. Outdoor Championships	Arkadelphia, Ark.
May 30-June 1	Division II & III N. C. A. A. Championships	Charleston, W. Va.

1974 Spring Golf Schedule

FEBRUARY	51st Annual Southwestern Track and Field, and Golf Meet, Feb. 22-23, 1974, Ft. Worth, Texas
MARCH	Prairie View Invitational, March 4-8, 1974, Houston Texas Texas Southern Relays, Houston, Texas Prairie View Relays Golf, March 28-29, 1974
APRIL	Pelican Relays, Baton Rouge, La. Longhorn Intercollegiate, Austin, Texas St. Thomas Invitational, Houston, Texas
MAY	NAIA District 8, Wichita Falls, Texas Conference Meet, Baton Rouge, La.

Dual and Triangular Meets are normally arranged in the spring.

1974 Baseball Schedule

Feb. 26*	Wiley College	Marshall, Texas
March 2*	Texas Lutheran	Prairie View
March 5*	Texas Lutheran	Seguin, Texas
March 6*	Wiley College	Prairie View
March 9*	Jarvis College	Hawkins, Texas
March 22	Alcorn A&M College	Lorman, Miss.
March 23*	Alcorn A&M College	Lorman, Miss.
March 29*	Southern University	Prairie View
March 30	Southern University	Prairie View
April 2*	Paul Quinn College	Waco, Texas
April 5*	Texas Southern Univ.	Prairie View
April 6	Texas Southern University	Prairie View
April 11*	Paul Quinn College	Prairie View
April 19*	Grambling College	Grambling, La.
April 20	Grambling College	Grambling, La.
April 26*	Mississippi Valley State	Itta Bena, Miss.
April 27	Mississippi Valley State	Itta Bena, Miss.
April 30*	Jarvis College	Prairie View
May 3*	Jackson State College	Prairie View
May 4	Jackson State College	Prairie View

(All home games start at 1:00 p.m.)
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